



Asian and Pacific Association for Social Work Education

APASWE ELECTION 2017

The Nominations Committee was constituted under the Article VII of the Constitution of APASWE:

- Assoc Prof Mark Henrickson, Massey University, Aotearoa New Zealand, Chair
- Assoc Prof Yolanda Ealdama, University of the Philippines- Diliman, Philippines
- Asst Prof Keshav Walke, Matru Sewa Sangh Institute of Social Work, India

The APASWE Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the candidates for election to the APASWE Board as follows. (*Candidates are listed in English alphabetical order by FAMILY NAME; No professional titles are used on the listing or ballot. 'Univ' means 'University' and is the only abbreviation used.*). Candidate biographical sketches, photos and personal statements are found in the same order attached to this message. There is no ballot attached to this document; ballots will be sent out in hard copy with voting instructions to all paid members on by 14 August.

President (this position is uncontested)

Zulkarnain Ahmad HATTA (Lincoln University College, Malaysia)

Nominated by:

Takashi FUJIOKA, Japan College of Social Work (Japan)

Zarina Mat SAAD, Univ Utara Malaysia (Malaysia)

Secretary (vote for 1)

David ROSE (Univ of Melbourne, Australia)

Nominated by:

Marie CONNOLLY, Univ of Melbourne (Australia)

Lynette JOUBERT, Univ of Melbourne (Australia)

Shirley WORLAND (Chiang Mai Univ, Thailand)

Nominated by:

Thapin PHATCHARANURAK, Chiang Mai Univ (Thailand)

Rangsima WIWATWONGWANA, Chian Mai Univ (Thailand)

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Board Members (vote for 3)

Ranier V. ALMAZAN (Univ of the Philippines-Diliman, Philippines)

Nominated by:

Mary Lou L. ALCID, Univ of the Philippines-Diliman (Philippines)

Nel K. Labrador, Lourdes College (Philippines)

Adi FAHRUDIN (Univ of Muhammadiyah Jakarta, Indonesia)

Nominated by:

Muria HERLINA, Univ of Bengkulu (Indonesia)

Almisar HAMID, Univ of Muhammadiyah Jakarta (Indonesia)

Tracie MAFILE'O (Massey Univ, Aotearoa New Zealand)

Nominated by:

Kieran O'DONOGHUE, Massey University (Aotearoa New Zealand)

Wheturangi WALSH-TAPIATA, Te Wananga o Aotearoa (Aotearoa New Zealand)

Melba L. MANAPOL (Ateneo de Davao Univ, Philippines)

Nominated by:

Evangeline M GUINTO, University of Mindanao (Philippines)

Bagian Aleyssa ABDULKARIM (Western Mindanao State University, Philippines)

Md. Habibur RAHMAN (The People's Univ of Bangladesh)

Nominated by:

Decha SUNGKAWAN, Thammasat Univ (Thailand)

Tulshi Kumar DAS, Shahjalal Univ of Science & Technology (Bangladesh)

Viktor Virag (Nagasaki International Univ)

Nominated by:

Zulkarnain HATTA, Lincoln Univ College (Malaysia)

Yasuhiro KUROKI, Doshisha Univ (Japan)

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Nominee brief biographies, photos (if supplied) and personal statements

President

Zulkarnain HATTA (uncontested)

Brief biography (no photo supplied)

I am a professor in Social Work with 30 years of experience at Universiti Sains Malaysia, and presently working at Lincoln University College in Malaysia. All academic degrees were obtained from the United States of America - BA in Criminal Justice, Master in Social Work, and Doctor in Social Work. I have supervised more than a score of Master and 15 PhD graduates. The publications, conference presentations, consultation work, research conducted, and reviewing manuscripts in several peer-reviewed journals are testaments to an overall roundedness of my academic career. At the international level, I was a visiting scholar at Japan College of Social Work, Tokyo, Japan and Sekolah Tinggi Kesejahteraan Sosial, Bandung, Indonesia. I have been a Board member of APASWE since 2006 and was instrumental in organizing the 2007 conference in Penang, Malaysia. Recently, I was invited to be part of the teaching team of the Shukutoku University graduate school.

