

## ***Policy Review Panelist Role Description***

### **Role**

To develop, edit, and/or update policy statements, as part of a policy statement review panel. These policies are published in *Social Work Speaks*, which sets the parameters for NASW's positions and actions on a broad range of public and professional issues while acting in the interest of the Association and profession as a whole.

### **Responsibilities**

- Serves as a topical and/or policy expert to the assigned policy panel
- Ensures that the policy statement is aligned with NASW's mission, *Code of Ethics*, and professional values
- Assists in the reviewing of the assigned policy and provides a recommendation to leave the policy statement as is, revise and update the policy statement, combine the policy statement with another policy statement, or eliminate the policy statement
- Contributes to a meaningful dialogue regarding the policy and subject matter either through e-mail or teleconference, and provides constructive feedback in a timely manner to fellow panelists and NASW staff
- Ensures the policy statement addresses all relevant concerns regarding the particular issue and avoids prescribing action or implementation
- Ensures that all statistics, data, citations, quotations, etc. are timely and appropriately referenced in APA format

### **Time Commitment**

- Participate in one hour orientation webinar
- Participates in conference calls with the policy panel and NASW staff
- Allows time in schedule to review drafts of the policy and provide feedback during the approximately policy review process
- Participates in other conference calls as determined necessary by the policy review panel

### **Qualifications**

- Experience in the relevant field of practice and expertise on the topic and policy
- Leadership experience in public and private organizations, particularly NASW, is highly desirable
- Knowledge of how NASW uses the policy statements
- Ability to collaborate with NASW staff and fellow panelists
- NASW membership is required