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## Lawmakers so far like Medicaid plan...

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's plan to reform Medicaid is being well received by key Idaho lawmakers, though none have seen the details yet, and some question whether the changes will save the state money right away.

The plan came to light last week after Kempthorne and Health and Welfare Director Karl Kurtz spoke with the federal officials who will need to waive guidelines before Idaho can make dramatic changes.

Some of the Legislature's health care experts, both Republican and Democrat, said they think Kempthorne's on the right track to address the single biggest budget issue facing Idaho and most other states.

The basic premise of Kempthorne's proposal is this: break Medicaid into three plans for healthy children and adults, people with disabilities, and the elderly.

At first blush, that makes sense to Boise Republican Kathie Garrett, she said.

The state has different goals for those groups - it may want to integrate healthy people into the private health care market, but encourage supported independence for people with disabilities, she said.

Plus, the actual services are vastly different. A healthy 12-year-old may see a doctor about the flu or need a physical to join a sports team at school. A 12-year-old with some disabilities may need home visits regularly, physical therapy and many other services.

It makes sense to Garrett that these children are treated differently by Medicaid.

"There is some wisdom to some of what they're talking about. A 7-year-old and a 70-year-old don't need the same services," Budget Committee Co-Chairman Dean Cameron said. "You don't want to take care away from those who really need care. On the other hand, you want to make sure that taxpayer dollars are being appropriately spent."

Cameron, who was the youngest senator in Idaho when he began 15 years ago, said he's been thinking back on what the budget looked like then - Medicaid was a much smaller piece of the pie.

Now, projections show that in the next 15 years, Medicaid spending could surpass public schools.

"That's an ugly, unfortunate prospect," Cameron said.

The latest state revenue numbers continued to show the state is recovering. Idaho's "budget situation is the best it has been in four years," chief budget analyst Jeff Youtz told lawmakers in his bi-monthly newsletter. The state should have more than \$200 million in the bank at the end of the fiscal year - more than double what was estimated last winter. But even this good news can't overcome the worry that the Medicaid budget will consume the rest of state government.

Cameron said the economic recovery is finally showing a light at the end of the tunnel.

"But we've woken up and discovered that the light is the Medicaid train," he said.

Still, Cameron said there are some ways to slow the train - and even to exact some savings this year.

"I think there's some potential for some immediate effect," he said. "But by and large, the majority of (potential cost savings) will be in the long run."

Boise Democrat Rep. Margaret Henbest said the potential comes more in working to help people "engage in health behaviors that will actually improve their health."

If the state can prevent some cases of adult-onset diabetes

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### **LEARN MORE ABOUT Governor Kempthorne's landmark proposal to reform Idaho's MEDICAID:**

[www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/site/3629/  
default.aspx](http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/site/3629/default.aspx)

If you are interested in helping the Legislative Committee and your Lobbyist track this issue through the Idaho Legislature this upcoming session, please e-mail **Chairwoman, Sunny Reed:** [smreed@ideasforyou.com](mailto:smreed@ideasforyou.com) or **Lobbyist/Member Mobilizer, Delmar Stone:** [delmarstone@earthlink.net](mailto:delmarstone@earthlink.net) or call (208) 466-0511.

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JR Seaman, PhD, ACSW

## Privatizing Social Security will Worsen the Feminization of Poverty

The other day I stopped to get my morning coffee. It was an enlightening experience. Two women in front of me were both hoping privatizing Social Security would be supported by Congress. I had assumed, erroneously, that most women would NOT be in favor of privatizing Social Security. How wrong I was. They left as I was ordering, but it bothered me to the point of writing this article. It reminded me of an article I had read by Patricia Ireland in which she pointed out that Social Security, which pools resources and benefits nearly everyone, had significantly reduced poverty. Between 1959 and 1996, the poverty rate among the elderly dropped from 35 percent to 11 percent. Women are the primary beneficiaries of Social Security. None of the proposals to privatize Social Security address the current inequities of the system and would eliminate some of the advantages that do exist, such as spousal and survivors benefits.

One out of three women 65 and older receives 90% or more of their income from Social Security. The more private investment, the greater the risk of losing an important source of financial support in old age. What is scary is that some of the proposals for privatization would allow a husband and father to leave his account to someone other than his wife and children when he dies. Investment companies and stock brokers are salivating at the prospect of privatization, but they do not have flawless records for making good and ethical judgments on behalf of their clients.