Personal statement

I have been actively associated with APASWE since 2006. Initially I was a co-opt member assigned with the task of organizing the regional conference of 2007 in Penang, Malaysia. With the support of the then president, Dr. Rajendren Muthu, and the Board, the conference was a success attracting over a thousand participants. From 2010-2013 I was the Secretary and worked closely with Prof. Tatsuuru Akimoto, then the president. Since 2013, I am the Vice President. With almost a decade association with the organization, the experience gained from interacting with colleagues from the region has prepared me to take another step forward – to run for the post of President. APASWE is an important organization and must play an important role in establishing functional relationship and activities with all its members. Since the organization prides itself in social work education, activities gearing towards that should be more apparent benefitting its members. Together with the Board and senior members, I hope to make APASWE meaningful for social work educators in the region. Apart from the traditional regional conferences, more activities can be undertaken in order to make the organization more visible and useful regionally. Hence, regular communication with institutional members must be pursued.

Secretary (vote for 1)

David ROSE

Brief biography



Dr David Rose is Senior Lecturer in Social Work at the University of Melbourne, Australia. He teaches into the Master of Social Work (MSW) qualifying course and has a large supervision load of postgraduate research students. He has a strong interest in learning and teaching and the development of social work education, and is Chair of the Department of Social Work's Teaching and Learning Committee. Prior to taking up an

academic position in 2008, he worked for many years in clinical, management, program design and evaluation roles with NGOs and government within the alcohol and other drug treatment, offender support and forensic mental health areas. He has a significant history of involvement in social work representative bodies having been a Committee Member, Vice-President and President of the Victorian branch of Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).

Personal Statement

I am nominating for the position of Secretary of the APASWE Board. As a professional social worker my career has spanned many years in management and direct practice followed by the last decade in academic social work. I have a long term interest in development of the social work profession evidenced through many years in elected roles with the social work professional association in Australia. I would bring this range of experience to the APASWE Board role along with the strong support of my employer, the University of Melbourne, which has one of the oldest university social work programs in Australia. Social work education across the Asia-Pacific region is diverse and at various stages of development which presents challenges, but many opportunities, for the profession to grow and advance. APASWE has been a key body in bringing together social work education across this diverse region and in representing the issues in the ongoing development of social work, and if elected I would aim to contribute to an ongoing strong role for APASWE in the Asia-Pacific region.

Shirley WORLAND

Brief biography



I completed my Bachelor of Social Work (Hons.) from the University of Queensland, Australia in 1992 with my career mostly in health social work in Mackay, Australia and later in Child Protection in Stirling, Scotland. I completed my PhD study from the same university in 2010 with research focusing on the identity of refugee Karen on the Thai-Burma border and in resettlement in Australia. Until the present time, my research and publications have all been related to different aspects of refugee Karen – literacy, acculturation, education and spirituality. From 2007-2013, I was Director and founder of a Refugee College for Karen youth in Phopra, Thailand working in a voluntary capacity. Since 2013 to present time, I am a Lecturer with the Faculty of Social Science, Chiang Mai University, though I maintain close links to the refugee Karen community on the Thai-Myanmar border, Tak Province.

Personal Statement

Thank you for this opportunity to nominate for either of the position of Secretary APASWE or a Committee member APASWE at the forthcoming elections in September, 2017. My background is in Social Work with both my undergraduate and doctoral studies being completed in what was the Faculty of Social Work and later the School of Social Work and Human Services, University of Queensland, Australia. The majority of my social work career in Australia was in the area of health. However, I concurrently taught social welfare subjects at the Technical and Further Education College, Mackay for

three years from 1996-1998. More recently, I have focused my professional work in social science education utilizing my social work skills and knowledge in many of the subjects I teach.

I became a member of APASWE in 2013 and attended and presented at the last conference in Bangkok. Since becoming a member, I have followed with keen interest the events of the association and its aims and objectives. I am very keen to be more involved in sharing research knowledge and social work education with members across the Asia Pacific region.

Members (vote for 3)

Ranier V. ALMAZAN

Brief biography



V. Almazan is Associate Professor of Social Work at the College of Social Work and Community Development, University of the Philippines (UP) in Diliman, Quezon City. UP Diliman is the first and only Center of Excellence in Social Work in the Philippines. Rainier is a licensed social worker with a master's degree in Development Management from the Asian Institute of Management. He has extensive experience in social work and development as an organizer, trainer, and executive director of NGOs. He has also engaged in social research, e.g. active ageing in ASEAN, disability, social protection strategies in response to crises, and decent work in Philippine agriculture. An active contributor to advancing Social Work education in the Philippines, Rainier serves as trainer of Social Work educators, and helps in organizational development of the National Association for Social Work Education, Inc.(NASWEI), where he was National Vice-President and board member in 2012-2013 and 2015-2016, respectively.

