

**Vice President**  
*Vote for One*

**Tawanda Hubbard, MSW, LCSW**

Tawanda Hubbard is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with more than 10 years of experience in child welfare, behavioral health, adolescent and family therapy, case management, and clinical practice.



She received her MSW from Rutgers, Postmasters in Clinical Practice with Adolescents from NYU; trained in REBT, Bowen Therapy, Family Therapy at Ackerman and Multicultural Family Institute, and currently is a student in the DSW Rutgers Program.

Tawanda provides family and individual therapy as a private practitioner and independent contractor with TFS, is a Rutgers' Trainer as part of the Child Welfare Training Partnership, Part-time Lecturer at Rutgers, Clinical supervisor, Field instructor, and conducts workshops on providing culturally relevant services and fighting social injustice. She is the current Vice President of NASW-NJ, Chair of Personnel and Leadership Committee, member of the Finance Committee and Managed Care Roundtable, and former Middlesex Unit Chair. She has served on various NASW-NJ Committees over the years. Tawanda serves on the Rutgers School of SW Alumni Council.

"I am your current Vice President; I am committed to serving the members and promoting Social Work. I bring a wealth of knowledge, experience, and passion as a Social Worker as well as business management skills to this role. I have been in this role for one year; I have worked closely and collaboratively with President Chris James, President-Elect David Barry, and NASW-NJ Staff. I am the

right person to continue the work of supporting Social Workers, addressing issues of Social Justice, developing leadership, building and strengthening collaborations, promoting Diversity, and growing membership."

**Martha Rand, MSW, LCSW**

Martha Rand, LCSW, is a school social worker on the Child Study Team and Anti-Bullying Specialist at Hudson County Schools of Technology, Jersey City. She serves as a training and program provider for HIBster, NJ's leading bullying prevention software program.

Ms. Rand has worked in psychiatric inpatient, partial hospital and community mental health outpatient settings as well as private practice, specializing in eating disorders, women's issues and family therapy. She received her MSW from Fordham University. Her training includes critical incident debriefing, dance/movement therapy and mind-body approaches. She is a Certified Group Psychotherapist and certified supervisor. She has been an integral part of the NASW Hudson Unit revival.



"I would be honored to serve the social workers of New Jersey. Ten years of experience in school social work, plus ten years of experience in mental health, plus over 15 years of experience in part time private practice as well as consulting and teaching experience have provided me with a broad and varied background in the field of social work.

I look forward to supporting and promoting our profession by committing to the responsibilities of Vice President and working collaboratively with social workers throughout the State."

Martha Rand is committed to empowering social workers to build greater social, economic and political

equity for individuals, families and communities particularly in the fields of education and health. She values the contribution of diverse populations and will support participation, communication and collaboration with members and partners throughout the State.

**Treasurer-Elect**  
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**Barbara Rookey, MSW**

Hi, I am Barbara Rookey and I'm running for the position of Treasurer-Elect. I earned my MSW at Monmouth University. I am currently working as Pastoral Associate for a 23,000-member church in Hamilton Square, New Jersey.



I was an original member of the Continuing Education Approval Committee formed in 2009. I have been Chair of that committee since 2010, which is now re-named the Continuing Education Approval Collaborative.

I have served as Coordinator of the Central Region of NASW-NJ's International SIG, and was an elected member of CCNLI in 2011-2013. I am proud to be a social worker and feel honored to contribute in any way possible to the profession that has given so much to me. As Treasurer-Elect I would ensure that the management and use of Chapter funds is accomplished as transparently as possible in order to promote, develop, and strengthen our professional practice, particularly as it relates to issues of social justice.

**Samuel Young, JD, MSW**

It is an honor and a privilege to be considered for this position of leadership. My experience as a lawyer, with an MSW, in the non-profit sector, has given me a unique perspective

for program development, engagement of stakeholders, fiscal responsibility, and strategic planning. In addition, my work with endowments has provided me with a strong understanding of the budgeting process.



Ms. Van Burch received an MSW from Fordham University, Graduate School of Social Service. As a clinical supervisor and SIFI trained field instructor, she has served as field instructor for more than a dozen MSW students. Ms. Van Burch is passionate about mentoring, training and supervising the next generation of social work professionals.

Recently, I passed the LSW exam and have incorporated social work into my Family Law Practice with supervised parenting time, reunification and parent coordination.

