

IFSW Ambassador Update to the IFSW General Meeting 2018 – Dublin

As the IFSW Ambassador, I would like to thank the General Meeting and all of our Member Associations for providing me with the opportunity to serve IFSW. Duties are undertaken at no expense to IFSW.

Background:

The General Meeting appointed me as the IFSW Ambassador in 1994. This followed eight years as a member of the Executive, President for North America, and as IFSW President.

A role description was approved by the 1996 General Meeting. This role was established for the purpose of officially providing an opportunity to use existing networks, expertise, in-depth understanding and experience with IFSW for its benefit.

The IFSW Ambassador is accountable to the General Meeting. At all times, the IFSW Ambassador serves the mission and goals of IFSW within the policies set by the General Meeting. The IFSW Ambassador acts at the request of IFSW to carry out special assignments of programmatic and policy importance to IFSW.

Duties performed as the IFSW Ambassador over the last three decades include:

- Participating in the planning of the Calgary 2020 Global Conference**
- Supporting activities to preserve and enhance IFSW Archives**
- Engaging in outreach and recruitment of persons and organizations to become “Friends of IFSW.” This involves education, promotion and**

fund-development. I have served as a member of the “Friends” Advisory Committee. “Friends of IFSW” was founded during my IFSW Presidency to position IFSW to nurture linkages with new and existing supporters and to develop additional sources of non-dues revenue.

- Promoting IFSW’s organizational presence i.e., advancing the grant status of the World Urban Forum.**
- Providing information, marketing and public relations about IFSW to social workers, organizations, policy-makers, and the general public.**
- Serving on the Structure and Operations Committee**
- Participating in the performance evaluation of the Secretary General**
- Serving on the Non-Dues Revenue/Income Development Task Force**
- Reporting on the role and function of the Officer’s meeting**
- Reporting on the role and function of the Steering Committee**
- Serving on the Elections Committee**

As the IFSW Ambassador, I am committed to continuing to perform an important and meaningful role for IFSW.

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