Personal Statement

I wish to register my intention to serve as a Board member of APASWE for the period 2017 – 2019. In case I get elected, I would like to contribute to strengthening APASWE as a regional aggregation of schools of social work in Asia and the Pacific: The main strategy for strengthening APASWE from my vantage point is to improve communication between and among member-schools and individual members. Specifically this can be achieved by: 1) Further improve the website of the APASWE and its allied social media platform in Facebook in terms of its content, readability and projection in order to increase its "fan base" especially among social workers, educators and social work students in Asia and Pacific. 2) Use these websites and other social media platforms to increase collaboration and coordination among APASWE's members and feedbacking between the leadership and the general membership. 3) Explore the possibility of storing official documents, documentation and minutes of the meetings of the board that can be easily access by board members and school members in the "cloud".

Adi FAHRUDIN

Brief biography



PROFESSOR ADI FAHRUDIN is a Professor of Social Work at the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, University of Muhammadiyah Jakarta, Indonesia. Since 2016, he appointed as Visiting Professor and Research Fellow at Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Malaysia. He has also taught at the Bandung College of Social Welfare, State Islamic University Yogyakarta, Bogor University of Agriculture, University of Muhammadiyah Jakarta, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, National University of Malaysia and University of Science Malaysia. He obtained a Doctorandus (Drs) in Social Work from the Bandung College of Social Welfare in 1991, Master of Social Science (Social Work) (1996) and PhD (1999) at University of Science Malaysia. Prof Adi research focuses in micro social work practice, disaster, aging, social work education and training, child abuse and neglect, transnational marriage, psychosocial of terminal illness, indigenous social work, religion and social work especially Islamic social work model.

Personal statement

With my qualification, experience, and social networking, I feel called to contribute for the advancement of social work education in the Asia Pacific region. I can contribute more to the dynamic of APASWE organization. APASWE should not be stationary, and should become stronger with increased members and their cooperation. All members must feel that they belong to the organization, and the organization should provide important benefits to members, including guidelines, guidance, and supervision, especially to social work programs in countries that have not yet reached the expected standard. APASWE should transform itself into a strong, respected and breakthrough program as required by the social work community in the region. Scholarships, fellowships, postdoctoral, journals publishing, coaching to junior social work educators, and partnerships with social work education organizations in each country are increasingly needed. IASSW also needs collaboration and a solid partnership so that each party can play their role respectively. I determined to become one of the Board Members of APASWE with a mission to make contribution to development of social work education in Asia and Pacific. APASWE program and strategy must be reformed. I hope all of you will be with me to make history to our APASWE.

Tracie MAFILE'O

Brief biography



Dr Mafile'o has more than 17 years' higher education experience including social work education at the undergraduate up to doctorate levels, and academic administration. Her professional career has included roles in New Zealand, Australia and Papua New Guinea. Dr Mafile'o completed a Bachelor of Social Work (first class honours) from Massey University, New Zealand in the early 1990s. Her PhD, completed at Massey in 2006, explored Tongan social work practice. Subsequent research and publications include Pacific indigenous social work, HIV prevention, youth leadership and

development and research capacity strengthening. Previously holding the position of Deputy Vice-Chancellor at Pacific Adventist University located in Papua New Guinea, she is currently a Senior Lecturer in the School of Social Work, Massey University. Dr Mafile'o is of Tongan and New Zealand Pakeha ethnicity.

Personal statement

I would be pleased to serve as an APASWE Board member to contribute strategic leadership and to promote exchange and cooperation in social work in general and social work education in particular in the Asia and Pacific region. I believe APASWE has a key leadership role in supporting partnerships to foster culturally relevant social work education and practice in the region. Through dialogue and relationship-building, we can learn more from each other to enhance responsive social work diversity across the region. My vision includes enhanced Pacific participation and voice in APASWE, contributing to the social justice imperatives of social work. Recently, I led the organisation of the first South Pacific Island social work education symposium in Fiji, bringing together indigenous and other educators and practitioners to dialogue and advance Pacific social work. I am also co-editor for a new Routledge textbook on Pacific Social Work. I can bring to the Board experience in governance in both University and NGO settings. I am particularly committed to promoting indigenous knowledges in the region and creating positive collegial relationships to effectively address social justice, equality and social development.

Melba MANAPOL

Brief biography



Melba Laguna-Manapol, RSW, PhD is an associate professor and SW Department Head of Ateneo de Davao University, a higher education institution located in Davao City, Philippines. As Social Work educator, Dr. Manapol constantly engaged in research, engagement and consultancy. She was contributing author of the book 'Social Work Education and Practice: Scholarship and Innovation in Asia Pacific', a publication by APASWE. She also partnered with Japan College of Social Work on a research project "Islamic Social Work Practice: Experiences of Muslim Activities in Asia, published in March 2016. She also serves as member of the editorial board of International Journal of Social Work and Human Service Practice. Other than research, Dr. Manapol served as consultant and trainer for the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), cooperatives, Non-Government Organizations and international organizations such as UNICEF and UNFPA. She is currently president of National Association for Social Work Education Inc. (NASWEI).

