Reflections on Social Workers in Politics
As We Continue To Move Forward
Joan Serrano Laufer, ACSW, LMSW

As co-chair of the NYC Chapter’s Political Committee for Candidate Election (see page 5 for information on PACE) for the past three years, I have become more and more aware of a strange dichotomy in the field. On the one hand, there are highly skilled and committed social workers involved on all levels of the political spectrum, from top levels of state government, to classrooms teaching policy and politics. Social workers are also found in staff positions with elected officials as well as grassroots level political clubs and organizations. On the other hand, there are equally skilled and committed social workers who feel that as social workers we must be above politics.

Obviously, it would not be until after completing my three years as PACE co-chair, that I would even consider aligning myself with the latter group. Indeed, I do hold a party office and have been active in political campaigns since before I was old enough to vote. I strongly believe that as social workers, we must be involved in politics and government if we are to be true to our roots and the history and purpose of our profession. I believe even more strongly that this involvement is part of our responsibility to those we serve, to our profession, and to ourselves and family. Involvement in politics should be a natural for social workers and we bring to it needed skills, values and expertise.

The history of social work in the settlement house movement was one of involvement. Early social workers were trying to change government to be more responsive to the needs of our clients. We

The Power of Social Work
Advocating for Change in the Chinatown Community
Edward Ma, ACSW, MSW

As a long time NASW-NYC member, social work advocate and administrator, I am grateful for this opportunity to share my political experience within the social work profession.

Armed with social work knowledge and skills, I have been very active in Lower Manhattan and the Chinatown community. In view of the disparate treatment of the Chinatown community and social work profession, I started engaging in volunteer work to assist with voter registration efforts and Mayor Dinkins’ election campaign. As an outgrowth of this work, I succeeded twice as being a mayoral appointee of the NYC Human Rights Commissioner for six years. I was also appointed to serve on Community Board

For all of this community service, I received an esteemed proclamation from the City Council, awarded by Councilman Alan Gerson.

Over the years, I have learned that as social workers, if we do not go beyond our boundaries or social work methods, it will be difficult to break out of our shells and to effectively reach those we are aiming to help.

My experience helps to highlight some of the practical ways that social workers
Message From The President

Life, Death, Survival: Where Goes Our Profession?

As a Currents reader, you may remember that the central idea in the recent series on social workers in diverse service systems – hospitals, schools, child welfare, etc. – was that social workers and their services are “a matter of life and death” to the clients and communities we serve.

This got me thinking about the theme underlying many of NASW’s current and projected initiatives and struggles – also matters of life and death, for the Association, our profession, and by extension, New York City residents and communities.

In this column, I want to discuss efforts on both sides of the ledger – those potentially breathing life and those perhaps portending loss – and provide an opinion on how we as a profession and your professional association can survive into the next century, let alone for the next 10 years.

National NASW – Unification of the Profession

Together with the Council on Social Work Education, the National Association of Deans and Directors, and other education and research-oriented social work associations, NASW is engaged in a process of unifying the profession. The goal of this initiative is to form one professional social work association by 2012 and thus to halt debilitating competition for limited resources (including for members’ dues), better represent the profession in the halls of government, and provide social workers with one comprehensive organizational home consolidating our practice, research, education and advocacy interests.

Sounds good. But immediately upon receiving word of this unification effort in June and noting who was represented in the initial planning, your Executive Director, officers and Board of Directors questioned the absence of important practice organizations from the table.

There is no question that many smaller social work associations are on the ropes financially. And there is no question that NASW represents both the largest and fiscally sound party to the endeavor. Nevertheless, this proposed unification plan will not survive and our profession will suffer if the practice community in all its breadth and diversity is not central in this process – from the beginning.

Practice is our purpose.

As a former school of social work faculty member, I believe that the function of education and research are to support and improve practice, not overshadow it. It is essential that we claim and retain our place as preeminent, quality providers of social and mental health services in this country, if we wish to gain greater public support. This means that respect must be accorded and the highest credentials required of the teachers of practice who prepare bachelors and masters level students in our universities. Tenure and promotion decisions must value practice and community service together with research and publication. Instructors with little direct practice experience should get more before they are permitted to teach practice courses. [Direct practice in this view includes organizing, planning, policy advocacy and administration – the adjective “indirect” is neither accurate nor useful.]