Ms. Van Burch currently works as clinical supervisor for the Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. in addition to operating a private practice in Jersey City. She currently serves as the co-chair of the Hudson Unit and chair of the unit's PPSIG.

My goals for the organization are to maximize assets, increase membership, create new programs that help our practice and mold the future of our field through advocacy. I work with non-profits to make a difference and I want to serve NASW-NJ to the same end. We can all be a part of achieving social justice by developing a strong organization as our foundation.

**Nancy Azevedo Bonilla, LCSW**

Nancy Azevedo Bonilla was born and raised in the city of Newark, New Jersey where her parents emigrated from Portugal. Nancy obtained a Bachelor Degree from Montclair State University and an MSW from Rutgers University. A trilingual therapist, Nancy has dedicated her career to work with children and adolescents in diverse communities.



Nancy is currently a School Social Worker and Anti-Bullying Specialist at the same elementary school she attended as a child within Newark Public Schools.

Nancy is the co-author of a Children's Series: *Jangala Tribal Warriors & Jangala Tribal Warriors Facilitator's Guide* where she focuses on transmitting the message of love, acceptance and equality to young readers.

Nancy is the current Co-Chair for the NASW-NJ Chapter's Essex Unit. In a world so often dimmed by injustice, Nancy is eager to represent the Northeast Region to greater and higher heights within the ladder of justice and equality for all.

**Kimberlee Van Burch, MSW, LCSW**

Kimberlee Van Burch is a licensed clinical social worker with a rich social work history which includes administrative and clinical work. She has more than 20 years of experience in program operation, program development, training and program evaluation.



In 2007, Ms. Van Burch was recognized by the City Council of NYC with a Proclamation for her work with individuals and families.

**Northwest Regional Representative**  
*Vote for One*  
**(Sussex/Warren, Somerset/Hunterdon and Morris)**

**Melissa Weisel, MSW, LSW**

My name is Melissa Weisel, and I currently serve as a Social Work Team Leader at LIFE St. Francis, a PACE program in Trenton, NJ providing coordinated healthcare for the frail elderly in Mercer County. I am honored to be active on the Membership Committee at NASW, a position I have held since I was Undergraduate Student Representative in 2009.



If elected as Northwest Regional Representative, I hope to improve the partnership between the local Units and the NASW Board in an effort to facilitate the enrichment of member experience and community involvement.

NASW local Units organize, facilitate, and embrace opportunities which raise awareness for social justice issues. I hope to be a liaison for the Units in the Northwest Region, empowering more organized efforts for those communities with the support of the NASW Board and member base.

**Candice Daly, MSW, LCSW**

Candice Daly is Assistant Professor of Social Work & Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Program Field Director at Centenary College. She received a BSW from Western New England University and an MSW from Marywood University, and has more than 15 years of practice experience.

For more than 10 years she has provided both undergraduate and

graduate social work field education for students from Fordham University, Seton Hall University, Ramapo College, Kean University, Rutgers University, Marywood University and Centenary College. She is also the Campus Academic Coordinator for the NJ Baccalaureate Child Welfare Education Program (BCWEP).

Prior to this, Candice Daly was the Director of a NJ non-profit family-counseling agency. For the past decade she has clinically supervised NJ Licensed Social Workers (LSWs) in pursuit of their NJ Clinical Social Work Licensure (LCSW). As a clinically licensed social worker (LCSW) she maintains a private practice in Sussex County providing psychotherapy to individuals, couples, groups and families.

**Undergraduate Student Representative**  
*Vote for One*

**Anthony Gallo**

Hello, I'm Anthony and I'm running for Undergraduate Student Representative. I'm a Dean's List Junior at Rutgers, majoring in social work and minoring in entrepreneurship. I am the treasurer of the Undergraduate Social Work Organization, where I'm collaborating with the Board to increase our relevance to the Rutgers community.



I'm also a CADIC intern counselor at the Market Street Mission, a residential substance abuse treatment facility.

I have a wide range of life experience and am well-traveled. I have experienced inequality and injustice first-hand and am dedicated to advocating for those who can't do so for themselves. My primary career goal is to open evidence-based substance abuse treatment facilities with an objective of improving current success rates.

