



IFSW ETHICS COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT
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The ethics commission experienced a productive year. Since the approval of Global Social Work Statement of Ethical Principles approved in 2018, the committee has been busy promoting the Principles throughout the regions. Group efforts for the year include:

- Designing a logo for the commission
- Conducted 4 ethics commission skype meetings
- Participation in a global COVID 19 survey
- Participated in the production of:
 - Practising during pandemic conditions: Ethical guidance for social workers <https://www.ifsw.org/practising-during-pandemic-conditions-ethical-guidance-for-social-workers/>
 - Study Of The Ethical Challenges Faced By Social Workers During The Covid-19 Pandemic Published <https://www.ifsw.org/study-of-the-ethical-challenges-faced-by-social-workers-during-the-covid-19-pandemic-published/>
- Several regional ethics commissioners presented at the Global Social Work Online Conference titled: The 2020 to 2030 Social Work Global Agenda: Co-Building Social Transformation

North American Region/Global Ethics Commissioner Activities

- Appointment of a North American Region Ethics Commissioner – Dr. Kim Strom
- Global Ethics Commissioner presented on: International Social Work Practice: Ethical Issues and Responses at the Global Social Work Online Conference titled: The 2020 to 2030 Social Work Global Agenda: Co-Building Social Transformation.
- Research: June 2020 - The IFSW Ethics Commission formed a partnership with the Social Work Ethics Research Group (SWERG) to undertake rapid research on the ethical dilemmas that social workers are experiencing globally when responding to the COVID-19 crisis. The report from the research was presented at the online IFSW Global Conference on Saturday 18th July.
- Presentation: June 2020 – NASW National Conference virtual presentation: Hot Topics in Social Work Ethics: An Exploration of Common Ethical Dilemmas and Opportunities – A review of the IFSW Statement of Ethical Principles.

- Panelist: June 2020 - IFSW Africa Region webinar conversation: Say No to Racism
- Panelist: May 2020 – Participated in an IFSW webinar: IFSW & SWAN webinar Ethical Challenges for SW during COVID 19 Pandemic
- Meeting: March 2020 – met with Brian Auslander of the Israel region to assist with resolving the current sanction
- Meetings: Participated in several skype meetings regarding the Israel Union sanction
- Reviews: Reviewed Codes of Ethics including Mexico, Congo, Jordan, Togo and others

Goals for the next two years include:

- AN NASW webinar on International Social Work and Ethical Principles
- Paper developed by the ethics commission
- Continued reviews of country Codes of Ethics
- Addressing Racism and Ethics
- Developing tips on how to manage post COVID 19