

2009-2010 CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Elect



Sharon Humphries, LCSW earned the BA degree with distinction and the MSW, both from the University of Oklahoma. She is a social worker at Oklahoma City-County Health Department where she has had much responsibility in the Emergency Response Program. She has been

program coordinator at Parents Assistance Center, a Behavioral Therapist in the juvenile sexual offender treatment program at St. Anthony/St. Michael, contracted for forensic evaluations regarding criminal cases and civil custody evaluations, was a partner in Kishur & Humphries Behavioral Therapy for adults and juveniles with sexual behavior problems, was a triage specialist at Oklahoma County Crisis Intervention Center - DMHSAS. She has been an Adjunct Professor at Oklahoma City Community College and at the University of Sciences and Arts, Adjunct Professor in practicum at University of Oklahoma School of Social Work and University of Central Oklahoma Psychology Department.

Sharon has been secretary and twice treasurer of NASW-OK and a member of the PACE Committee. She has been a Board member of Oklahoma Public Health Association, as well as a board member of American Professional Society of Child Abuse - Oklahoma Chapter, CARE Center of Cleveland County, Parents Assistance Center and a founding board member of Specialized Outpatient Services. She received a Certificate of Recognition from Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City.

Sharon's goals: to promote the social work profession through changing the perceptions of the public legislative bodies, business and other helping professions; to enhance student understanding of the countless possibilities of social work professionals and how to make a difference; and to advocate legislative changes to enhance equity of services and opportunities for all persons.



Sharolyn Wallace, LCSW earned the PhD in Sociology at Oklahoma State University and the MSW at Oklahoma University. She is Assistant Professor of Human Services at Tulsa Community College, Adjunct Professor at Langston University, Adjunct Professor at Southern

Nazarene University and Adjunct Professor at University of Oklahoma School of Social Work. She is in private practice as a clinician, is a Board Approved Supervisor to LCSW's, and is a Registered Play Therapy Supervisor. She is president of Girls, Inc. Tulsa County Board and has been president of Tulsa Community College Faculty Association, Oklahoma Association for Play Therapy and is a member of National Association of Social Workers, Bethesda Foundation Advisory Board and Tulsa Senior Services Advisory Board. She has published and presented at professional meetings.

Sharolyn's goals: As social workers in the great state of Oklahoma, we are working to empower others and make our communities strong. As the NASW notes, one purpose with endless possibilities. As your President-elect, I will work without ceasing to create unity and endless possibilities for social workers. I would like to see a rebirth of the grass-root efforts that has made our profession so strong and effective. As we face more difficulties with resources and cutbacks, Oklahoma social workers will prove that our giving nature is the name and face of social work. I will make sure your voice is heard and advocate for the changes you need to continue your service to others. I will work to increase our communication with one another, improve our service delivery, and promote our profession.

Vice President



Courtney Rogers, LCSW earned the MSW from the University of Oklahoma where she received the Nadine Roch award. She currently works as an LCSW at a not for profit youth services agency in Oklahoma City, where she has provided therapeutic services for Oklahoma at risk youth and families for the past four years. She was a practicum student for NASW-OK Chapter in 2005. She is currently serving as Central Branch Chair. She has been a member of the Annual State Conference Committee for the past 5 years, 2005-2009.

Courtney's goals: I would like to assist NASW-OK Chapter in addressing issues important to Oklahoma social workers and their consumers. Additionally, I hope to promote Oklahoma social workers and provide a better understanding of the profession of social work and educational opportunities available.



Sarah Schulz, MSW is a 2005 graduate of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University social work program and a 2006 MSW graduate of the University of Oklahoma. She is employed as a medical social worker in hospice, oncology and home care at INTEGRIS Clinton Regional Hospital. In 2007 Sarah received two awards from INTEGRIS Clinton Regional Hospital: the Making a Difference Award and the Ancillary Excellence Award. Activities work related include facilitating a bi-yearly grief support group, a Breast Cancer Support Group, I CAN COPE Seminars, coordinating National Healthcare Decisions Day and Coordination Clinton's National Cancer Survivors Day.

Sarah has been a member of NASW since 2004. She was NASW-OK Practicum Student in 2006 and has served on the NASW-OK Annual State Conference Committee each year since 2006. She is currently chair of the Northwest Branch.

Sarah's goals: to increase the visibility of NASW in Oklahoma Legislation; to encourage student membership, participation and retention; to promote the social work profession.