I'm also committed to becoming a circuit speaker advocating prison reform and social justice. If elected I will vigorously represent the students of NJ, the Board of Directors, and ultimately the individuals we serve.

**Juliette May**

My name is Juliette May. I am running for the Undergraduate Student Representative position. I'm currently in the Social Work program at Rutgers University, and attend full time. I am a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the National Association of Social Workers Organization. I will also hold a position of treasurer with the Undergraduate Social Workers Organization at Rutgers, starting in the fall of 2015.

I am running for this position because I believe in the mission of NASW. It is imperative to bring awareness to our fellow students and our communities.



I am passionate on making a difference and becoming an advocate for our vulnerable populations. However, my main goal will be to recruit new undergraduate members into the New Jersey Chapter of NASW so that we can thrive and continue to make a difference in the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Graduate Student Representative**  
*Vote for One*

**Krystal Gold - Withdrew**

**Adnan Munshi**

Greetings! How are you?

NASW-NJ offers students of social work a wealth of opportunities; as Graduate Student Representative, I would exert my energies toward connecting students to such benefits. Currently, I am the Student Liaison

for NASW-NJ Middlesex Unit, and I look forward to expanding my learning to inform and encourage social work students. I am a full time MSW Student at Monmouth University, working with MICA Adults at Preferred Behavioral Health Group. I am also interning with Youth in Foster Care at Multicultural Community Services Inc. as a Certified Facilitator in Nurturing Parenting Programs.



Through community awareness opportunities, including peer education with Monmouth Counseling & Psychological Services, I advocate for social justice, especially for oppressed and marginalized populations. I am honored to be part of this noble profession and would love the opportunity to help empower social work students, while gaining insight into inspiring social change with NASW-NJ.

Thanks for voting!

**Gina Pearson, CSW**

Gina L. Pearson, CSW, is in the Graduate School of Social Work at Rutgers University; Class of 2016. In addition to her field practicum evaluating Involuntary Outpatient Commitments, Gina works as a Youth Ambassador with Statewide Youth Advisory Boards and as a Peer Mentor for the Douglass Big Pine Mentoring Program. After induction into Phi Alpha Honor Society, Gina has been honored to receive the 2014 Harriet Bloomfield Scholarship from the National Association of Social Workers – NJ Chapter, and continued volunteering at Elijah's Promise.



Gina would like to serve as the Graduate Student Representative with the hopes of bridging the gap between

the student population and NASW-NJ while bringing cohesiveness with neighboring states. Being in the Graduate School of Social Work, Gina intends to increase the amount of students involved in NASW-NJ while assisting with the implementation of professional trainings that will suit their needs and endeavors.

**CCNLI  
(Chapter Committee on  
Nominations and  
Leadership Identification)  
*Vote for Four***

**Ron Collier, LCSW**

My name is Ron Collier. I am an LCSW in private practice in Monmouth County, and consult for the Monmouth County Mental Health Association. I have taught several Master’s level social work classes for Monmouth University, and have done multiple professional education presentations on topics as diverse as cultural awareness, social work and the environment, ethics, and professional self-care. I have an advanced certification in psychodrama and group psychotherapy, and co-lead a training group in this modality.



My interest in NASW leadership is to be afforded the opportunity to give back to my profession the benefits of the knowledge and experience I have gained through a long and diverse career. I am particularly concerned about and aspire to be involved with issues related to environmental awareness and its impact on social justice. I fully believe in and pledge to uphold the core social work values espoused by NASW.

**Richard Greene, LCSW, ACSW**  
Currently, I am the Northeast Regional Representative serving on the NASW-

NJ Board of Directors. I have worked with local member Units to ensure that they have a voice and that their issues and concerns are being addressed by NASW-NJ.

My commitment to address issues of social justice is evident in my approach to working with individuals and groups. This allows me to build relationships and deal with the causes, manifestations, and potential solutions to eliminate ethnic and racial disparities in New Jersey and nationwide. I believe that being a competent and compassionate worker means to help people engage in and sustain meaningful dialogue that not only combats stereotypes but also challenges harmful rhetoric while simultaneously bringing awareness and creating opportunity for positive change.



My current work duties include being a School Social Worker in the East Orange School District, Rutgers University School of Social Work Adjunct Faculty and founder of Generations of Change, LLC.