The Bush Administration put the cost of transitioning to private investing conservatively at \$900 billion. Who do you suppose is going to pay for that? Imagine what the administrative fees would be. The administrative cost for current Social Security program in the U.S. is less than \$19 per retiree. In other countries that have gone to some privatization it is much higher. For example, in Chile the administrative costs are about five times more expensive.

A final thought is that before we attempt to privatize a system, we should make sure it is working correctly. Addressing such inequities of crediting women for care-giving, increasing survivor benefits, and increasing benefits for long-time but low paid women workers should get our attention before we get distracted with a new, privatized system that leaves more questions than answers. ●

### **Lawmakers Like Medicaid** *continued from Front Page -*

by promoting exercise, healthy eating and primary care, it could avert the costs of that expensive disease. "At least we're moving in that direction and that I totally applaud," she said.

But will it change the trajectory of the budget? "You have to be somewhat skeptical that this is going to save a ton of money," she said.

Now, federal rules restrict what the state can do, and create seemingly arbitrary categories based on illnesses and disabilities, and special programs set up with rigid rules. If a child is injured in a car accident, his broken back will be covered by a program, but his head trauma won't be. "It's ridiculous," Henbest said. "And it's not fair."

Asking for the federal government to give Idaho more flexibility was the right thing to do, she said.

"I think our hands are too tied under the current system."

Idaho Statesman Article published October 30, 2005. Reprinted here with permission.

# Branch News

### **Far North Branch Chair**

**Chris Hartley, LSW reports:**

Things are quiet this pre-holiday season. But, watch your mail for an ethics workshop this winter.

### **Southeast Branch Chair**

**Linda Sharp, LCSW reports:**

Over 60 people attended the all day workshop in Idaho Falls presented by Sarah Brackenridge entitled, "Crisis Intervention and Grief - Hurricane Katrina". She also offered a second session on ethics. A special presentation was given by gubernatorial candidate, Jerry M. Brady on Idaho Code and the social worker's code of ethics. At the luncheon, Jerry M. Brady, who has been endorsed by the PACE Committee, was presented with a campaign donation.

### **Southwest Branch Chair**

**Lorrie Sloan Breshears, LMSW reports:**

The SW Branch held a very successful 2- hour CEU offering on 9/28/05 on substance abuse. Thanks to Lynn Stevens, LMSW, and Linda Thompson, LMSW, for a great training! Please watch your mailbox for a January CEU offering on clinical practice and ethics.

**NOTE:** Branch activities require your help. Contact your Branch Chair today to help them to continue to provide these valuable professional development opportunities.

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# Idaho Chapter Timetable for Nominations and Election Process

**2005 July & August** CCNLI members solicit nominations for 2006 election through December.

**September** CCNLI members contact Idaho schools that have Council of Social Work Education accredited bachelor's and master's degree programs to identify potential candidates for student board member positions.

CCNLI holds conference call.

**October-December** Chapter Board of Directors and Chapter Committee for Nominations and Leadership Identification (CCNLI) announce position vacancies for 2006 election in the Gatekeeper and on the website.

*Nomination and Biographical Information Form* distributed through the Gatekeeper, placed on the website, and made available at the Chapter office upon request. Members submit completed *Nomination and Biographical Information Forms* to the Chapter office.

**2006 January** *Nomination and Biographical Information Forms* returned to the Chapter Office by the first Monday in January. Faxed copies acceptable. *Nomination and Biographical Information Forms* provided to the CCNLI for review. CCNLI meets the fourth Saturday in January to develop the Preliminary Slate for elections.

**February** Preliminary Slate and petition deadline announced on the website and through the Chapter office. The petition process allows members to add their name to the slate by submitting a petition within 30 days of the announcement.

**March** CCNLI develops Election Slate.

**April** Election materials and ballot are mailed to Chapter members.

**May** Members receive election materials and ballot, are informed of the deadline for voting and where to return ballots.

**June** Secretary of the Board of Directors announces results of the election to Chapter members in the August Gatekeeper, website and/or by direct mail. Orientation of new members of the Board of Directors and CCNLI.

