



PROFILE AND CURRICULUM VITAE OF NOMINEE

This profile and Curriculum Vitae is an IFSW Bylaws requirement and informs voting members of your experience and abilities for the position. It also provides valuable information for the IFSW office. By completing and signing it you are agreeing to be a nominee for this position. Please ensure that the completed form is no longer than five (5) pages using a Times New Roman 12 font and with margins no smaller than 0.75 cm on each side.

IFSW Position to which you seek nomination

President – North American Region

Candidate's Name and Country

Yvonne Elder Chase, United States

Social Work and Other Educational Qualifications (include institution and date)

Loyola University Chicago, Illinois
Bachelor of Science in Sociology - 1966

Howard University Washington, D.C.
Master's in Social Work - 1973

Norfolk State University Norfolk, Virginia
PhD in Social Work - 2009

Professional Affiliations

- Member, NASW (1983 - present); ACSW certification (1985 - present)
- National Board member, NASW (term: 1998 - 2001); Executive Committee member (1999-2000 & 2000-2001); President (2023-2026)
- Board member & Treasurer, NASWIC, (2009 – 2022)
 - Board member (Council on Standards for Human Service Education) (CSHSE) 2014- present
 - Board President – 2020 - present
- Vice President, International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW), North American Region (2023-2024)
- Member, IFSW (2010(?) – present)
- Member, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (1984-present)
- Member - Editorial Board for the Journal of Child Abuse & Neglect (2013 – present)

- Member – Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) (2016 – present)

Professional Leadership Experience over the past decade

- Professor & Chair, Department of Human Services (current)
 - University of Alaska Anchorage
- President of Council for Standards in Human Service Education (current)
- President, National Association of Social Workers [NASW](current)
- Gosnell Scholarship Committee, NASW (2012 – 2014) (2016-2018) (2020-2022)
 - Chair, Gosnell Scholarship Committee (NASW), (2012- 2014)
- Board member & Treasurer, NASW Insurance Company [NASWIC], (2009 – 2022)
- Kempe-Haruv Fellow (An International Study Group on Child Welfare) (2015 – 2020)
- Contributing Faculty at Walden University, School of Social Work (I teach in the MSW and Doctoral programs.) (2013-present)

National Association and Leadership Experience over the past decade

- President, National Association of Social Workers [NASW](current)
- Gosnell Scholarship Committee, NASW (2012 – 2014) (2016-2018) (2020-2022)
 - Chair, Gosnell Scholarship Committee (NASW), (2012- 2014)
- Board member & Treasurer, NASW Insurance Company [NASWIC], (2009 – 2022)
- Inducted into the NASW Pioneers (2015)

Community/Volunteer and Leadership Experience over the past decade

- Member of OPAG (Older Persons’ Action Group) An organization that publishes a monthly statewide newspaper for seniors.) (President 2014-2022)
- Leadership positions at the University of Alaska Anchorage
 - Member, Faculty Senate (AY2018/2019 – AY 2021/2022 – present)
 - Member of the MSW Admissions Committee (2014 – 2017) (2019-present)
 - Member of the Academic Dispute Committee (2020-present)
 - Chair of the College of Health Promotion & Tenure Committee (AY23/24)

Are you aware of the description, role and responsibilities attached to the position you wish to have within the IFSW Executive?

YES: X

NO:

If the answer is YES, please respond to the following questions:

a) What are the three most important responsibilities towards IFSW:

1. Strengthening global connectedness.
2. Creating a shared future for transformative change
3. Building global partnerships, based on ethics, shared values, and social justice.

b) What are the three most important responsibilities towards your Region:

1. Continuing a strong cross-country collaboration on issues impacting this region.
2. Strengthening the profession by continuing to provide joint presentations / webinars on best practice as well as international issues that impact this region.
3. Advocating for social justice for international refugees in both countries in this region.

c) What are the three most important responsibilities towards your national association?

1. Eliminate Systemic Racism to Achieve Liberation for All Racial and Ethnic Groups.
2. Take Action Against the Uprising Hate Against the LGBTQAI+ Community.
3. Promote and Ensure Fair and Equitable Salaries of Social Workers

Please demonstrate:

- **Commitment to the goals of IFSW as laid down in the Constitution**

According to the IFSW Constitution,

“Social workers make a unique, professional and critical contribution to society. They facilitate sustainable social outcomes that enable people and their communities to reach their potential for this and future generations.

IFSW supports social workers to achieve this through the following aims:

- **Partnerships:** Proactively building internal and external partnerships with people who use social work services and their wider communities; to ensure that social services recognize people’s inherent strengths and build on them to meet individual, family and community aspirations. Building partnerships to work for global solidarity, also partnerships with other professionals and within IFSW.
- **Action:** Facilitating international and regional cooperation for shared learning and joint action.
- **Policy:** Developing ethical statements and policies that enhance best social work practice.
- **Advocacy:** Advocating at global, regional and national levels for social justice, and individual, group, civic and cultural human rights. Advocating professional social work values, standards, ethics, human rights, recognition, training and working conditions.”

I support these goals and plan to be an active participant in implementation their implementation, which is essential for the protection of vulnerable populations around the world.

- **Possession of language(s) capabilities (preferably bilingual)**

English, with “limited” French

- **Identification with the region you represent, mainly by residence, work experiences, and knowledge of the main language(s) spoken in the region**

I represent the United States of America as President of NASW. I have lived in various parts of the United States but have resided in the state of Alaska for the last 40+ years and am a licensed clinical social worker. English is my primary language. While I have worked in clinical settings and have completed international adoption studies for families adopting from China and Russia, most of my work has been in the administrative and policy sectors.

- **Practical wisdom and objective interest in international affairs**

I have continued to have an interest in international affairs. I represented NASW in a meeting of the profession in South Korea a number of years ago, and have also presented at IFSW conferences. Below are some of my most recent presentations:

- Pacific Rim Conference on Disability & Diversity (Hawaii) (by Zoom)
 - *Presentation (with Jessica Ullrich): A Connectedness Framework for Systems Change within Child Welfare*
- 2021 – Kempe Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect
 - *Presentation (with Jessica Ullrich): A Connectedness Framework for Systems Change within Child Welfare*
- 2019 - 9th International Conference on Social Work in Health & Mental Health York, United Kingdom
 - *Presentation: Assessing the Needs of the Elderly: Cultural & Generational Challenges*
- 2018 - Social Work, Education & Social Development (SWSD2018) / International Conference / Dublin, Ireland
 - *Presentation: Client Engagement: The Impact of Culture and Historical Trauma on Vulnerable Populations*

- **Willingness and capacity to devote time to assume work responsibilities in the Executive or Regional Committee**

I am willing and capable of the work responsibilities associated with the position.

- **Ability, in so far as possible, to attend Executive or Regional Committee meetings**

While I have a busy schedule, these meetings are a priority, and I save the dates on my calendar as soon as they are scheduled.

- **Participation, so far as possible, as delegate of the General Meeting or attendance at IFSW Conferences**

I have attended IFSW conferences in the past and plan to be in attendance at future IFSW conferences as well as participating as a delegate at the General Meeting.

- **Any other information relevant to your nomination**

IFSW has and continues to provide the framework and support for social workers around the globe. I am honoured to be a part of the organization.

Signature and Date

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Yvonne Chase
Yvonne Eder Chase

March 14, 2024

Date