

Dr. Brian Christenson, PhD new President of NASW Idaho May 2009

Skeeter Lynch resigned as the NASW Idaho Chapter President on May 21, 2009. Your new President, Dr. Brian Christenson (also from the North Branch) has extensive leadership experience. "He has been active in NASW for several years, and will provide your chapter with sound ability and a forward thinking approach. NASW Idaho is fortunate to have Dr. Christenson as President," said Mrs. Lynch.

Dr. Christenson is a Assistant Professor at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho. His academic background includes a Bachelor of Social Work from Lewis-Clark State College, a Master of Social Work from Eastern Washington University, and a Ph.D. in Education from the University of Idaho. Dr. Christenson has direct social work practice experience in the disability field, education, and the child welfare field including child protective services, adoption, foster care, evaluation, and foster/adoptive parent training. His areas of special interests, expertise and instruction include Aging, Child Welfare Practice, Education, Leadership and Supervision, Macro Practice, Research and Evaluation, Political Science, Social Welfare History, Social Work Practice, Social Work Advocacy for Social Justice, and Social Policy. He most recently served as the President of the Faculty Senate at LCSC and Chairman of the North Branch of NASW Idaho.

Skeeter resigned her position with NASW to accept an opportunity to support and work with the National and State Alzheimer's Association on public policy.

"NASW and the Alzheimer's Association are both worthy and honorable organizations; however, there is time to be of service to one. My passion for improving Alzheimer's care in Idaho State is very high. To that end, I feel my efforts will be best focused on improving Idaho's Alzheimer's care through public policy advocacy. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service to NASW. It has been an honor to work with the NASW Idaho Board and its membership. I look forward to NASW Idaho's continued success."

We wish Skeeter well in her continued advocacy.