

# 2005 Chapter Leadership

## *Candidate Statements*

### TREASURER ELECT



#### **TIFFANY DARRINGTON**

**Education:** Masters of Social Work from Boise State University, 2004; Bachelors in Psychology from Idaho State University, 2001

**Professional Credentials and Licenses:** LMSW

**Current Employment:** Emergency Room Social Worker for St. Luke's Regional Medical Center

**NASW Leadership Participation:** Member of 2004 NASW Idaho Legislative Advocacy Day Planning Committee

**Other Leadership Positions:** Provided research assistance during graduate school as a Better Way Coalition member when the organization was in a start-up phase, 2003-2004

**Platform Statement:** My name is Tiffany Darrington, and I am looking forward to working with the Idaho Chapter of NASW. I am currently employed as a social worker in the Emergency Department at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center. I received a Masters of Social Work from Boise State University in 2004. During my two years as a graduate student, I had the opportunity to serve on the 2004 Legislative Advocacy Day Committee. I have also participated in The Better Way Coalition, working to promote compassionate end-of-life care in the state of Idaho. Throughout my life and professional career, I have adopted a philosophy that includes a proactive approach toward improving quality of life and advocating for those in need. As a new social worker in the area, I look forward to taking an active role in the development of social work policy, legislation, and knowledge as a member of NASW. Originally from Rupert, Idaho, I now reside in Boise with my husband Michael, where we have lived for the last 3 years.



#### **SHELLEY HOLMES**

**Education:** Masters of Social Work, 2002 and Bachelor of Arts in Social Work, 1995, both from Northwest Nazarene University

**Professional Credentials and Licenses:** LMSW

**Current Employment:** Program Director at Tomorrow's Hope

**NASW Leadership Participation:** Current Legislative Committee Member; current member of Executive Director Search Committee

**Other Leadership Positions:** Current Chair of Sponsored Youth Committee, Meridian Kiwanis; current Chair of Government Affairs Committee, Idaho Association of Developmental Disabilities Agencies

**Platform Statement:** The field of social work, especially during economically difficult times, is sometimes seen by society as a drain to financial resources. As social workers, we are responsible for ensuring fiscal accountability with dollars allotted to the entities we represent, whether they are employers, private or government-funded programs, or to ourselves through NASW. As Treasurer-Elect, I will commit to ensuring that the resources of NASW Idaho are managed effectively and efficiently. In my position as Program Director for a developmental disabilities agency, I have gained experience in developing budgets and allocating monies to maintain and improve existing programs as well as to develop new service areas. As the Chairperson for both the Sponsored Youth Committee (Meridian Kiwanis) and the Government Affairs Committee (Idaho Association of Developmental

Disabilities Agencies), I am familiar with establishing and implementing budgets for specific units within community organizations. In addition, as a member of NASW Idaho's Legislative Committee, I have a history of participating directly in at least one key area of NASW Idaho. I have the knowledge base and abilities to work with an organization such as NASW to ensure monies are budgeted and spent in ways that ensure maximum impact and outcome achievement.

## SECRETARY



### ALLISON BURTON

**Education:** Will complete Bachelors of Social Work degree from Lewis-Clark State College in May 2005

**Professional Credentials and Licenses:** Plans to be licensed as a LSW by June 2005

**Current Employment:** Not currently employed

**NASW Leadership Participation:** Current BSW Student Representative; member of 2005 Legislative Advocacy Day Planning Committee

**Other Leadership Positions:** President of Student Organization of Social Workers, 2004-2005; President of Ambassador's Honor Society, 2003-2004

**Platform Statement:** Hello, my name is Allison Burton and I would like to be considered for the position of Secretary. I feel very passionate about NASW's importance to the Social Work profession. NASW's role (of protecting and promoting the Social Work profession), is crucial. As professional social workers, we oftentimes acknowledge our responsibility to advocate on behalf of clients and oppressed populations and I would say that it is just as important to be advocates for the Social Work profession. Any loss or gain to the Social Work profession has an impact on many people including social workers and clients. I find all efforts made by NASW to be very exciting, as they have the potential of affecting so many people's lives in a positive way. I also feel strongly that the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics plays an important role in the work of all social work professionals. I feel that both my passion and commitment would be a good fit with the position I am running for.



### WENDY PEREZ

**Education:** Bachelors in Early Education from Boise State University, 2003; currently gaining Masters of Social Work degree from Northwest Nazarene University

**Professional Credentials and Licenses:** LSW

**Current Employment:** Social worker for Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in child protection

**NASW Leadership Participation:** Member of 2005 Social Work Month Celebration Dinner and Workshop Planning Committee

**Other Leadership Positions:** Board of Directors and Volunteer Coordinator, Idaho Suicide Prevention Services, 2002-2004; Board of Directors, Boise State Women's Center, 2002-2003; St.

