



# Aotearoa New Zealand IFSW Co-ordinating Body



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**RE: Nomination for Regional President, Asia-Pacific  
Rose Henderson**

The Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Workers Board and Tangata Whenua Social Workers Association through the Aotearoa New Zealand IFSW Co-ordinating Body is nominating Rose Henderson for the position IFSW Regional President, Asia-Pacific.

Following the Co-ordinating Body Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 there was an electronic vote by ANZASW Board Members on supporting the nomination with both the ANZASW Board Members and the Tangata Whenua Social Workers Association supporting this nomination. This was subsequently confirmed by motion at the recent Co-ordinating Committee on 15 April 2018.

***“Asia Pacific President nomination:***

*Co-ordinating Body confirmed its support for nomination with the following motion:*

*“That the Aotearoa New Zealand Co-ordinating Body formally nominates Rose Henderson for the position of President of IFSW Asia Pacific Region”. Moved Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Workers and seconded by Tangata Whenua Social Workers Association.”*

## **Demonstration of Leadership in ANZASW**

Rose Henderson has been a member of ANZASW for more than 35 years. In 2002 Rose was elected to the National Executive as the Secretary. The following year, 2003, Rose was elected to the role of National President. Rose held this position until November 2010. During this period, Rose led a review of the governance structure of ANZASW, moving from a National Executive Council structure to a Governance Board structure. Rose along with the Executive Officer worked with the membership to gain support for the implementation of a Governance Board structure. In developing the Board structure, the Tangata Whenua

caucus was consolidated to underpin the bi-cultural partnership in the governance and operation of ANZASW.

In April 2016, following Special General meeting processes Rose was re-appointed as the National President of an Interim Governance Board, a position she held until the Annual General Meeting in November 2016 when she was elected as a governance board member – a position she continues to hold currently.

### **Demonstration of leadership in promoting social work**

Within Aotearoa New Zealand Rose ensured that the ANZASW Code of Ethics and Social Work Practice Standards were reviewed and amended to ensure that they were aligned to the IFSW documentation and expectations for social work practice.

While Rose supports mandatory registration of social workers in Aotearoa New Zealand, she is a strong proponent of both professional and regulatory accountability and the value of both a strong professional and regulatory body.

As Director of Allied Health, Specialist Mental Health Services at Canterbury DHB Rose has actively encouraged the DHB Social Work Leaders Forum to provide a means to promote dialogue about innovate ways to deliver health social work in the future.

Rose has regularly presented at international social work events, including:

- Presenter at IFSW Asia Pacific Regional Conference, Manila 2013
- Presenter at IFSW Asia Pacific Regional Conference, Bangkok 2015
- Presenter at IFSW Global Conference, Seoul 2016
- Presenter at IFSW Asia Pacific Regional Conference, Shenzhen 2017
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In addition, Rose has presented at numerous national and international events over the past decade.

Rose has a strong commitment to competent social work practice. By way of demonstrating this Rose has been active in promoting professional accountability through membership of the professional body and the regulatory body as well as the leadership role she has in her employment. She actively participates in review processes of each of these, where her focus is always on better outcomes for consumers and their families and greater accountability of the profession through sound ethical and professional practice.

### **Identification with the Asia Pacific region**

From 2007 – 2014, Rose supported the Asia Pacific Region as the Regional Secretary. In 2014 Rose was elected as the Asia Pacific Member at large for 2 years, a position she was confirmed in unopposed in 2016 as the Regional Vice President. Rose has a very good understanding of the complex cultural and linguistic diversity of the region and the issues faced by the Associations within the region.

As above Rose has been a regular presenter and supporter of the regional conferences.

During Rose's initial tenure as President of ANZASW the Association assisted with the development of the inaugural Indigenous Policy. More recently she has supported mechanisms within IFSW to strengthening of the indigenous networks and voice.

Of particular relevance has been Rose's leadership role in ensuring a comprehensive Asia Pacific contribution to the Biennial publication of the Global Agenda Report. In the regional conferences held in both Thailand and China, a workshop was held where attendees presented what they had undertaken in support of the global agenda theme. From this Rose has collated and edited the Asia Pacific chapter.

This year, In March 2018, Rose represented the Regional President and spoke at the World Social Work Day event held in the United Nations in Bangkok.

### **Commitment to IFSW Goals**

Rose has a commitment to the goals and aims of IFSW. She has worked to promote the social work values, standards, ethics, human rights, recognition and training. Rose is committed to the development of national social work organisations to support social workers in their own nations, encouraging the promotion of indigenous models and ways of working. Rose has been active in leading discussions and exchange of ideas.

During her term as Regional Vice President, Rose has also provided leadership with respect to a number of IFSW policy developments including International Trade agreements, Cross Border assessments of Children, developing a mediation policy as well as actively participating in the IFSW Constitution and By-law reviews and the revised Ethical principles, currently under review. She also maintained close linkages with those developing the Regional amplification of the International Definition of Social work.

### **IFSW Responsibilities**

Rose's employer the Canterbury District Health Board has been indicated that there would be supportive of Rose in carrying out her role within IFSW. ANZASW and the Co-ordinating committee have also indicated their continuing support for Rose's work within IFSW.

There are no known impediments to Rose's ability to meet IFSW obligations or actively participate in Executive Meetings should she be elected to this role.

### **Summary**

Rose Henderson has the experience and competence to work with people from a wide variety of cultures and nationalities. She is passionate about social work, social justice and the professional identity of social workers. In addition, she has the essential skills in strategic planning, project development and governance that have proved useful in promoting the development of ANZASW and we believe, has been evidenced in her work for the Region and on the IFSW Executive committee over the past 4 years.

It is this experience of the past 4 years which we believe places Rose in the best position to provide continued leadership of the region for the coming term. We are aware that Rose has worked very closely with the current Regional President, Mariko Kimura, for whom she

holds a great deal of respect and is sincerely appreciative of Mariko's mentoring and the generous way she has fostered succession planning in her support of Rose.

Aotearoa New Zealand has been an active participant in IFSW at both the regional and global levels, but we have never before held the position of Regional President. We believe that with the demonstrated commitment and work history that Rose has provided, she is well placed to step into this leadership role. We are aware that if she was elected to this role, Rose would seek a strong partner from the Asian membership as Vice-president to work collaboratively with - similar to how Rose and Mariko have worked in the past in order to continue to strengthen our region and provide further opportunities for succession planning.

We support Rose's nomination to further utilise her knowledge, passion and commitment to work for IFSW and international social work, to ensure that the valuable work of IFSW is continued with the assistance of her skills and experience.

Mauri ora mai



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ANZASW President



Robyn Corrigan  
Tangata Whenua Social Workers Association