Central Branch Chair



Michele Diesselhorst-Reese, MSW, LCSW received her BSW from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 2001 and her MSW in 2002 from the University of Oklahoma. She has been a member of the NASW-OK since 2001 and was the NASW Oklahoma BSW Student of the Year in 2001. Since completing her MSW, Michele has worked as a medical social worker both at St. Anthony Hospital and the OKC-VA Medical Center. Most recently, Michele moved her career focus to the OIF/OEF Program (Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom) at the OKC-VAMC.

Michelle's goals: As the Central Branch Chair, I plan to continue to support the steadfast promotion and development of high professional standards for social workers in Oklahoma. The recruitment of individuals as members of NASW-OK from all areas of practice as well as the education of the public about all that we do is especially important in this time of great challenge and opportunity.

Emily Chance Pierce - no information.

Cleveland County Additional Representative



Christina Jameson Mc Curtain, MSW, ACSW, has been a member of NASW since 1963 in California, Kansas and Oklahoma Chapters. She received the BA in social work in 1963 and the MSW in 1965 and a certificate in advanced clinical social work, Karl Minninger School of Psychiatry and Mental Health Sciences, Topeka, KS, 1983. She was a Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Worker 1982-2008 and Qualified Mental Retardation Professional 1988-2008, both in Kansas. She was a Certified Hospice Professional 1993-1999. She worked in mental health inpatient and outpatient, adoptions, hospice, long-term care for mentally ill and physically ill patients, consultant services for nursing facilities, as well as practicum instructor for graduate and undergraduate students at schools of social work in Kansas. She has been a member of boards of directors of several community and mental health agencies.

Christina's goals: Increase and retain membership in NASW; Initiate and develop newsletter (which would be particularly helpful to transferred members and might be a recruitment tool for new members); develop ways for professional social workers to reestablish prominence in providing child welfare services and long term care services instead of leaving these practice areas to other disciplines; identify and support social workers (preferably NASW-OK members) for local and state elected offices.

Rachelle Hardin-Moniz, LCSW received the BA in social work at East Central University in 1979 and the MSW at the University of Oklahoma in 1982. She has served as an Adjunct Professor at OU, supervising practicum students. Rachelle has worked as a Vista Volunteer (domestic Peace Corps), at the Women's Resource Center and had the unique privilege of being on the initial staff of three crucial service provision programs for women: Norman Shelter for Women, Transition House, Inc. and the Oklahoma Crisis Intervention Center. She worked seven years as Maternal Child Health Social Worker at Cleveland County Health Department, then working with Food and Shelter for Friends in Norman, a program for homeless families and a soup kitchen. She developed a case management program for this program. She is now active in private practice in Norman and hopes to continue to learn and work. She has presented numerous workshops.

Rachelle's goals: To draw more members to meetings and find innovative ways to support each other in our work, thus supporting the improvement of services in the community. This is an exciting time. We need to get together and make plans and make good use of our opportunities for possible resources in our communities.

Muskogee Branch Chair

Gary Dan Davis, DSW, MSW, completed his doctoral degree in social work in 1986 in Utah, working in various executive positions in Indian Health Service in Pawnee-Parker, AZ and Lawton, OK until his retirement in 2004. He was on the faculty at Northeastern State University for four years, ending in May, 2009.

Gary's goals: There is no better Time than for NASW Members to show Leadership - so Lets do this Together. I have always been a Leader - Let's Keep Moving FORWARD.

Northwest Branch Chair



Rae Wilson, MSW, LMSW (Texas), Certified MRFT Facilitator, is Assistant Professor of Social Work/Director of Social Work Field Education at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Previous social work positions have included Protective Order Advocate in the Dallas County DA's office Family Violence Division, Visit Supervisor and Advocate Faith and Liberty's Place, Dallas, Case Manager - AIDS Services North Texas, therapist in outpatient gero-psych clinics, acute care hospital social work. She received the BSW at University of North Texas and the MSW at Texas A&M - Commerce.

Leadership experience in NASW includes NASW-TX Leadership Search Committee and NASW-TX Submission Peer-Reviewer for Texas State Conference. She is active on the

board of directors of the Enid YWCA and serves on the Garfield County Domestic Violence Task Force. She has been an advocate for domestic violence survivors since receiving her BSW. She was in Collegiate Leadership Denton. She was Social Work Student of the Year NASW-TX and Ms. Texas Career Woman of the Year in Education and Human Services. She has made numerous presentations.