Marks Social Justice Committee, 2004-present; Good Steward of the United Way, Charitable Contributions, 2000

**Platform Statement:** I believe that professionals should be members of their association. For a social worker, I believe that it is imperative. For far too long, social work has been misunderstood and undervalued by many. I see this chance to serve as secretary for the Idaho Chapter of NASW as a way to promote and encourage the profession that I love. As a board member of this association, I would be able to help continue its' traditions and help it meet the challenges of the future. As someone with experience serving on boards, I recognize the value of sustenance, vision, and accountability. I believe these attributes constitute successful organizations and successful members. These are qualities that I can bring to the position and to the organization. Social justice and peace are two topics that inspire me and motivate me in my work, my education, and in the causes I support. These are ideals that provoke my passions and my actions. This is why I am eager to work for and assist an organization such as the NASW. I have been a member for the last two years and plan to be for the duration of my career.

## NORTH BRANCH CHAIR



### AMELIA WARE

**Education:** Masters of Social Work from Eastern Washington University, 2004; Masters of Science, University of Idaho, 1997; Bachelors of Science from University of Idaho, 1984

**Professional Credentials and Licenses:** CADC, Idaho and Internationally; LMSW

**Current Employment:** Certified Family Home Provider for Idaho Department of Health and Welfare through Certified Family Home Contractor

**NASW Leadership Participation:** None-to-date

**Other Leadership Positions:** Assisted with Naomi Preston's Campaign for Congress (endorsed by National NASW), 2004; Urban Forestry Committee, Kendrick, Idaho, 1999-2003

**Platform Statement:** As North Branch Chair, I trust my previous work experience in mental health at the Department of Health and Welfare, my education in social work and counseling, and my penchant for advocacy will work to serve the Branch well. As a present DHW social services contractor, I also hope to further explore areas of need for the populations we serve, and move towards positive change to improve lives of people in the North Branch.

## SOUTHEAST BRANCH CHAIR



### LINDA SHARP

**Education:** Masters of Social Work from Our Lady of the Lake University, 1992; Bachelors of Social Work from Idaho State University, 1986

**Professional Credentials and Licenses:** LCSW in Idaho and Wyoming

**Current Employment:** Owner and clinician – Better Outlook Family Resource Center

**NASW Leadership Participation:** Current Southeast Branch Chair (appointed to fill vacancy left by resignation of previous Southeast Branch Chair in 2004)

**Other Leadership Positions:** President of Medical Social Work Association for seven years, 1996-2003

**Platform Statement:** I will provide support to the Social Workers and agencies, be available in a timely manner, and address issues and assist with concerns and suggestions. I want to encourage membership in the organization because Social Workers need a place to call, receive benefits and be active in their State and National organization. I remember needing support in the past. I want to be the one to serve you.

## MSW STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE



### KIMBERLY BICKLEY

**Education:** Currently obtaining Masters of Social Work degree from Boise State University; Masters of Administration from Ohio University, 1996; Bachelors of Outdoor Education and Bachelors of Adventure Recreation from Ohio University, 1995

**Professional Credentials and Licenses:** N/A

**Current Employment:** Graduate Assistant for Jim Knapp at Boise State University

**NASW Leadership Participation:** None to-date

**Other Leadership Positions:** Expedition Guide for the National Outdoor Leadership School, 1998-2004; Director of Community Service, 2000-2001; Director of Outdoor Education, 2000-2001; Program Coordinator for the National Outdoor Leadership School, 1996-1998; Outdoor

Pursuits Center Board Member, 1994-1996

**Platform Statement:** As MSW Representative on the NASW Board, I will assist in fostering NASW's mission and vision by providing a dynamic well-versed leadership perspective. For the past 8 years, I have worked as a guide and educator for extended expeditions for the National Outdoor Leadership School and started three programs. I look forward to sharing my leadership abilities with NASW and to encouraging MSW students to become active members of NASW-Idaho.



## JANELLE STAUFFER-BOOTHBY

**Education:** Currently obtaining Masters of Social Work degree from Northwest Nazarene University; Bachelors of Social Work from Northwest Nazarene, 2002

**Professional Credentials and Licenses:** LSW

**Current Employment:** Family Preservation Social Worker for Family Connections

**NASW Leadership Participation:** None to-date

**Other Leadership Positions:** Program Coordinator, Advocates for Inclusion, 2002; Program Coordinator/Supervisor, Booth Family Care Center, 2004; previous member of Board of Directors, AFI Non-profit, 2002-2004; Guest Speaker at the following events: AFI Women's Leadership Retreat, Greenleaf Friend's Academy, Nampa First Church of the Nazarene, Austin Presbyterian Church Youth Retreat

**Platform Statement:** I chose social work because of my passion for its ideals. I currently hold a BA in social work and have begun an MSW program to enhance my professional skills. As a practitioner in this valley, it's my goal to advocate for the oppressed and to assist the profession in growing as a positive component within the Treasure Valley. In addition, I am invested in increasing student involvement in promoting social justice within this community.