Personal statement

This is to signify my intent to serve the APASWE as member of the Board of Directors. I believe in the vision and mission of the association and I agree that the association's immediate purpose includes exchanging information and resource, helping each other for development and creating a community of social work education and researchers and being their voice in the society. It is in collaboration and

partnerships that organizations prosper. Schools of Social Work in the Asian and Pacific regions need to work together to be able to respond effectively to issues and realities they are confronted with. In most cases these realities and issues are not only focused on issues in education but also in the practice as well. The development and improvement of the curriculum in the Social Work Education among Asian schools need to be prioritized. These and more are the concerns that should be addressed by the APASWE.

If given the chance to serve, I will be bringing with me my experiences, competencies and skills in research, training, teaching and community extension.

Md Habibur RAHMAN

Brief biography



I Md. Habibur Rahman have been teaching social work as Assistant Professor and Head at the Department of Sociology & Social Work in The People's University of Bangladesh located at 3/2 Asad Avenue, Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh since 1st July 2010. I have been responsible with the position of Proctor (Chief of Disciplinary Wing) and honored as Member of the Syndicate (the highest authority body) of the University since 2013. In addition, I have been working as Executive Editor of our university academic journal which places my research neck. Apart from teaching, I am actively involved in various social work events and activities such as seminars, workshops and conferences both home and abroad. I regularly organize seminars and workshops on different contemporary issues where I invite social work academicians and scholars that expand social work throughout the country. I always prefer to maintain a wide range of communication with social work academicians and practitioners throughout the world.

Personal statement

As a social work graduate, at the very outset of my statement, I must expose my compassion for the expansion of social work as an academic discipline and practice based profession. It is widely known to us that social work's growth and development is not still seen in mass level through the developing countries in particular Asia and Pacific region. Though social work was supposed to be widely and equally functional both in academic and practice fields, it has not still so close to the expected position. In Bangladesh, social work is taught in total five public and three private universities, which is really a matter of hope but the expansion of social work as a profession in terms of practice is touches the base. We are few young social work graduates have been trying to organize some events and highlighting social work among the participants. I would like to gladly mention that we have celebrated World Social Work Day 2016 and 2017 hugely holding colorful human chain, rally and daylong national seminar on the theme which was shared in different print and electronic media. In the both events, I invited a number of 20 development organizations' representatives, social elites, academicians and practitioners. Students from different universities were present as core participants in the seminars. At the end, I must say that I assume a firm vision and commitment to up bring social work as a prestigious profession in my country by the support and guidance of international bodies.

Viktor VIRAG**Brief biography**

I am a Full-time Senior Lecturer of Social Work at Nagasaki International University. Originally born and raised in Hungary, a country with strong historical and cultural ties to Asia, I moved to the region after high school graduation. I have been involved with social work while located in Japan, where I have earned my BA in Sociology, as well MA and Ph.D. degrees in Social Work. I have gained most of my research and educational experience at the Japan College of Social Work and other member schools in Tokyo. My interests focus on diversity issues. I have been engaged in joint international projects related to social work education involving several countries from the region. I have directly worked with APASWE on many instances, including my secretarial and committee functions at JASWE (formerly JASSW; where I have also assisted with a provisional translation of the APASWE Constitution) and IFSW-AP.

Personal statement

It is a true honor to be nominated for Committee (Board) Member by Prof Hatta of Lincoln University College from Malaysia (Former Vice President, APASWE) and Prof. Kuroki of Doshiha University from Japan (Director for International Affairs, JASWE); especially since my university was scheduled to be a venue of the 2003 regional conference that unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the SARS outbreak. If elected I would like to faithfully fulfill all duties assigned to me in the organization. Considering my background as stated in my Biographical Sketch, if awarded the confidence, I plan to focus on strengthening relationships between APASWE and other stakeholders on all levels. Given my roots and personal networks around the world, I hope to contribute to APASWE's global links. Based on my experience with Asian and Pacific organizations, I wish to facilitate beneficial collaboration on the regional level. Building on my work at JASWE, I feel that I could promote ties with national associations. I would do my best to further organizational progress primarily with harmonious and peaceful relationships in mind that are worthy of not just my university's motto (*Always with humanity, always from the heart*), the 'Nagasaki' name, but **social work** itself.