**July** Term of office begins.

*Questions about this process may be directed to CCNLI Chairperson, Cheryl Simpson-Whitaker at [cheryls-w@cableone.net](mailto:cheryls-w@cableone.net) or (208) 429-1203, your Branch CCNLI Representative or to Linda Vermette, Chapter Executive Director at the Chapter Office.*

# Frequently Asked Questions about Running for NASW Idaho Elected Office

Q. Who can run for NASW Idaho elected positions?

A. Any regular, associate or student member in good standing. (Dues current and no ethical violations.)

Q. How long is the term?

A. The term for this election runs from July 2006 until the end of June 2009, except the student representatives who have 1-year terms.

Q. What positions will be open?

A. The following positions are available on the Board of Directors:

- Undergraduate Student Representative
- Graduate Student Representative
- South West Branch Chairperson
- South Central Branch Chairperson

All positions will be filled with female candidates due to the current composition of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors mission is to carry out the purposes of the Chapter.

A. The following positions are available on the Chapter Committee for Nominations and Leadership Identification (CCNLI):

- Chairperson and South East Branch Representative.

It is possible to add one male to the CCNLI. The CCNLI identifies potential leaders in their Branch to run for future office.

A. The position of Alternate to the Delegate Assembly is open.

Q. When is the next election?

A. Ballots are sent to all members in May 2006.

Q. Who do I contact if I want to run?

A. Contact the CCNLI Representative in your local Branch or submit your nomination and biographical form found on line and position statement to the Chapter Office.

Q. What materials will I need to submit?


A. You will need to submit the nomination and biographical form and a position statement. The position statement should be the following length: Alternate Delegate Assemble, Branch Chair, Branch CCNLI, Student Rep-resentatives positions (75 words or less); CCNLI Chairperson position (200 words or less). If your statement is too long, it will not be edited, it will be cut off at the maximum word length. Please do not attach resumes, vitae etc., these will not be considered by the CCNLI.

Q. What is the deadline for indicating interest?

A. The deadline for submitting your nomination and biographical form and position statement to the Chapter Office is January 6, 2006.

Q. What if my question was not answered here?

A. Contact your local Branch CCNLI, the Chair of the CCNLI, Cheryl Simpson-Whitaker at [cheryls-w@cableone.net](mailto:cheryls-w@cableone.net) or (208) 794-1479 or call the Linda Vermette, E.D. at the Chapter office, (208) 345-4060.

NASW Idaho continues to encourage women and people of color to run for elected office and other leadership positions. 



## Letter from the Executive Director

Linda L. Vermette, PhD

### Remembering why...

When the pressures of every day are upon us, it is often easy to forget why one entered the world of helping professionals with stars in our eyes and determination in our souls. This weekend I was reading a book which included the following poem, *Let America Be America Again* by Langston Hughes. It speaks volumes about social justice in America which social work strives to nourish and NASW strives to protect.