Rae's goals: foster more student involvement with NASW; develop collaborative relationships with all social work practice areas in Northwest Oklahoma; use technology to bring rural social workers together for branch meetings on a regular basis; continue to raise community awareness of the social work profession; work closely with area media outlets to maintain professional social work's identity in the region; work with the state organization, social work educators and the licensing board to broaden the number of licensed social workers in Oklahoma.

Southwest Branch Chair



Sunnys Cope is a 2009 MSW graduate of the University Oklahoma School of Social Work. She received her BSW from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 2006. She is a child welfare specialist with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services covering both Jackson and

Tillman Counties. She hopes to become an LCSW to better serve families in rural southwestern Oklahoma. She is a member of NASW, the Oklahoma Public Employees Association, is active in her community and is a Sunday School teacher to junior high and high school girls at the First Baptist Church in Tipton. She and her husband are expecting their first child in September.

Sunnys's goals: Sunnye looks forward to the future of NASW with hope and excitement. She would like to see the newest generation of social workers become more active in the association and to see increased interaction among seasoned members and new recruits to bridge the knowledge of both to enhance the quality of services to our clients. Sunnye would like to see social work promoted and encouraged in rural areas where the need is so great, including the utilization of technology to provide more opportunities for networking and professional enhancement. She plans to utilize teleconferences to provide more opportunities for social workers across southwest Oklahoma to become more active in NASW-OK.

Graduate Student Representative



Rose Burrell is currently an MSW student at OU Norman and attending classes and learning all she can about social work is very important to her. Her academic accomplishments have led to membership in the Golden Key Honor Society and Phi Alpha Honor Society. She is also pursuing a Certificate in Gerontology at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. One of her main interests is the aging society and how the Baby Boomers will change our society. She has worked full time in business, but has given up her employment for this year of study.

Rose's goals: is to assist our clients, and treat them with respect and dignity while gaining knowledge about the field of social work and the clients we assist. Should she be elected as graduate student representative, she will represent the interest of all student members of the Association, and facilitate communication between students and the local and national association.



Tamika Lipsey is currently enrolled in the MSW program at OU-Tulsa, where she is secretary of the MSW Student Association. She received the BSW in 2001 at Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas. She worked with the Greater San Marcos Youth Council, mentoring at-risk youth and also with individuals who are developmentally disabled, teaching basic living skills to live on their own in the

community. Following graduation she moved to Houston, where she worked at Harris County Child Protective Services for 6 1/2 years. She also worked at Harris County Psychiatric Center as a Lead Resident Advisor, supervising staff on weekends at the Residential Treatment Center. She is currently employed as a Therapeutic Foster Care case manager with the Bair Foundation. Tamika says she has been a member of NASW since Fall, 2008 and is passionate about her work with children and families.

Tamika's goals: more community involvement. I know we all get busy with our own jobs and personal lives, but this is what the profession is all about. We take out the time to get CEU's so maybe there is a way we can incorporate community activities with earning CEU's; attending MSW Student Association meetings to encourage more participation and benefits. There is very little NASW representation at the MSWSA meetings; making professionals carrying MSW credentials more accountable; more activities exclusively for NASW members to participate such as formal dinners, family-nights sponsored by the organization, etc. We all work hard, we should be able to play hard too; more discounts at local retailers for being an active member. We all carry the membership cards and it would be great if we could flash them on occasion, even if just for 15% off a cup of coffee. It would also give us an opportunity to talk about our profession; advocating for loan forgiveness for working in the field of social work. There are some programs both they require you to work in rural areas, etc. I would like to see this broadened to include areas where caseloads are extremely high, stress levels are high and pay checks are extremely low.

Undergraduate Student Representative



Patti Jo Bender-Vazquez is a full time student at Northwestern Oklahoma State University and will graduate with a degree in social work in 2010. Her life and career has been varied and at times exciting. She won the title of Miss Utah USA in 1991 and competed in the Miss USA pageant. She worked in New York, Los Angeles and Miami, FL as a model, which led to a career in the film industry. She was co-host of the national television show Dive World as well as featured in various films, commercials, and national TV and print ads. She has done much public speaking and volunteer work in endeavors such as the Salt Lake Winter Olympic Games Committee, homes for battered women, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Breast Cancer Awareness, Warner Brothers Studio food drives and performed overseas for our military troops with the Department of Defense Overseas Tour. With her marriage ending and a child being diagnosed with Autism, Patti moved back to Woodward. She chose to specialize in social work in hopes of helping others heal that are victims of abuse and poor choices and to bring a much needed awareness to our schools and rural areas for children with Autism.