**Judyann McCarthy, MSW, LCSW**

Judyann McCarthy has been a member of NASW-NJ since 1999 and is currently running for the position of CCNLI. She served as chair of the Camden/Gloucester/Salem Unit and as the Southern Regional Representative, each for three years. In 2008, Judyann was honored to have been chosen as the NASW-NJ Social Worker of the Year.

Through her current position as Associate Vice President at the Center for Family Services, Judyann is often out in the field networking and making connections. She believes that, based on her own leadership experience with NASW-



NJ and her extensive network of contacts, which includes interns up to executives in our field, she could be very useful in helping to identify and develop leaders for our professional organization.

If elected, Judyann looks forward to working with the Units to identify, mentor and promote new leaders, with a focus on cultural diversity and competency.

**Angela Maceda**

My name is Angela Maceda and I am running for the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Identification as well as the Delegate Assembly.

Because of my commitment to personal, academic, and professional excellence, I have been a member of NASW since 2013, and will graduate from Rutgers University with my MSW in Management & Policy in May, 2015. I am a results driven entrepreneur with over 10 years’ experience within the human resources, marketing, and project management fields. In 2013, I



chose to leave the private sector to pursue a lifelong dream of serving low- and middle-income children, adults and families in ways that mitigate the transmission of intergenerational poverty. I am honored to have the opportunity to leverage my skills, talents, and experience in dutiful service to advance, expand, and bolster the voice of the social work community. Thank you in advance for electing me to serve you.

**Susan Solomon, M.Ed, LCSW**

I joined NASW-NJ as an MSW student 15 years ago and quickly became a very active member. For 6 years, I served on the Board as Chair of the Morris Unit for two terms and then as the first Northwest Regional



Representative. I was a reviewer on the CE Approval Committee for many years and on Personnel Committee last year.

This year I joined the Continuing Education Program Committee.

I was a Liver Transplant social worker at University Hospital, Newark until I retired 3 yrs. ago. Now I work part time as Synagogue Social Worker for Jewish Family Service – MetroWest, NJ. My previous 30-year career was as a corporate trainer and manager. As a volunteer, I do intakes at Interfaith Food Pantry weekly and am on the mental health professional team for Red Cross.

I look forward to using my wide experience in NASW-NJ to identify quality and diversified leadership to serve on our Board.

**Amanda Stylianou, MSW, LCSW**

Amanda Stylianou, MSW, LCSW, PhD(C), focuses her career on improving services at the intersection of trauma, mental health and poverty. As Director of Research and Evaluation at Safe Horizon, the nation’s leading victim services agency, she works with her team to ensure the organization is providing the most effective and efficient services. In addition, Ms. Stylianou teaches in the MSW program at Rutgers University and offers several CEU trainings throughout New Jersey through Rutgers University’s Institute for Families and the NASW - New Jersey chapter. Ms. Stylianou has published her work in Social Work, the Journal of Interpersonal Violence and Children and Youth Services Review.



“It is my goal to strengthen NASW-NJ to better promote our professional practice and to better serve our clients.

I will work to embrace the diversity of both our members and clients and utilize the strengths within those diversities to further our community.”

**Jacqueline Zavaglia, MSW**

Jacqueline Zavaglia, MSW, has been a social worker for more than 40 years working in child welfare/child protective services. She began her career as a Division of Child Protection and Permanency (formerly DYFS) caseworker. At the time of her retirement in July of 2013, she was Director of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) Office of Advocacy. Jacqueline continues to work as an Adjunct Professor at Georgian Court University in the Social Work Department and also enjoys her various volunteer responsibilities. Jacqueline has been a member of NASW for many years and previously served on its Board.



“I believe strongly in the mission of NASW and would like to continue to serve and support the Chapter.



**David C. Barry, JD, MSW, LSW**

David C. Barry, JD, MSW, LSW is President-elect of NASW-NJ. Prior to this, he served as Vice President of NASW-NJ and was actively involved in a variety of its committees, including the Diversity and Cultural Competency Committee. David currently serves as Chairman of NASW’s National Ethics Committee. David additionally serves as an adjunct professor at the Rutgers University School of Social Work where he teaches courses including Law & Social Work and Diversity

& Oppression to MSW students. In his law practice, he regularly advises and represents social workers and other mental health professionals regarding a variety of legal, ethical and practice issues.