The debate should not divide us into camps: research or practice or education. An evidence base and advanced or specialized education are essential for quality, relevant practice intervention. But our profession’s survival requires that we not lose our essential value to those we serve and the public that, broadly speaking, finances our work. Thus, the structure of the membership association we devise must keep this in mind now if it is to prosper and succeed down the road.

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NASW-NYC’s Board of Directors held its annual retreat on Friday, September 28, 2007 at the Hunter College School of Social Work, led by Chapter President Dr. Rose Starr, (shown facing members of the Board in the above photo). The purpose of the day long retreat was to engage the Chapter’s Board, committee leadership and staff in a new strategic planning process and to set the direction of the organization for the coming years. Discussion focused on the accomplishments of past years and future objectives of the Chapter, including activities for the 2007-2008 program year within the context of our national Social Work Reinvestment Initiative. Among the issues discussed were priorities and strategies for social policy and practice, with a special focus on strengthening the social work workforce, membership, chapter committees and Board roles and responsibilities.

Dr. Robert Schachter, Executive Director, highlighted that the two major priorities of NASW-NYC will continue to be workforce development, including working conditions, licensing, shortages, loan forgiveness and other key concerns, as well as efforts to build a strong membership base. Members of the New Professionals, Gerontological, Pioneers, Child Abuse, Health and other represented committees and task forces underscored their commitment to helping the Chapter advance these goals moving forward.

Some of the key recommendations that arose out of the morning and early-afternoon sessions, geared toward helping the Chapter become an even more effective organization, included: (1) generating a list of NASW-NYC’s collaborations in an effort to increase member awareness within the social work community of the Chapter’s partnerships and to build on them; (2) convening a meeting of social work CEOs with local government/political officials to give voice and visibility to workforce and other concerns social workers are facing in their agencies everyday; (3) Strengthening communications with, and developing relevant position papers among, the Chapter’s committees; and (4) building the Chapter’s capacity to support and develop the profession’s future leadership, among others.

Chapter leaders also recommended the development of new Board liaisons to the committees.

Chapter leaders underscored the importance of member awareness of the changing landscape and external environment in which social workers are operating. Athena Moore, Associate Executive Director, shared brief highlights of relevant trends impacting the profession including:

- Competition for private support and shifting patterns of public funding
- Increased demands for services among our most vulnerable populations
- The gap in income equality among the poor and the wealthy is widening and economic conditions are leaving many jobless and unable to support themselves
- Immigration and the need for bilingual and bicultural services remain concerns as the diversity within NYC communities continues to grow
- Technology is helping to keep us more connected but also more socially isolated, while challenging workers to keep pace with its rapidly changing developments
- A record number of New Yorkers have no health insurance, with increasing numbers of the uninsured and veterans returning from the Iraq war requiring more medical or mental health treatment
- As baby boomers retire, increasing numbers of seniors are living longer, alone, in poverty and will be in need of long term care, grief, depression and other services
- Thousands of children and youth are growing up in poverty, homeless, at risk of abuse and in need of income, supportive services, child care and education.

The Chapter will undergo a continuous planning process throughout the year, utilizing its upcoming board meetings to advance the work. Efforts will be made to keep members apprised of the Chapter’s ongoing developments.
As we’ve highlighted throughout this issue social workers play an important role at all levels of the political spectrum. NASW interviewed Pascale Bernard, Human Services Assistant to the NYC Council Speaker. Ms. Bernard is a graduate of Fordham University School of Social Services with a specialty in administration. Prior to this position, she was employed at District Council 37.

How has your education helped you?
What role do social workers play in politics?

I believe the tools I attained in school helped me frame the work that I do every day. In particular, I look at situations from a strength and systems perspective. I credit this perspective and training to my ability to look at issues differently than my colleagues. This has been both a benefit and a challenge. It’s a benefit because it allows me to see an issue from the perspective of the most vulnerable. Sometimes it’s a challenge because it causes me to work towards solutions well past my deadline.

I would like to point out that social workers can be the elected official, staff of the elected official, or volunteers within a campaign or political office. Behind the scenes my social work training prepares me well and helps me find creative solutions to complex problems. Sometimes these can come from the group we are trying to help. Our listening and advocating skills make us more attuned to the needs of others.