### Let America be America again.

Let America be America again.  
 Let it be the dream it used to be.  
 Let it be the pioneer on the plain  
 Seeking a home where he himself is free.  
 (America never was America to me.)  
 Let America be the dream the dreamers  
 dreamed—  
 Let it be that great strong land of love  
 Where never kings connive nor tyrants scheme  
 That any man be crushed by one above.  
 (It never was America to me.)  
 O, let my land be a land where Liberty  
 Is crowned with no false patriotic wreath,  
 But opportunity is real, and life is free,  
 Equality is in the air we breathe.  
 (There's never been equality for me,  
 Nor freedom in this "homeland of the free.")  
 Say, who are you that mumbles in the dark?  
 And who are you that draws your veil across the  
 stars?  
 I am the poor white, fooled and pushed apart,  
 I am the Negro bearing slavery's scars.  
 I am the red man driven from the land,  
 I am the immigrant clutching the hope I seek—  
 And finding only the same old stupid plan  
 Of dog eat dog, of mighty crush the weak.  
 I am the young man, full of strength and hope,  
 Tangled in that ancient endless chain  
 Of profit, power, gain, of grab the land!  
 Of grab the gold!  
 Of grab the ways of satisfying need!  
 Of work the men! Of take the pay!  
 Of owning everything for one's own greed!  
 I am the farmer, bondsman to the soil.  
 I am the worker sold to the machine.  
 I am the Negro, servant to you all.  
 I am the people, humble, hungry, mean—  
 Hungry yet today despite the dream.  
 Beaten yet today—O, Pioneers!  
 I am the man who never got ahead,  
 The poorest worker bartered through the years.  
 Yet I'm the one who dreamt our basic dream  
 In the Old World while still a serf of kings,  
 Who dreamt a dream so strong, so brave, so true,  
 That even yet its mighty daring sings  
 In every brick and stone, in every furrow turned  
 That's made America the land it has become.  
 O, I'm the man who sailed those early seas  
 In search of what I meant to be my home—  
 For I'm the one who left dark Ireland's shore,  
 And Poland's plain, and England's grassy lea,  
 And torn from Black Africa's strand I came  
 To build a "homeland of the free."  
 The free?  
 Who said the free? Not me?  
 Surely not me? The millions on relief today?  
 The millions shot down when we strike?  
 The millions who have nothing for our pay?  
 For all the dreams we've dreamed  
 And all the songs we've sung  
 And all the hopes we've held  
 And all the flags we've hung,  
 The millions who have nothing for our pay—  
 Except the dream that's almost dead today.  
 O, let America be America again—  
 The land that never has been yet—  
 And yet must be—the land where every man is  
 free.  
 The land that's mine—the poor man's, Indian's,  
 Negro's, ME—  
 Who made America,  
 Whose sweat and blood, whose faith and pain,  
 Whose hand at the foundry, whose plow in the  
 rain,  
 Must bring back our mighty dream again.  
 Sure, call me any ugly name you choose—  
 The steel of freedom does not stain.  
 From those who live like leeches on the people's  
 lives,  
 We must take back our land again,  
 America!  
 O, yes,  
 I say it plain,  
 America never was America to me,  
 And yet I swear this oath—  
 America will be!  
 Out of the rack and ruin of our gangster death,  
 The rape and rot of graft, and stealth, and lies,  
 We, the people, must redeem  
 The land, the mines, the plants, the rivers.  
 The mountains and the endless plain—  
 All, all the stretch of these great green states—  
 And make America again!

# NASW Idaho Affirmative Action Goals for Elected and Appointed Positions 2005-2008: 73% Women and 3% People of Color

Every three years, the affirmative action goal is re-established for each Chapter in NASW. The goal is based on the composition of Chapter membership in June and remains the same for three years. The affirmative action cycle is linked to the Delegate Assembly, which convenes every three years.



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# The Bottom Line...

by Jacquie Drake, LMSW, NASW Idaho Treasurer

The audit report for the prior fiscal year (ended June 30, 2005) has been finalized by independent auditors Gunther, Tondrick & Goode, Chtd. of Boise. The audit reports that assets of \$66,182 exceeded liabilities and deferred revenue by \$41,117 as of June 30, 2005. Revenues from all sources for the fiscal year totaled \$109,287 while expenses were \$103,409, for a net increase of \$5,878. The auditors found no exceptions to acceptable accounting principles in Chapter bookkeeping.

In short, our Idaho Chapter is financially solvent. But even though we show a "profit" for the year, we have a net increase only because of a special one-time distribution to "small chapters" from the national organization.

As you may know, we rely on dues rebates (about 50% of your annual dues come back to Idaho) and a "small chapter" subsidy from national to staff the office and provide basic member supports such as this newsletter and the web site.

But to do more than just the basics, we rely on non-dues income generated by conferences and workshops, branch CEU offerings and other fundraising events held throughout the state during the year.

Non-dues income enables us to have a "voice" at the legislature through our lobbyist; to "invest" in SW education by donating to SW schools and their scholarship funds; to underwrite the annual Advocacy Day event for SW students; and to join with other organizations in promoting social justice.

Your continuing support of NASW helps us do more than just the basics at the national and state levels.

Thanks to each of you, we all benefit from the Power of Social Work!



## WANTED – 4 Good Women!

Interested in professional social work.  
Able to represent the student perspective.  
Willing to attend and fully participate in four NASW Idaho Board meetings.

The NASW Idaho Chapter Committee for Nomination and Leadership Identification (CCNLI) is seeking nominees to run for the BSW and MSW Student Representatives to the Board of Directors. Students must be in school for the full time they will be a member of the Board of Directors (2005-2006.) [Due to the current make-up of the Board of Directors, only female students will be eligible to run in 2005.]

Interested? Check out the position description on the NASW Website Leadership Page <http://www.naswidaho.org/>. Then complete and send in your Nomination and Biographical Information Form which is included in the Gatekeeper and also found on the website.


Questions? Contact Linda Vermette in the Chapter Office or your Branch CCNLI Representative (found on page 2).

