March 6, 2024

David Jones, Elections Officer
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Dear David Jones:

Due to their common objectives, mutual dedication to the advancement of the social work profession, and acceptance of similar social work ethics and values, the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and the Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreeing to a collaborative relationship.

By signing the MOU, the two organizations have formalized the rotation of the International Federation of Social Workers (ISFW) North American President and ISFW Member at Large positions every two years.

In accordance with the MOU, please accept this letter as notice that NASW President, Mildred C Joyner and CASW President, Joan Davis-Whelan will be rotating positions as President and Vice-President of the IFSW North American Region.

That said, the CASW Board, at the request of IFSW, passed the following proposal on March 5, 2024 –

As per the NASW/CASW Memorandum of understanding, CASW President Joan Davis-Whelan, who, from June 2022 to March 2024 served as the IFSW North America President, has been nominated to serve as the Regional Vice-President for the North American Region of the IFSW Board of Directors and the Executive Committee effective March 31, 2024.

The CASW Board supports and endorses the nomination of Joan Davis-Whelan to the Executive Committee of IFSW as the North American Regional Vice President commencing March 2024. – Passed by consensus.
Please note that the position of CASW President will be voted on by the CASW Board and federation partners in June 2024. If Joan Davis-Whelan is not elected as the CASW President for the 2024-2026 term, CASW will communicate this to IFSW and the incoming CASW President will assume all roles and responsibilities as outlined by the NASW/CASW MOU and CASW Bylaws.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at fred.phelps@casw-acta.ca or 613.729.6668

Sincerely,

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Joan Davis-Whelan, MSW RSW
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