What role does social workers and client groups play in politics?

One of the roles, that social workers not working for government officials can play, is to help prepare client groups for the political world. When working with vulnerable populations they can prepare clients to deliver public testimony. Engaging in advocacy should mean we will help clients engage in the process.

Why do you believe there are so few social workers in politics?

I believe that part of the reason is the heavy concentration on clinical work.

What valuable lessons have you learned from early social workers?

In our early days, social workers were activists who empowered people so that they could change society. You can fix one patient, but if the system is not working, clients should receive training to figure out how to impact what is holding them back.

Social workers also need to be proficient in their work. If we are social workers in hospitals working with children, we should understand the fight for and the politics around child health insurance.

I think also that people are just misinformed about the political process and how to successfully engage people in it.

We need to demystify this for people, both colleagues and clients. More social workers should join PACE to get involved in politics in a meaningful way. PACE provides a political environment that is friendly for social workers. It educates politicians about the needs of social workers, as practitioners and as professionals. Better third party reimbursement and better recognition for social work as a profession are needs that PACE has worked for.

Many social workers do not realize that for equity they need to get involved in the political process. To get the economic benefits of better reimbursement rates, social workers have to engage in the process. We must remember that the State determines guidelines for practice and reimbursement and we must use our political influence and pressure strategically.

What Led You to Politics?

Social work led me to politics. I needed the ability to help change the environment to help more people.

Do you have any advice for new social workers?

Get involved in PACE and in a political club in your neighborhood. Get involved in an organization or cause. If you are passionate about something, the arts, environment, etc., get involved in a group that is working to get funding for these areas.

Learn who or which organizations have oversight for your areas of interest. Know who impacts the budget. Learn about the legislative process and stay abreast of the legislative calendar. This knowledge is important.

NYC City Council Public Hearings

To access information on upcoming public hearings focused on topics and legislative issues of concern to social workers, visit: www.nyccouncil.info
NASW-NYC’s Political Action Committee

Building Political Power for Social Workers

NASW PACE (Political Action for Candidate Election) is the independent political action body of the Association on both its national and local chapter levels. While NASW-NYC PACE has been involved in numerous activities through the years ranging from holding forums to conducting voter registration drives, the major function is to endorse candidates for political office who can best represent the interests of clients and the profession. PACE then supports those endorsed candidates through financial contributions and by informing NASW-NYC members in those districts of the endorsements.

PACE endorses candidates who espouse social work values and who work to promote goals such as loan forgiveness and licensing. NYC PACE mobilizes social workers to participate in political campaigns through the use of social work skills including planning, organizing, motivating and working within systems. The Committee’s mission includes educating and involving social workers in the political process.

All PACE Committees around the county within NASW are funded by a small voluntary portion of annual membership dues. NYC PACE works cooperatively with the New York State PACE and the national PACE on candidate and program issues. PACE is registered as a political action committee with the New York State and New York City Board of Elections.

PACE meets at the Chapter office from 6:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. on the second Wednesdays of each month. For more information or to confirm meeting dates, contact PACE’s Committee Chairs, Joan Serrano Laufer at (718) 468-8025 or jslcsw@aol.com and Mary T. Harrington at (914) 589-3293 or tctallon@aol.com, or e-mail pace@naswnyc.org.

Reflecting on the history of NYC PACE, Barbara Brenner, who was one of the original PACE steering committee members in 1981, identified Mike Ptaszek as the driving force behind organizing PACE. Ms. Brenner recalled that in 1981, he researched the legal issues, worked on the articles of association and organized a temporary steering committee which he chaired to move the work of the committee forward. Some of PACE’s current members, such as Wayne Orlowitz and Joan Serrano, were among the early members involved.

For over two decades, PACE has been serving as an effective vehicle for mobilizing social workers around the political process and its contributions will continue into the future with the support of those who are actively engaged in PACE today.

NYC-PACE

invites you
to come to our
Annual Meeting

Wednesday, December 12
6:15 - 8:15 p.m.

at the Chapter Office
50 Broadway, 10th Floor

Hear from social workers who are active in politics and making a difference at the local, state and national levels!