## – Publishing Opportunity –

NASW invites social workers to publish content on the consumer website [www.HelpStartsHere.org](http://www.HelpStartsHere.org).

This website was created as part of the **National Social Work Public Education Campaign** to expand the public's perception of what social workers do and to showcase the profession's great variety of practice expertise. Help make this site an invaluable resource for individuals and families.

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## Legislative Committee

by Sunny Reed, LMSW  
Legislative Committee Chair

HL Hunt once said, "Decide what you want, decide what you're willing to exchange for it. Establish your priorities and go to work." The NASW Idaho Legislative Committee recommends legislative priorities for the chapter and assists the lobbyist in monitoring issues that will impact social workers and the clients we serve. But as the quote states, before we can go to work, we need to decide what we want and what we are willing to exchange for it. Even though the session is still a few months away, the Committee has determined four key areas where we believe we can be most effective in advocating for change in this state during the 2006 legislative session. Unfortunately, we are small in number and will, therefore, be unable to catch all the items that we should advocate for or against, but we believe that's a fair exchange for choosing the areas we do want to effect this year. The four areas noted below were chosen due to their wide-reaching and long term effects.

**Medicaid:** As many of you know, Medicaid is not just for "poor people." Sure, there were several changes recommended for Medicaid during last year's legislative session that were harmful to Idaho's impoverished population, but even more important, legislation that would have been beneficial to many of the clients we serve did not even make it out of committee. Legislation we hope to see and support again this year include the Medicaid Waiver for Extending Family Planning Health Care (sponsored by the Idaho Women's Network and Planned Parenthood of Idaho) and the Medicaid Buy-In which enabled Medicaid coverage to continue for the disabled population who are able to work. We will also keep an eye out for another Medicaid Co-Pay proposal and additional legislation that will continue the not so covert attempt to whittle Medicaid away until this important safety net no longer exists.

**Substance abuse legislation:** Last year, Senator Darrington drafted a piece of legislation that would have declared it a criminal act for a pregnant woman to use methamphetamine. Many in the state, including NASW Idaho, believed the legislation was counter productive and harmful on innumerable levels. NASW Idaho is working with several community partners to develop legislation that will counter this proposal, should Senator Darrington bring forth the same piece again this year.

**Marriage Amendment:** Despite defeat year after year, we are sure the now infamous Marriage Amendment will appear again this year. More than just defining marriage as "between one man and one woman", this amendment stems from the very injustice all social workers strive to eliminate: discrimination. Whether any of us agree with any lifestyle a citizen of this country chooses, or does not chose to adopt as their own, at the very core of all of us in this profession is the desire to ensure all Americans are allowed same opportunities for life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. It is for this very reason NASW Idaho will oppose the Marriage Amendment we are sure to see again this year.

**Property Taxes:** Young or old, rich or poor, any decision made about property taxes will impact you, your loved ones, and your clients. While NASW Idaho does not expect to take a lead role on this issue this year, we will follow conversations, reports, and legislation closely and will keep you informed as we hear more.

Are you aware of upcoming legislation that you would like us to follow or comment on? Please feel free to contact me at (208) 424-0943 or [smreed@ideasforyou.com](mailto:smreed@ideasforyou.com).

# The Legislative Committee Needs YOU!

By Sunny Reed, LMSW

We're looking for a "few good social workers." Are you tired of the social injustice you see in our state and ready to do something about it? Do you have a degree in social work and want to put it to use by advocating for change without investing a great deal of time? Are you energetic with a bias toward action? Do you work best in a collaborative, fast-paced environment that is focused on making a difference in our great state?

If you answered "YES" to these questions, the Legislative Committee is looking for you! The main duty of this volunteer position is to continuously improve the political climate for social workers and the clients we serve. We need a few good social workers to help us determine the most effective way to reach members in the state, forward legislative updates, respond to calls to action, and communicate about issues that impact your region.

The Legislative Committee is committed to encouraging NASW Idaho members to learn more about the legislative process by becoming engaged in the issues that effect you and your clients. There is no time commitment and meetings are not required! Inter-ested in assisting the NASW-Idaho Leg-islative Committee in furthering our legislative agenda? Contact Sunny at 424-0943 or [smreed@ideasforyou.com](mailto:smreed@ideasforyou.com).

