

NASW CA ELECTED POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

President

The Chapter President is the elected leader of the Chapter, chairs the Board of Directors, and represents the Chapter at NASW and public events and meetings. The President chairs the Chapter Executive Committee which can make decisions in between Chapter Board meetings. The President makes appointments to Chapter committees and task forces. The President should have experience as a volunteer leader of a major organization and as the public representative of a professional group. Previous NASW leadership experience is a must.

First Vice President

In addition to filling in for the president as needed, the first vice president has the major responsibility of chairing the chapter's Program Committee. The Program Committee is responsible for developing or approving all programs (local and statewide) and policies related to programs. First vice presidents should have experience and be knowledgeable about strategic planning, personnel, and leadership development.

Secretary

The Secretary plays a key role in leadership and on the Board of Directors as the official recorder of Board and Executive Committee actions and business. A Secretary should have good listening and recording skills and be familiar with group process and group decision making.

Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for the financial affairs of the chapter and provides financial reports to the board of directors. The treasurer also chairs the chapter's Finance Committee which assists the treasurer in the development of the chapter's annual budget and fiscal policies. Members with experience in budgeting, revenue enhancement and fiscal controls are good candidates for treasurer.

Vice President for Membership

This Vice President oversees the membership and communications program for the Chapter. The Vice President for Membership provides critical and strategic thinking about how the Chapter recruits and retains members as well as what membership services the Chapter provides. The Vice President also provides similar oversight for the Chapter's communications programs including newspaper, website, email, etc. Leaders in this position have experience with NASW programs and services and insight regarding how the Chapter communicates with members and the public.

Vice President for Legislative and Political Affairs

This Vice President oversees the Chapter's legislative and political program including leading the effort to develop the Chapter's legislative agenda, and assisting with the formulation of positions on legislation and policy. The Vice President also provides leadership input to the Chapter's political program known as CalPACE. CalPACE's goal is to elect more social workers and social work friendly candidates to state level political office. At the local government level, CalPACE endorses social worker candidates for these positions. Leaders in this position should have experience in the legislative and political arena.

Vice President for Professional Development

This Vice President oversees the chapter's important continuing education and conference programs. The chapter helps social workers meet their ethical and professional obligations in keeping competent and up to date through the chapter's continuing professional education programs. Members for this position should be knowledgeable about professional growth and education.

Regional Officers

Members are also represented on the California NASW Board of Directors by officers elected regionally. Members elect two regional officers: the regional director and the assistant regional director. In some cases there is more than one assistant regional director. Only the regional director serves on the board of directors. Regional officers are responsible for NASW programs and activities in the chapter's nine regions.

Region D has an assistant director north and an assistant director south. Region F has an assistant director for Orange County and the Inland Empire. Region G has an assistant director for Ventura-Santa Barbara and for San Fernando-North LA.

Regions receive a budget allocation from the chapter and the regional officers are responsible for the allocation and control of that budget. Members interested in promoting local NASW activities would be good candidates for regional officer positions.

Student Directors (North and South)

Student directors are elected from the north and south to represent the interests of social work students (B.S.W. and M.S.W.) on the chapter board of directors. Student directors help maintain a network of student liaisons at each of California's schools of social work. Students interested in promoting professional social work issues both on and off campus would be good candidates for these positions.

Committee on Nominations and Leadership Identification (CNLI)

Members are elected to by their specific areas (regions) to this committee to identify, nominate and certify a slate of candidates for the various open chapter positions and to make recommendations for national positions. Committee members should be familiar with the elected positions of the chapter and with possible candidates.

Delegate Assembly

Every three years, NASW holds a virtual national assembly of delegates elected from around the country. The delegates adopt program priorities for the organization, changes to the *Code of Ethics* and public and social policy statements about a range of important social work topics. The 15 member California delegation consists of the Chapter President, 4 at large representatives, 9 regional representatives and 1 student representative. Delegates are elected for 3 year terms. Members who are interested in social and public policy as well as NASW's role in these arenas would be good candidates for these positions.