RSVP by 12/10 to Lauren Love, llovebsw@gmail.com

Go to www.naswnyc.org for an update on speakers
NASW-NYC PACE Endorsed Elected Officials

PACE endorses candidates for political office who can best represent the interests of our clients and our profession. PACE then supports those endorsed candidates through financial contributions and by informing NASW members in those districts of our endorsements. The following is a list of PACE endorsed elected officials as of November 2006.

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**Lieutenant Governor** David A. Patterson  
**New York City Public Advocate** Betsy Gothbaum  
**New York City Comptroller** William C. Thompson, Jr.  
**Bronx Borough President** Adolfo Carrión, Jr.  
**Brooklyn Borough President** Marty Markowitz  
**Manhattan Borough President** Scott M. Stringer  
**Queens Borough President** Helen M. Marshall
Social Workers in Political Government 2007 (list in formation)

Many thousands of social workers have contributed to the development of public policy through their work at all levels in public and private organizations, universities, political parties, and in the community. This list was prepared by Roschel Holland Stearns, NASW-NYC PACE. Suggestions or updates should be sent to her at roschmich@aol.com

United States Congress Senate
Barbara A. Mikulski, Maryland
Deborah Ann Stabenow, Michigan

House of Representatives
Present:
Susan Davis, California
Luis Gutierrez, Illinois
Stephanie Tubbs Jones, Ohio
Barbara Lee, California
Ciro Rodriguez, Texas
Allyson Schwartz, Pennsylvania
Carol Shea-Porter, New Hampshire
Edolphus “Ed” Towns, Brooklyn

Former:
Ron Dellums, California, (current Mayor of Oakland)
Jeannette Rankin, Montana (first woman to serve in either house of Congress)

Appointed Federal Government Officials
Former:
Jeanette C. Takamura, Assistant Secretary for Aging, United States Department of Health and Human Services

New York City Borough Presidents
Former:
C. Virginia Fields, Borough President of Manhattan, Candidate for Mayor, City Council Member
Ruth Messinger, Borough President of Manhattan, Candidate for Mayor, City Council Member

New York City Council
Present:
Thomas White, Jr., Queens

Former:
Noach Dear, Brooklyn
Political Party State Committee
Joan Serrano Laufer, Manhattan

Appointed New York City Government Officials/Staff
Dennis Walcott, New York City Deputy Mayor
Deborah Taylor, Mayor’s Office, Director of Citywide Education and Youth Services

Former:
Nancy Wackstein, Director Mayor’s Office of Homelessness and SRO Housing; current Executive Director of United Neighborhood Houses

New York City Commissioners
John Mattingly, Administration for Children’s Services

Former:
Carol Parry, Beverly Sanders Brooks, Claire Pierce, Robert Little, Kathryn Croft, William Bell, Executive Deputy Commissioner Zeinab Chahine
Edwin Mendez-Santiago, Office for the Aging

Former:
Fran Freedman, Associate Commissioner, Department of Consumer Affairs

Former:
Rosa Maria Gil, Chair, Health and Hospitals Corporation; Executive Deputy Commissioner, Human Resources Administration

Mitchell Ginsburg, Commissioner, Department of Social Services

Georgia McMurray, Commissioner of Child Development (Deceased)

John Ravitz, Executive Director, New York City Board of Elections

John A. Wallace, Director, Department of Probation

Community Boards
Former:
Carolyn Greenberg, Chair, Manhattan Community Board 8

Staff of Elected Officials
Present:
Pascale Bernard (City Council Speaker Christine Quinn), Bethany Jankunis (State Senator Deborah Glick), Karen Persichilli Keogh (Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton), Mike Meade (State Senator Eric Schneiderman), Jessica Silver (Borough President Scott Stringer), Jenny Sobelman (Assembly Member Richard Gottfried), Ellen Wallach (Congressman Jerrold Nadler)

Former:
Susanna Gross (Congressman William Fitts Ryan), Anthony Morenzi (Assemblymember Pete Grannis), Noelle Tutunjian (State Senator David Paterson)

Sponsors of Legislation
Richard Cloward, National Voter Registration Act of 1993, the “Motor Voter Act”
The NASW-NYC Nominations Committee Seeks Recommendations for Chapter Elections – Spring 2008

The Chapter’s Committee on Nominations and Leadership Identification has requested that members begin to make nominations now. The basic requirement for being nominated is current membership in NASW. NASW-NYC policy for President-Elect is that a member has served on the Chapter Board of Directors.