## BSW STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE



## SARAH KNOTT

**Education:** Currently obtaining Bachelors of Social Work degree from Lewis-Clark State College

**Professional Credentials and Licenses:** N/A

**Current Employment:** Care Attendant at Project Safe Place

**NASW Leadership Participation:** Member of 2005 Legislative Advocacy Day Planning Committee

**Other Leadership Positions:** Current active member of Student Organization of Social Workers at Lewis-Clark State College; current mentor for Kootenai County Juvenile Diversion Program; current Board Member representing low-income people in Kootenai County for Community Action Partnership

**Platform Statement:** It is my desire to become a student representative for NASW's Idaho Chapter to encourage social work students' involvement with NASW. I believe that NASW promotes a sense of community and belonging among social workers and the social work profession. Student members benefit from the knowledge of seasoned social workers; learn of social issues at local, state, and national levels and how to promote social justice; and get the opportunity to practice social work values.



## SHELISA MILLER

**Education:** Currently obtaining Bachelors of Social Work degree from Lewis-Clark State College; Associates of Arts from North Idaho College, 2004

**Professional Credentials and Licenses:** N/A

**Current Employment:** Third Key Manager at Leggs Hanes Bali Playtex

**NASW Leadership Participation:** Member of 2005 Legislative Advocacy Day Planning Committee

**Other Leadership Positions:** Juvenile Justice Mentor, August 2004-present; Students for Progressive Change Panel Member, September 2004-present; Founding Member of the Students for Progressive Change, January 2004-present, Lewis-Clark State College - Coeur d'Alene Campus

**Platform Statement:** My name is Shelisa Miller and I am running for NASW undergraduate student representative with the intention to facilitate student membership and ensure that the voices of current student members are conveyed throughout the organization. I want to inspire students to recognize and activate their power to affect change for themselves and the clients which they will serve as social workers. Through persistence and motivation, I believe I can achieve these worthwhile goals.

## CCNLI FAR NORTH BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE

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### CHRISTINE BUNTON

**Education:** Masters of Social Work from Eastern Washington University, 2004; Bachelors of Social Work Lewis-Clark State College, 2002

**Professional Credentials and Licenses:** Working towards LMSW

**Current Employment:** Chemical Dependency Counselor at Powder Associates

**NASW Leadership Participation:** None to-date

**Other Leadership Positions:** President of Student Organization of Social Workers, Lewis-Clark State College, 2001-2002

**Platform Statement:** My name is Chris Bunton and I've recently received my MSW. The reason I'm running for the CCNLI Branch Representative is to develop a relationship with other social

workers especially when it comes to bringing diversity to the northern Idaho area. When I was President of the Student Organization of Social Workers I enjoyed being involved and active with the community because learning comes from doing.

## CCNLI SOUTHWEST BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE



### JIM KNAPP

**Education:** Masters of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction, Bilingual (Spanish) Education and English as a Second Language from Boise State University, 2001; Bachelors of Arts in Spanish from Boise State University, 1996; Masters of Social Work from Portland State University, 1975; Bachelors of Arts in Psychology from College of Idaho, 1965

**Professional Credentials and Licenses:** LCSW, Certified Clinical Transactional Analyst, EMDR Practitioner, Certified Practitioner of NLP

**Current Employment:** Practicum Director, School of Social Work, Boise State University

**NASW Leadership Participation:** Collaboration with NASW in social work education, continuing education, and serving as a conference presenter

**Other Leadership Positions:** Co-Founding Member, Membership Chair (1995), and Co-Conference Chair (2000-2005), Idaho Society for Clinical Social Work; Coordinator, Transactional Analysis of Idaho (clinical training/supervision group), 1989-2005

**Platform Statement:** I have been actively engaged in social work education for 15 years and as a clinical social worker in public health and mental health in Idaho since obtaining my MSW in 1975. I am well acquainted with the social work community and intend to link people and resources to enhance NASW. I am particularly interested in diversity and cultural competency and seek to serve and strengthen the increasingly diverse community context of practice.

## CCNLI SOUTH CENTRAL BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE



### RUTH BONDURANT

**Education:** Masters of Social Work (psychiatric social work) from University of Nebraska, 1953; Bachelors of Pre-Social Work from University of Nebraska, 1951

**Professional Credentials and Licenses:** LCSW, ACSW and QCSW

**Current Employment:** Marriage and Family Counseling, Private Practice

**NASW Leadership Participation:** Past Chapter Secretary, 1962-1963; Legislative Committee Chair, 1963-1965; Social Issues Committee Chair, 1970's

**Other Leadership Positions:** American Association of University Women-Idaho Chapter, International Federation of University Women Committee Chair, 1998-1999; recognized as an Idaho Social Work Pioneer, 1998; member of Twin Falls Guardianship Task Force, 1992-1994;

National Campfire Girls, Board and Council Member, 1970-1974

**Platform Statement:** I am looking forward to promoting increasing membership, outstanding leadership and the highest quality public relations program concerning the social work image in Idaho.