# Chapter Leaders, Affirmative Action, and the Election Process

By Cheryl Simpson-Whitaker, MSW Chairperson CCNLI

The Chapter Committee for Nomination and Leadership Identification (CCNLI) is comprised of a chairperson and representative from each branch in NASW Idaho. This committee is mandated and governed by the *National Association of Social Workers Standards for NASW Chapter Nomination & Elections*. The following information is taken from these standards:

## Concerning Chapter affirmative action goals

*The affirmative actions goals for the Chapter are to have women and minorities represented in each of the following elected positions in at least the percentages they represent in the Chapter membership: the Board of Directors, the CCNLI, and the delegates to Delegate Assembly.* [Standard 6 Diversity and Balanced Representation, Section Two, page 29]

## Concerning quality of leadership and values of Association's members

*The strength of the National Association of Social Workers is directly related to the quality of its leadership and the extent to which the standards, policies, and procedures that are set and followed reflect the values of the Association's members. An open and fair nomination and election process that consistently provides a high level of quality and diversity among the elective leadership is the ultimate goal of these standards.* [Accountability, page 1]

### *We are pleased to announce...*

that Kevin Geraghty, LCSW has volunteered to chair NASW-Idaho Chapter's Committee on Ethics. Kevin is no stranger to this responsibility for he has served in this capacity before. We are very grateful to him for his willingness to give of himself in the interest of social work, social workers and the NASW-Idaho Chapter.

There are 177 Social Workers nationwide who are state and local elected officials. How many are from your state? Visit the Social Workers in State and Local Office, 2005 Guide on our PACE website to find out.

## Concerning CCNLI responsibilities

*The CCNLI is authorized by Article XVI of the NASW Bylaws and is accountable to the Chapter Board of Directors. It is responsible for conducting the Chapter's nominations, selection, and election process in accordance with the Standards for NASW Chapter Nominations and Elections.* [CCNLI Committee Charge, Section One, page 10]

## Concerning CCNLI nomination of candidates for election

*The CCNLI is not restricted from considering any eligible member of the Association for nomination as a candidate for election, regardless of whether the member's name has been submitted for consideration, as the obligation of a CCNLI is to nominate the best possible candidates available for the elected positions open on a slate that meets the Chapter's affirmative action goals and representational mandates.* [Standard 4 Affirmative Action, page 23]

## Concerning candidate eligibility

*An individual must be a regular, associate, or student member of NASW and in good standing (dues current and no ethical violations) to be a candidate for election to a Chapter office.* [Standard 1, Section One, page 4]

The NASW Idaho CCNLI invites you to join us in soliciting and nominating potential candidates for election to the Board of Directors, the CCNLI and an Alternate to the Delegate Assembly. Please review the *Frequently Asked Questions about Running for NASW Idaho Elected Office* found on page 4 and join the action. Identify yourself, a colleague or a student for a Chapter leadership position by filling out the *NASW Idaho Election Nomination & Biographical Information Form* found on page 9. **Cutoff for submissions to the Chapter Office is January 6, 2006.**

## **NASW IDAHO 2006 ELECTIONS Open Positions**

**NASW Idaho Affirmative Action Goal:  
73% women and 3% persons of color.**

**Board of Directors:** South West Branch  
Chairperson, South Central Branch Chairperson,  
MSW Student Rep, BSW Student Rep (females)

**Delegate Assembly:** Alternate Delegate (female)

**Chapter Committee for Nominations and  
Leadership Identification:** Chairperson, South East  
Branch Representative (can slate one male and one  
female)

**NASW Idaho continues to encourage women and  
people of color to run for elected office and other  
leadership positions.**

# NASW Idaho Election 2006

## Nomination and Biographical Information Form

This information may be included in the May 2006 ballot.

Position: (check one)

- Alternate Delegate – NASW Delegate Assembly  
 Branch Chair \_\_\_\_\_ (indicate Branch: South West or South Central)  
 Chairperson for the Chapter Committee for Nomination and Leadership identification.  
 Chapter Committee for Nomination and Leadership Identification \_\_\_\_\_ (South East Branch)  
 Undergraduate Student Representative \_\_\_\_\_ (indicate school) Must not graduate before 5/2007.  
 Graduate Student Representative \_\_\_\_\_ (indicate school) Must not graduate before 5/2007.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member number (you must be a current member in good standing to be eligible for nomination): \_\_\_\_\_

### Do you prefer to be contacted at home or work?

(Volunteer leader's contact information is listed in the Gatekeeper and on the website to facilitate contact by members if necessary.)