David possesses a unique and multi-disciplinary understanding of the legal, ethical and practical challenges facing social work and social workers. He would like to bring this understanding, and his skill as an advocate, to represent NASW’s members in the Delegate Assembly.

**Laurie Boehm, LCSW**

Laurie Boehm, LCSW received her MSW from Rutgers University in 1976. For the past 22 years, she has been Director of Program Services at the Family Guidance Center of Warren County -- a private not-for-profit mental health and substance abuse treatment agency in rural NJ. Prior to that, she worked for 13 years at East Orange General Hospital as VP for Mental Health Services. In addition, she is a former Chair of the Warren County Human Relations Commission and a former member of the N.J. Human Relations Commission.

Throughout her career, Laurie has been a strong voice for people with serious mental illness, advocating for their participation in the development of the services and policies that affect them. As a member of the Delegate Assembly, she would continue her dedication to promoting social justice by working within NASW to shape policies that promote organizational self-examination and review institutional practices that may support racism.



**Elsa Candelario, MSW, LCSW**

Elsa Candelario, MSW, LCSW serves as Executive Director of Hispanic Family Center of Southern NJ and as a Part-Time Lecturer at Rutgers University. She received her MSW from Columbia University and is an LCSW. She is a well-known expert on health and human services issues participating on a number of prominent and influential boards that have made a positive impact on New Jersey's underserved communities over the last 15 years.

As former chairperson of the Hispanic Directors Association of New Jersey (HDANJ), she worked with others to help increase funding for non-English speaking individuals in need of mental health services, functioned as the founding chairperson of the Governor's Council on Mental Health Stigma and served on numerous bodies that promote access to human services. She also serves as Secretary of the Board of Directors for NASW-NJ and for the Center for Nonprofits. Her career has embodied a social justice focus.



**Mary Ellen Colangelo, MSW, LSW**

My name is Mary Ellen Colangelo and I am honored to run for Delegate Assembly, representing NASW-NJ. If



you aren't sure WHAT Delegate Assembly is, here is an analogy to the U.S. Congress. Delegate Assembly formulates

policies on behalf of NASW including NASW By-laws, Social Work Speaks and the NASW Code of Ethics. In essence, Delegate Assembly provides NASW members with representation in policy decisions.

As a NJ Delegate, I will advocate and pursue NASW-NJ members' best

interests within NASW as a whole. In addition, I will work with other Delegate Assembly members to inform and promote the importance of social work and social justice to the general population, leading to a better understanding of our profession.

Other positions I have held within NASW-NJ are Board Secretary (2013-2014) and Middlesex/Union Unit Co-chair (2009-2013). In 2011, I founded Colangelo Consulting, LLC which provides administrative and operational support to social service providers.

**Carrie Moore Conger - Withdrew**

**Darcy Dobens, MSW, LSW**

Hello my name is Darcy Dobens. I am running for Delegate Assembly because I am deeply committed to the mission of NASW and how the National organization's policies guide our Chapter's service to New Jersey members. As a Finance Committee member for the past 5 years and current Board Treasurer, I have a solid understanding of how National NASW policies affect the individual Chapters and will be diligent in representing the interests of all Chapters.

In my current position as Director of a Family Success Center, which is located in a severely impacted Super Storm Sandy community, I work with key community partners and residents to develop responsive programs inclusive of all stakeholders. Over the past two years I have developed a cohesive network of volunteers throughout the diverse Bayshore area.



I earned my MSW from Monmouth University and am a Licensed Social Worker in New Jersey. I am currently working towards my LCSW.

**Katie Findley, MSW, PhD Candidate**

Katie Findley is a PhD student of Social Work at Rutgers. Her research interests include international social work, human trafficking for organ removal (htor) and international health inequalities. Her dissertation research is on vulnerability and htor in India.



Katie has contributed to international and domestic efforts to support and address issues such as child support in NJ, social

entrepreneurship in China, and education for young women in India.

Katie employs a human rights-based approach to her work and has experiences that can help to inform the policies of NASW, particularly related to issues at the intersection of health and human rights. This approach is consistent with the NASW commitment to social justice and Katie is committed to employing this approach in delegate decision-making. She is eager to be elected for a second term as a Delegate Assembly Member, not only to help shape the profession, but also to continue to learn.