In keeping with NASW’s Affirmative Action policy, Chapter leadership must proportionally reflect the number of women (79%) and people of color (19%) in the organization’s overall membership. NASW recognizes the importance of: American Indian/Native Americans; Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders; Blacks and Latinos in the Chapters’ leadership. The Chapter will also consider sexual orientation as part of its affirmative action goals.

The Committee will accept recommendations until December 1st. Please use this form to make your recommendations. If you would like details regarding the duties and responsibilities of the respective positions, please call (212) 668-0050.

### POSITIONS OPEN FOR ELECTION

- **Officer Positions:** (2) three-year terms
  1. 2nd Vice President
  2. Secretary

- **Nominations Committee:** (6) two-year terms

- **Member-at-Large:** (6) three-year terms

- **Student Members:** (2) one-year term
  1. MSW Student Member
  2. BSW Student Member

### Recommendations for 2008 Chapter Elections

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**Ethnicity:**

- [ ] American Indian/Native American
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**Sexual orientation (optional):**

**Elected position for which person is most interested in running:**

**Areas of expertise of the proposed nominee (use additional sheet if necessary):**

**Specific qualifications that reflect the person’s readiness for the position recommended:**

If this is not a self-referral, please fill out the following:

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Return to: Chair, Ji Seon Lee, Nominations Committee, NASW-NYC, 50 Broadway, Suite 1001, New York, NY 10004, or send via fax at (212) 668-0305.
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Social Justice: the Fight for our Clients and Public Support

Living in “liberal” New York City, we may not be confronted daily with socially conservative views as are our sisters and brothers nationally. Thus, you may not be familiar with George Will’s recent column entitled “Code of Coercion” appearing in newspapers across the country, attacking social work education and our professional code of ethics for our social justice standards and values. NASW Executive Director Betsy Clark’s response in the Washington Post made no apology for our commitment to high standards and vigorous advocacy for rights and access to resources for all citizens, especially those marginalized by racism, poverty or illness.

Like Betsy, many social workers and NASW Chapters, forcefully conveying social workers’ diversity in views and values together with our common obligation to fight systemic injustice, are using this assault as a positive public relations opportunity. This kind of attack is not new, and we in New York City will be vigilant to the need to counteract it, hopefully joining together with local schools of social work in the effort. The challenge for the profession is to prevent organizations like the National Association of Scholars, whose report stimulated Will’s column, to de-legitimize and marginalize the profession as “politically correct” thought police misusing public trust and support.

Fortunately the National Public Image Campaign is an ongoing counterweight, portraying the value added to people’s lives through social work knowledge and expertise. And, we are most proud that one of our own Board members and veteran practitioners, Susan Matorin, is featured with her client in a new “Help Starts Here” media campaign entitled “On Any Given Day, Social Workers Help.”

Proactively staying ahead of the curve, communicating quickly when attacked – both are essential to social work’s future.

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New Staff and Member Benefit at NASW-NYC

NASW-NYC is pleased to welcome Ammu Prashantini to its staff. Ammu joined the Chapter in October as its new Program and Administrative Associate. In this capacity she will support the Chapter with its program, membership, website, fundraising, Pioneers and other administrative activities. Ms. Prashantini is a recent social work graduate of the Hunter College School of Social Work where her method was Community Organizing and Planning. Her past internships placed her in Community Board Five, serving midtown Manhattan, where she organized the Community Board’s first Housing Clinic, providing a direct service for all residents of New York City. She also worked at the Seamen’s Society for Children & Families in collaboration with the Staten Island Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (SICCAN) to organize a borough-wide Poster & Essay contest for children in grades K-12. In addition to her work with SICCAN, she also worked with at-risk youth on HIV/AIDS Prevention as well as leadership building for young females. In addition to her internship at Seamen’s Society, Ammu was the Education Bound Coordinator working with a program that provided free tutoring services to youth throughout the borough. Ammu is a life-long resident of Staten Island, and is very excited to be working with the NASW-NYC Chapter.