Idaho or National Credentials (i.e. licenses held): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Work e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Employment Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Practice area and/or area of special interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Willing to make continuing education presentations/workshops – topic: \_\_\_\_\_ not for ballot]

Education: \_\_\_\_\_

(Degree(s), name of school(s), year(s) of graduation)

Previous (or current) NASW positions held (please indicate if chapter or national position):

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Other leadership positions held (please limit response to top 5):

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Gender:  Female  Male Sexual Orientation LGBT (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity:  American Indian or Native Alaskan  Asian or Pacific Islander  African American  Puerto Rican

Chicano/Mexican American  Other Hispanic/Latino  White (not Hispanic in origin)  Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please note:** A position statement is also required. The position statement should be the following length: 200 words or less for President, President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer, Treasurer-Elect, Secretary, Legislative Chairperson, and CCNLI Chairperson; 75 words or less for Branch Chairperson, CCNLI Branch Representative, Student Representatives, and Delegate Assembly positions. Please include typed statement on separate sheet of paper. If statement exceeds the allotted length, it cannot be edited and will be cut off at the maximum word length.

Nominated by:  Self  Other Name (if other) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Completed Forms due at the NASW Idaho Chapter Office by January 6, 2006.**

(Do not attach C.V. or Resume. They will not be considered.)

**P.O. Box 7393 Boise, ID 83707 Office 208.345.4060 Fax 208.345.4062 naswid@qwest.net**

# MY VIEW

Few people understand what social workers do.

by Emily Gray

*Emily Gray, a graduate student at the University at Buffalo, is proud of her chosen career.*

I am at a party. A friend introduces me to some new people and the small talk begins. Eventually that inevitable question comes up: "So, what do you do?"

I respond with my usual answer, "Well, I am very busy. I work full time and I am studying part time to get my master's degree."

"How interesting. Where do you go to school?"

"I go to the University at Buffalo," I reply.

"Great! What are you studying?"

Before the words come out of my mouth, I can already imagine the expressions that will soon be on the faces of all the people around me.

"Social work," I say.

And there it is - "the look" - that look of pity, disbelief, confusion and a fake, but polite, smile all rolled into one.

It is as if they are all saying, "Why would you pick that?" and "Oh, you poor thing!" at the same time.

It is a difficult expression to describe. Ask any social worker about "the look" and he or she will know exactly what you are talking about.

Do not take this the wrong way. I am proud to be studying social work and I am proud to say that someday soon I will be a professional social worker.

However, I think that few people appreciate

who social workers are and what it is we do. I also think that many people have the wrong impression and ideas about what we do.

Social workers are not people who come into other people's homes, take their children away and try to break up families. Social work is not about coddling others and controlling their lives for them. These are the views that some people have of social work. In reality, the main goals and focuses of social work are helping others, standing up for others and promoting social justice and equality for all people.

My personal goal in social work is to educate and help people gain the skills and connect to the resources that will give them the power to lead independent, successful and rewarding lives. The profession is dedicated to meeting and exceeding these goals. Social workers achieve these goals in a variety of ways.

We can be found in many different settings, working in all different capacities, helping people in a multitude of ways. However, we are all similar in that we include the people we are trying to help in the decision-making process.

Social work is designed to let each individual make his or her own decisions about which path to take, which treatment options to pursue and how he or she will ultimately achieve his or her personal goals to lead a successful life.

By actively involving the individual in the treatment plan, social workers essentially give power, independence and confidence to the people they help.

At the end of the client-social worker relationship, it is hoped that the clients will take the new skills they have learned and apply them to their daily life in every possible capacity.

I encourage you to open your mind and be more aware of the role social work plays in your life and the lives of others. Ask questions, get information about social work or simply ask a social worker, the next time you meet one, to talk more about what he or she does.

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# NASW ADVERTISING POLICY

## POLICY STATEMENT -

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) has the responsibility as well as the right to exercise control of its publications to fulfill its legal obligations, as stated in its bylaws, to strengthen and unify the social work profession, and to promote sound and continuous development of social work practice. Consequently, NASW reserves the right unilaterally to reject or cancel advertising in its publications for any reason at any time.