**Christine Greenwood**

Hello members, my name is Christine Greenwood. Currently, I am the Mercer/Burlington Unit Chair. I am working toward my MSW and LCADC within the Advanced Standing MSW/ACT Program through Rutgers University. I am on course to graduate in May and look forward to becoming an LSW.

I intern with the Juvenile Justice Commission, as both a social worker and substance abuse counselor. Additionally, I am employed as a Research Assistant with Rutgers. I have participated in a



study abroad to Brazil where I learned of many diverse social and healthcare issues. I have also been an advocate for foster youth as a Court Appointed Special Advocate in Mercer County for the past four years.

Through my role with the Delegate Assembly, I would employ my advocacy skills to assess our policies in an effort to keep up with the changes in our society.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to the opportunity.

**Tawanda Hubbard, MSW, LCSW**

Tawanda Hubbard is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, currently working with children and families as a private practitioner and independent contractor, clinical and field supervisor, teacher, and trainer. I participated in the 2014 Delegate Assembly, and it was an honor to be a part of shaping NASW professional and public policy as well as program priorities for our Association.



As your current NASW-NJ Vice President and an active member who has served in different roles within NASW-NJ, I am dedicated to upholding our values. I want to ensure that the membership's interest and voice is heard and factored into policy and decision making. I have gained a lot of experience and knowledge during my time as a member of NASW. This equips me with the understanding and know-how to continue to represent our Chapter's interest in policy making and decision making for our entire organization.

**Christine James, MSW**

Christine James is currently the President of NASW-NJ and has made a commitment to promoting diversity and social justice in our professional association. She has served our organization in various capacities over the last decade, including leadership

positions on the Board of Directors and Executive Committees; Chairperson of Membership, Personnel, and Strategic Planning Committees; and Co-Chair of the Diversity & Cultural Competency Committee.

Chris currently works for the NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities as Director of Quality Improvement & System Reform.

Chris also works as a Part-Time Lecturer at the Rutgers University School of Social Work teaching Diversity & Oppression to graduate students. She has worked to increase diversity in our leadership and membership, and is well versed in the governance issues affecting our organization. If elected to the Delegate Assembly, Chris will bring her commitment and knowledge to benefit this position and the future of NASW-NJ.



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**Patrick Miller, BSW**

Patrick Miller is a recent graduate of Monmouth University's School of Social Work from which he received his Bachelor's degree in May, 2014. Presently, he is at Monmouth University's Graduate School of Social Work and is on pace to be granted a Master's degree in Social Work with a concentration in Clinical Practice with Children and Families in May of this year.

In addition to his academic endeavors, Patrick is an employee at Monmouth County's Care Management Organization where he works primarily in the Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance Department. Patrick has an array of academic, professional, and personal interests, all of which are growing in diversity and have been strengthened through his academic and professional endeavors, for which he is eternally grateful.



**Natalie Moore-Bembry, MSW, LSW**

Natalie Moore-Bembry is a child welfare trainer with the State of New Jersey and an Adjunct Professor for the School of Social Work at Monmouth University. She has been an active member of the NASW community for the last 15 years and a Continuing Education Approval Reviewer for 8 years. She wishes to continue serving on the Delegate Assembly to advance the profession.

Natalie has taught in both the Bachelor and Master's level programs, providing prospective social workers with a foundation for empowering

others to change. However, she believes successful social workers must be able to evaluate themselves in order to bring about social change and understand the diversity of others. She will continue to promote social justice and the profession with her students, colleagues, family, and friends.



**Laura Rodgers, LCSW**

My name is Laura Rodgers, LCSW and I thank you for considering me for the NASW Delegate Assembly. I have



worked for Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties for nearly 20 years, serving those experiencing homelessness and incarceration, and The Alcove Center for

Grieving Children & Families for 10 years. Additionally, I volunteer for the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Ocean County and serve as President of the Board for the New Jersey Coalition to End Homelessness.

I am a long time NASW-NJ member and have served on a healthcare reform committee. If elected, I will bring this experience with a focus of concern to the many issues of injustice we must change to fulfill the promise of our profession. I will also represent the perspective of non-profit agencies, and the challenges faced in providing critical services, in the discussions which shape our profession's vision and policy.

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am proud to be a social worker and feel honored to contribute in any way possible to the profession that has given so much to me. As a member of the Delegate

Assembly I would ensure that the policies on public and professional issues agreed upon at the national level will have positive implications for our state chapter, especially relative to issues of social justice.