Lu Lasson

NASW-NYC is pleased to announce a new benefit for members. In response to member need, we have created a Licensing Specialist position. Now, NASW members have a point person to whom they can ask questions, get clarification, and become more familiar with the licensing laws that were enacted on September 1, 2004.

The position has been filled by Lu Lasson, LCSW-R. Lu’s 20 years’ experience in agency work include direct practice, supervising, and program management. She also maintains a private practice. She is familiar with a wide range of licensing issues and concerns. Prior to joining NASW-NYC, Lu worked as a director at the Mental Health Association of New York City.

Lu’s services are available exclusively for NASW members and those calling on behalf of schools or agencies.

Lu will usually be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays to speak with members and will be available Mondays through Fridays to respond to emails and voicemail messages, most often within the same day. You can reach Lu at (212) 668-0050 ext. 221 or at lasson@naswnyc.org.
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The Corrosive Impact of Racism, the Healing Impact of Community

As we all know, many problems we face – as a nation, a City, or as individuals – are partially self-inflicted and historical. So it is that all of us suffer from the continuing heritage of racism affecting our institutions, world views and practices. Attending the recent Undoing Racism workshop, sponsored by the Human Services Council for executives of the City’s most prominent social agencies and organizations, was both sad and heartening.

It was crushing to hear some of our most accomplished black leaders reflect with frustration on colleagues’ lack of interest in the impact of racism on their organizations and client service, or the personal fear they sense from whites who react to skin color and are closed to the achievement or person it masks. There is so much about race and color and the difference they make in personal and organizational experience that whites simply don’t understand.

But there are ways to change that. Developing the trust and language afforded by the Undoing workshop experience is an important initiative to open a constructive dialogue across racial lines and take steps together to improve our work organizations and systems of service. Organizational leaders who completed the workshop will now be meeting monthly with Alan Siskind and Bob Schachter to further explore ideas and opportunities.

Equally important, addressing racism has the potential to strengthen the ties that bind us into a stronger, more resilient professional community. We can not survive if we are divided within, but we will prosper if we build a community of respect, understanding, mutual support and positive action.

Leadership for Succession and Survival

Encouraging the development of social work leaders and leadership is an NASW-NYC priority. We need a cadre of new leaders to replace those retiring from social agency executive positions. To highlight the importance of social work succession to the profession’s future, NASW-NYC created the November 29th “Celebrating Emerging Social Work Leaders” awards dinner. With eight honorees representing diverse agencies and service sectors from among 35 strong nominees, we clearly have a wealth of practitioners and administrators positioned to guide human services. But to assure this occurs, our professional community must consciously mentor and promote new leaders to compete effectively in the increasingly difficult struggle for executive positions.

Beyond executive succession, it is increasingly clear that all social workers must assume leadership in their work and community lives. Some part of professional school education and expectation must help prepare all practitioners with leadership skills – the ability to speak, write and participate effectively in agencies and with other disciplines on behalf of the clients and communities we serve. Passivity and lack of vision will inevitably result in irrelevance and restricted options for our practitioners and the social work profession.

Political Leadership for Workforce Benefits

The focus on PACE in this issue of Currents highlights the importance we all must place on political action and the election of candidates that support our issues and agenda. As we know, the merit of the argument or the weight of the evidence does not necessarily confer victory or adequate resources. Social work needs the help of friendly legislators and regulators to succeed – whether the issue is the increasingly narrow interpretations of licensing issued by the State Board for Social Work or the inadequate level of funding of the New York State loan forgiveness program for social workers struggling to survive mountains of college and professional school debt.

I ask that you support PACE on your annual membership renewal check-off,
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can utilize their voices and skills to advocate for change in communities.

Recently, I made a presentation at CUNY on “The Making of Asian American Community Democracy: Chinatown Prosperity and Mainstreaming after 9/11,” concerning my six years of volunteer experience during a time of tremendous need and change.

As a founding member of the Chinese American Voters Federation, we undertook comprehensive efforts to sponsor the 2005 Democratic Mayoral Candidates’ Debate along with an ensuing joint press conference held by Governor Pataki and Mayor Bloomberg. At this time it was announced that $32 million was designated by the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation for Chinatown. It was the first time Chinatown was involved in such extensive political leveraging between Democrats and Republicans. Mayor Koch once refused to campaign in Chinatown because of “a scanty 1,500 votes”. Now Chinatown is responsible for 25,000 to 30,000 votes.