Patti's goals: I would like to see NASW become more involved with undergraduate students; to initiate a student public education campaign about the profession of social work; to increase student participation and involvement at NASW. I truly feel that our lack of social workers is because of the lack of awareness about the profession. We need to inform our students the moment they begin their college education and continue to raise their awareness about NASW and all it has to offer!

Tabitha Miller anticipates receiving her undergraduate degree in social work at Southeastern State University in 2010. She was named Outstanding Student in the Harrah Youth Leadership, received the State FFA Degree Award, worked with Rescue the Girls and has been a counselor at Royal Family Kids Camp. She was on the creative arts team. She earned an Associate Degree in Liberal Studies.

Tabitha's goals: I would like to see NASW membership increase thereby encouraging future involvement with students. I would also like to see the NASW communicate more efficiently with the student members regarding impending legislation, so the students can be made aware of the legislation and given the opportunity to become involved and make a difference.

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Cleveland County Branch Representative



Melanie Bailey is an MSW graduate of the University of Oklahoma and has worked as a social worker in schools, several medical facilities and psychiatric hospital units in the Oklahoma City/Norman area. For the past ten years she has been in private practice in Norman. She has a special

interest in providing counseling to adolescents and adults with co-occurring disorders.

Melanie's goals: to promote reinvestment in the social work profession by encouraging young people to go into the field; to identify and recognize leadership in the social work field in Oklahoma.

Phyllis Mattek has been a member of NASW since becoming a social worker. She believes NASW activity and membership is crucial to social workers.

Phyllis' goals: My goal is to increase Cleveland County members' involvement in the County and in the Oklahoma Chapter.

Tulsa Branch Representative



Janice "Rosie" Lee, LCSW, ACSW, Diplomate in Clinical Social Work; Janice earned a BS in Speech and Language Pathology and a Masters in Social Work. She is employed as a Hospice Consultant for Good Shepherd Hospice. She served on the vendor committee for the NASW-OK Annual

State Conference 2009. She has been an ancillary board member of Case Managers Society of America and a board member of Senior Companions. She is involved in Case Managers Society of America, Tulsa Interagency Council, Green Country Healthcare Association. She has had over 25 years of hospital social work, private practice, home health care. Her greatest honor is knowing her service makes a difference to individuals and families

Rosie's goals: is to increase membership and promote understanding of the social work profession.

Martha L. Scales, LSW received the MSW from the University of Arkansas, Little Rock, in 1973. She was a social worker and administrator for the state of Oklahoma 34 years, with 30 of these years in Child Welfare. She was a primary lead in making Oklahoma the first state in the nation to have an accredited statewide Child Welfare Program. In 2001 she joined the University of Oklahoma School of Social Work, administering the federally funded Title IVE Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program, which includes five other accredited BSW programs across the state. Martha's accomplishments and efforts in the field of Child Welfare are stellar. She was awarded the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services Award for Oklahoma's Child Welfare Training Program in 1993 and was named the Social Work Professional of the Year 2006 by the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy. She received the OKDHS Best of the Best Award in 2001.

Martha's goals: recruit more practicing MSW's to become members of NASW as our profession's organization, if members, encourage more active involvement. Many of the MSW's employed at OKDHS are not active or even members; encourage students to not only join but become active in NASW; work to find strong leaders for NASW positions.

Southwest Branch Representative

Anita Page, LCSW, C-ASWCM has the master's degree in social work. She is employed with Fresenius Dialysis in Lawton. Anita was social work supervisor for 14 years at Comanche Memorial Hospital and prior to that was the manager of a hospice. She was co-president of the Oklahoma Society for Social Work Leadership in Health care and is a member of that organization.

Southeast Branch Representative

Kendra Burnside, LCSW has both the bachelor's and masters degrees in social work and is employed as Academic Advisor for East Central University. She is a member of the Southeast Tobacco Free Oklahoma Coalition. She has coordinated special events such as National Health Care Decisions Day for McAlester, Hospice Sabbath and grief workshops. She is a licensed clinical social worker.