

**CASW Executive Minute**

July 3, 2024

**Attendance:**

Barb Whitenect, President  
Glenda Webber, Treasurer  
Joan Davis-Whelan, Past President

**1. Welcome**

**CASW President welcomed Executive.**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Agenda approved with addition of Summer Student Extension – 4.5

**3. Approval of June 7, 2024 Minutes**

Approved as presented.

**4. New Business**

**4.1 The WAPR Congress and the Canadian Recovery Conference – [PSR Canada](#)**

Partners In Recovery approached CASW to partner in their delivery of the World Congress of World Association For Psychosocial Rehabilitation (WAPR) in September 2025 in Vancouver, BC. No financial obligation rather marketing and minor organizational support.

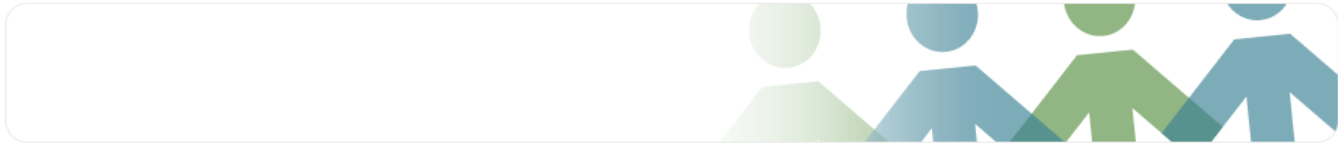
**Proposal:**

That CASW partner with Partners In Recovery in support of 2025 World Congress of World Association For Psychosocial Rehabilitation.

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**4.2 IFSW NA Region VP – Nomination**

The IFSW nominations process requires that CASW adopt a proposal endorsing the CASW President as the IFSW NA Region VP



**PROPOSAL:**

As per the NASW/CASW Memorandum of Understanding, newly elected CASW President Barb Whitenect has been nominated to serve as the Regional Vice-President for the North American Region.

CASW supports and endorses the nomination of Barb Whitenect as the North American Regional Vice President commencing June 9, 2024.

ABC

4.3 June 2025 Federation Meetings

CASW ED met with NSCSW ED to discuss potential options for hosting the 2025 federation meetings. NSCSW ED noted that their Council reaffirmed their policy to actively seek out and select venues that align with decolonization values, thereby contributing to a more inclusive and respectful event environment that recognizes the historical injustices and ongoing impacts of colonization.

Given the discussion regarding the experience of the regulators at Millbrook First Nations, NSCSW proposes holding the meetings in Sydney, Cape Breton at the [Membertou Trade and Convention Centre](#) with accommodation at the distance from the [Hampton Inn by Hilton Sydney](#). NSCSW is also exploring other options that upholds its commitments to venue selection.

The CASW Executive support upholding NSCSW decolonization policy as tangible actions that support the ongoing journey of reconciliation. As the EDIB Board Committee moves forward, the Executive suggests similar policy could potentially be considered for CASW.

Specific to Sydney, the CASW Executive noted the added travel time and expense will need to be a consideration given the cost of flights and lack of direct connections. Overall, the CASW Executive supports the Membertou Trade and Convention Centre Sydney as an option. The CASW ED will report back other potential options NSCSW brings forward.

**ACTION:**

CASW ED to connect with NSCSW to discuss hosting the 2025 federation meetings at the Membertou Trade and Convention Centre Sydney as well as to explore other options that uphold NSCSW policy.



#### 4.4 [Sundar Prize Film Festival](#) - \$2500 Sponsorship

CASW sponsored the first annual Sundar Prize Film Festival that has a vision for a world where film is a powerful tool for social change, where diverse communities and causes are represented and celebrated, and where impactful storytelling inspires action towards a more just and equitable society. CASW sponsored \$2500 through BMS Sponsorship.

CASW ED noted the festival is organized by a Social Worker and has a focus on EDIB. CASW President noted that other sponsorships of similar events should be considered in the future.

#### PROPOSAL:

That CASW Sponsor the 2025 Sundar Prize Film Festival for \$2500 through the BMS Sponsorship fund.

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#### 4.5 Summer Student Extension

CASW ED noted that the Archivist Summer Student position ends in two weeks. The current contract is 270 hours and subsidized through the federal summer’s student program. CASW ED is seeking additional funds to extend the contract up to 6 weeks to upload the digital archives to JSTOR for public access. CASW would cover the full wage of \$25.50 per hour for 30 hours a week up to 6 week – approximately \$6000.

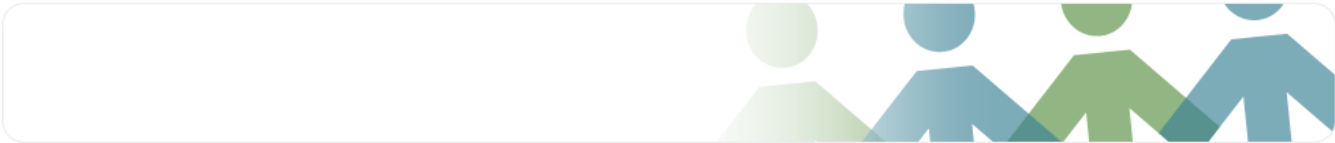
That CASW extend the 2023 Summer Student position to a maximum of 6 weeks or \$6,000 in a separate short-term contract.

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### 5. **Old Business**

#### 5.2 June 8-9, CASW Federation Meetings – Cancelled Rooms

CASW noted that the Pinnacle Hotel in Vancouver charged CASW over \$7,500 room cancellation fees for unused rooms under contract. Typically, at the cut-off date for rooms in the contract, the rooms are released – three months in advance of the meeting date. CASW did not explicitly ask them to release the rooms. CASW also did request additional rooms after the release date – on different dates – to accommodate CCSWR requests.



The CASW ED asked in many ways for a release or reduction of the cancellation policy however they held ground and billed the additional charge. In connecting with industry contacts, this has become standard procedure to maximize short term profits over long term relationships.

CASW will invoice CCSWR their portion of the cancellation charges.

**5. Next Meeting Date**

Additional Items Reviewed not on the agenda:

- CASW application to the Community Resilience Fund (CFR) for \$394,000 over two years will be submitted early in July with a start date of October 1, 2024, if funded.
- CASE ED will update Budget projects based on SASW remaining in the federation and a CRF funded project. If both hold, CASW could potentially realize an excess of \$250,000 surplus over the next two years.

Next meeting date TBD.