As a result of my presentation at CUNY, I also received an interview with the Voice of America, and American Express announced a $10 million historical preservation project, possibly targeted for rebuilding Chinatown.

In addition to my intensive involvement with Community Board 2, my dream for the formation of a “Chinatown Committee” is finally coming true. The committee was instituted a month ago. Now more Chinatown leaders and residents can speak out on issues of concern. We are pleased that a new political/community platform has been established.

On various occasions, I have also represented Chinatown and the social work profession while delivering testimony at City Hall, the City Council and the Borough President’s Office on the issues related to congestion pricing, the prevention of elder abuse, the Lower East Side/Chinatown Empire Zone, as well as mental health issues.

I always carefully select issues to advocate for. In fact social workers, are in a better position to engage in advocacy because of our understanding of human behavior and our analytical knowledge and skills. And, we can design a better plan of tactics and strategy.

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worked with and for our clients then and the same needs are true today. It should not be enough to help one person, or one hundred people change. We need to help change the system that brought them to where they are. We need to change the system that they are going back to, and this can only be done through the political process. If we do not enter that arena, we leave that step to others, who may not share our passions, and our commitment to our clients.

Whether we shun the political arena because we are afraid of it, fear we lack the skills or contacts to succeed, or think it is dirty, we need to rise above those deterrents and get involved. Involved social workers help make policy, define the issues, and put strategies in place. We do this by working with individuals, with families, with agencies, and we must do it with government, thus we must be involved in politics.

Skills Needed

Social workers are trained in the skills of politics - even if we do not recognize it. Our skills as interviewers help with the basic steps of talking to voters, breaking down issues so people understand. Our skills as advocates help us define policy issues to legislators so that they understand the needs of our clients, colleagues, families and ourselves. Our skills as administrators help us run offices, whether they are agency offices or legislative offices. Our group work skills help us plan, organize, and run events and drives. Social workers bring much to the table.

The Need

Government will continue. Decisions that affect our clients, our families, and our profession will continue to be made. Our choice is whether to sit back and let it happen or to be involved in how it happens and what happens. For those we serve, there are clear issues, regardless of our method or field of practice. For example, in working with those who need financial help from government, it is clear that the amount of food stamps and the procedures to get them will impact clients. In my years working with families of people who had developmental disabilities, I saw the impact. Whether we are working in schools, hospitals, clinics, with immigrants, etc, government, and thus politics, we can make a tremendous difference in the lives of those we serve. Our families are equally affected, whether it is in the schools they attend, the garbage pick-up in their neighborhoods, access to housing, or a host of other issues. As practitioners, licensing, loan forgiveness, and funding for programs have a direct impact on ourselves and our colleagues.

Get Started or Help a Colleague Get Started

Come to a PACE meeting which are held on the second Wednesday of the month at the Chapter office. Join a political club. Get involved with an elected official or someone aspiring to elected office. You’ll be surprised at how welcome you will be. Those of us who are involved are always looking for others to help. We need to be part of the solution!
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40th Anniversary Addictions Institute
at the
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Thursday, June 5, 2008
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Addictive disorders discriminate against no one and affect all populations and ages. The damage done by addiction can be felt in every population served by social workers, with each group and individual affected differently. Challenges in reaching those with addictive disorders can be cultural and personal but also systemic. The overriding theme of this conference focuses on the role of the social worker over the last 40 years as a clinician, advocate, educator, and agent of change. The evolution of treatments, modalities and the role of social workers in the process will be examined as we move into the fifth decade of the Addictions Institute.

We welcome submissions focusing on practical techniques, paying special attention to the particular role the social worker is playing, as well as the setting. Workshops based on skills that are interactive and experiential are preferred.

Workshops are to be 2 hours in length, with at least one presenter having a social work degree.

The NASW-NYC Chapter Addictions Committee is proud to sponsor this conference for the 40th consecutive year, providing cutting edge education in addiction prevention and treatment.

Deadline for submission for prospective presenters is December 15, 2007
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and become involved in New York City PACE candidate education and selection efforts. A network of members in ongoing communication with the elected officials or candidates in their home districts, from the Council to Congress, would enhance our political currency and ability to garner support for the initiatives we know you need. So, when you think about how we can increase the numbers of Latino, black, Asian, or East European social workers, or how to be included in Workers Comp or other insurances, or how to increase the low contractual salaries for social workers in aging, child welfare and other service sectors - think of the important role of NASW-NYC political leadership and the significance of PACE.