**Jessica Taylor-Bashsar, LCSW**

I'm Jessica Taylor-Bashsar and I am running for Delegate Assembly. I received my MSW in 2006 from



Rutgers University. I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and I am employed at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center as a Mental Health Social Worker.

I am running for Delegate Assembly because I want to develop and implement responsible and equitable policies in accordance with the mission of NASW. I have served NASW-NJ in the following capacities: Co-Chair of the Camden/Gloucester/Salem Unit for two years, Member-at-Large on the Executive Committee, Treasurer-Elect and Treasurer for three years. I have also served as a member and Co-Chair of the Diversity and Culture Competency Committee. Being involved in these committees has given me a firsthand view of NASW-NJ.

If elected to Delegate Assembly, I plan to continue to advocate for YOU, the membership, so that your voices are heard.

**Keva White, LCADC, LSW**

Keva White received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the College at New Paltz and his Masters Degree in Social Work from Temple University. Keva has more than 20 years' experience working in urban communities developing and implementing evidenced-based behavioral health services geared toward improving

health outcomes for children and families. He has served as trainer and consultant for New Jersey's Alliance of Family Support Organizations, American Institute for Research and the Georgetown University Training Institutes. He trained through the National Multicultural Institute and is a certified cultural competence trainer. He serves as Board Co-Chairman for New Jersey Social Workers Education, Research & Scholarship Corporation (NJ SWERS). He is President and CEO of VIP Community Services, Inc., a training and consultant agency providing professional development services to for-profit and non-profit organizations.



Keva remains committed to addressing issues of social injustice, poverty and economic inequalities that prevent children, families and communities from reaching their full potential.

**Susan Williams, MSW, LCSW**

I am Susan Williams and I'm seeking a position as an Assembly Delegate. I have a BA in Political Science and a Masters in Social Work. I began my career as a mental health practitioner but found myself drawn towards environmental activism, advocacy, and politics. I attended the Ready To Run program offered by Eagleton Institute & NASW-NJ, and recently received

a Leadership Development Certificate from NASW-NJ.

I ran for Sussex County Freeholder and a year later, State Assembly. I was honored to be a delegate to the DNC in 2012. Currently, I am the Chair of the Skylands Group, NJ Sierra Club. I am also involved in a number of organizations such as the League of Women Voters' Natural Resource Committee, NASW-NJ Legislative and Social Action (LASA) Committee, and the Environmental Justice Special Interest Group (SIG) currently being created within our Chapter.



If elected, I look forward to representing you. Thank you.

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**2015 NASW-NJ Chapter Election**

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*Directions: Mark your ballot by placing a check or "X" next to your candidate selection.  
 \*Ballots must be received at the Chapter office or online no later than 5 p.m. May 29, 2015 to be valid.*

**Vice President: (Select One)**

Tawanda Hubbard                       Martha Rand

**Treasurer-Elect: (Select One)**

Barbara Rookey                       Samuel Young

**Northeast Regional Representative: Bergen/Passaic, Essex, Hudson and Union (Select One)**

Kimberlee Van Burch                       Nancy Azevedo Bonilla

**Northwest Regional Representative: Sussex/Warren, Somerset/Hunterdon and Morris (Select One)**

Melissa Weisel                       Candice Daly

**Undergraduate Student Representative: (Select One)**

Anthony Gallo                       Juliette May

**Graduate Student Representative: (Select One)**

Adnan Munshi                       Gina Pearson

**Chapter Committee on Nominations and Leadership Identification (CCNLI): (Select Four)**

Ron Collier                       Richard Greene                       Judyann McCarthy                       Angela Maceda  
 Susan Solomon                       Amanda Stylianou                       Jacqueline Zavaglia

**Delegate Assembly: (Select Ten)**

David Barry                       Laurie Boehm                       Elsa Candelario                       Mary Ellen Colangelo  
 Darcy Dobens                       Katie Findley                       Christine Greenwood                       Tawanda Hubbard  
 Christine James                       Angela Maceda                       Patrick Miller                       Natalie Moore-Bembry  
 Laura Rodgers                       Barbara Rookey                       Jessica Taylor-Bashshar                       Keva White  
 Susan Williams                       Samuel Young

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