### I. General

- a. All advertising is subject to the publisher's approval. NASW reserves the right to reject advertisements for any reason at any time.
- b. NASW complies with the provisions of applicable federal laws prohibiting discrimination.
- c. Placement of ads will be at NASW's discretion. (Advertiser's preference will be met whenever possible.)
- d. NASW publications do not accept advertising for candidates for elective office.
- e. NASW will not accept advertising that appears to libel, slander, or conflict with NASW policies.
- f. Ads will not be accepted from agencies or individuals under sanction by NASW for violations of its Code of Ethics.

### II. Liability

- a. Publication of an advertisement does not constitute endorsement or approval of any product or service advertised, or any point of view, standard, or opinion presented therein. NASW is not responsible for any claims made in an advertisement appearing in its publications.
- b. The advertiser and/or advertising agency assume liability for all ad content including text preparation and illustrations. It is understood that the advertiser and/or advertising agency will indemnify and hold the publisher harmless from and against any loss, expense, or other liability resulting from any suits including actions for libel, breach of warranty, negligence, product liability, misrepresentation, fraud, violation of privacy, plagiarism, copyright infringement, and any other claims or suits whatsoever that may arise from publication of such advertisement.
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### III. Personnel Advertising

- a. Personnel advertising in violation of federal civil rights laws will not be accepted for publication.
- b. NASW will not maintain box numbers for recruitment advertisers.

### IV. Placement of Orders

- a. The placement of an order for an advertisement or advertisements constitutes an acceptance of all the rates and conditions under which advertising is sold at that time.
- b. To qualify for a multi-issue reduction, advertising must be placed on a contract basis on the terms applicable to individual periodicals. A contract starts with the first insertion. Sixty (60) days written notice is required for contract cancellation by publisher or advertiser.
- c. If new copy for contract ads is not received by the dosing date, standing copy will be used.
- d. NASW will provide notice of rate changes at the earliest feasible time and at least in the issue preceding the first issue to be affected. Any advertising contract ratified before a rate change is announced will be honored at the contracted rate for the life of the contract. Renewals of such contracts will be subject to the rates prevailing at the time of renewal.
- e. No cancellations will be accented after closing dates. Advertisers who fail to notify the publisher of cancellation prior to closing date will be required to pay full price for insertion. Cover insertion orders may not be cancelled.
- f. Current rates, dimensions, closing dates, and so forth are published in the NASW Rate Card.
- g. NASW may require that an advertisement be labeled in some way to differentiate the paid advertising from announcements for NASW services or products.
- h. Advertising orders will not be accepted by phone. All advertising must be received in writing by the deadline date.

### V. Copy

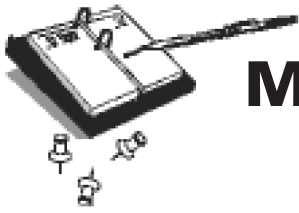
- a. Advertisements that resemble the format and layout of the periodical itself will not be accepted without the label "Advertisement." NASW reserves the right to require this label on any and all advertisements.
- b. NASW reserves the right to add its own specific disclaimer to any ad.
- c. Preferred copy is negative or camera-ready repro. Prices do not include costs of mechanical preparation of advertisements. Typesetting, camera work, copy changes, design, and borders will be billed separately; production charges are non-commissionable.

### VI. Inserts

- a. Preprinted inserts will be priced at two-page black-and-white rate plus binding charges. Advertisers should inquire about stock size requirements before printing. Sample copy for all inserts and postcards must be submitted to NASW approval 60 days prior to issue date. Inserts are available for journals only. The NASW NEWS does not accept bound inserts.

The NASW-Idaho Chapter's Board of Directors has approved accepting ads for its newsletter and in the near future, will accept ads for its website. We welcome your ads and have printed a copy of NASW's policy for accepting advertising.

Rates are printed on the last page of this newsletter.



# Mark Your Calendars!



## NASW-Idaho Chapter Board of Directors' Meetings:

**Saturday, January 21, 2006**

Perkins Family Restaurant, Boise

**Saturday, March 25, 2006**

Perkins Family Restaurant, Boise

**Saturday, June 24, 2006**

Perkins Family Restaurant, Boise

The NASW-Idaho Board of Directors has approved accepting advertising for both the newsletter and website. Please read the advertising policy on Page 11 of this edition of THE GATEKEEPER. For further information regarding rates and timelines, contact the NASW-Idaho Chapter office by calling (208) 345-4060 or by emailing questions to [naswid@qwest.net](mailto:naswid@qwest.net).



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