Board Retreat to Advance Workforce and Membership Priorities

Our Board of Directors and Committee/Task Force Chairs held an all-day retreat to update NASW-NYC priorities and revise our Strategic Plan for 2008-2011. Without question, strengthening and supporting our workforce and increasing Association membership and its benefits were identified as core to the future of the profession and NASW. In this regard, one objective is to work with agency executives and others to improve working conditions, from salaries to the level of respect accorded social workers in the organization. Another is to engage in collaborations and legislative advocacy to increase funding for recruitment, education and retention, especially for social workers to practice in communities of color or with non-English speaking populations. A third is the effort described above to promote leaders and leadership to assure the profession’s future.

Licensing - related to both workforce and membership concerns - is emerging again as a major priority for attention and advocacy. The profession must come together to battle efforts, through misinterpretations of the intent and wording of the 2004 licensing law, to constrict understanding of the term “clinical.” This includes an effort to restrict who can supervise MSW students with clinical assignments and to curtail the kinds of organizations that will be permitted to qualify LMSW’s to earn the LCSW or clinical license.

It is urgent that we not fall into the trap of viewing the LMSW as a lesser license, thus relegating LM’s, the agencies in which they are employed and the clients they serve to second class citizenship. Finally, you can be assured that NASW-NYC will assume leadership to educate and prepare members and agencies for the 2010 sunsetting of licensing exemptions now afforded mental health and child welfare agencies. If you have questions or concerns about licensing, we now have on staff Louise (Lu) Lasson, an expert Licensing Specialist, who can help you. It’s a matter of survival and the future for us all.□
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
DECEMBER 2007 - JANUARY 2008

(All meetings held at the Chapter Office unless otherwise specified)

Friday, December 7, 2007
Private Practice Committee
Topic: Tax Q&A with Sanford Nack, MBA
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Monday, December 10, 2007
Social Workers Advancing the Human Animal Bond
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 12, 2007
P.A.C.E. Meeting
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 13, 2007
New Professionals Task Force
Open Meeting
RSVP to: new.professionals.task.force@gmail.com
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday, December 14, 2007
Undoing Racism Training
Cost is $350
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www.naswnyc.org
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 15, 2007
Undoing Racism Training
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 16, 2007
Undoing Racism Training
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Monday, December 17, 2007
NASW -NYC LGBT Committee
Winter Party
LGBT Community Center
208 W. 13th St. (btw. 7th & 8th Ave.)
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 19, 2007
Addictions Committee
9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Friday, January 4, 2007
Private Practice Committee
Topic: Fee & Marketing Support Group Meeting
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
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Saturday, January 26, 2008
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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Emmanuel Register is a second year student pursuing her MSW at Columbia University with a study method in Social Enterprise Administration. As a NASW-NYC intern, she has been involved in research supporting workforce development for social workers. Her contributions will include assessment of Continuing Education trainings for future enhancement, support of the African Descent Task Force, and serving as a membership/new professionals liaison to Columbia University, among other administration focused initiatives.

Katie Barnett is a first year Master of Social Work student at the Hunter College School of Social Work where her major method is Community Organization and Planning. This year, along with Molly HyoJung Bidol, she is placed with the Undoing Racism Project, which seeks to organize students in area schools of social work around undoing institutional racism. Katie is excited to be living in New York City for the first time in her life and organizing with her fellow students.

Lauren Love is an advanced standing MSW student at the Hunter College School of Social Work where her major method is Community Organizing and Planning. Lauren is interning with NASW-NYC and working with the various schools of social work to increase student membership and will be mobilizing membership to promote policy issues that we endorse.

Molly HyoJung Bidol is pursuing her Master’s Degree at Hunter College School of Social Work. Currently, she is in her second year of the program majoring in the Community Organization and Planning method. Molly is excited to be placed at the Undoing Racism Project where she is getting a chance to hone her knowledge and skills in organizing. Molly will continue to work with Katie to organize field instructors and student leaders in the schools of social work throughout the city.

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