

Specialty Practice Sections Responsibilities of the Committee Member

The Specialty Practice Sections (SPS) were developed by NASW to better respond to its membership's specialized practice interests and growing diversity. Each Section is appointed a five-member committee that advises on topics of interest and relevancy to social work practitioners. To that end, the Sections' committee members:

- Provide content for practice-specific articles. Committee members are responsible for producing one article per term for their *SectionConnection* newsletter. The article should be at least two pages, double-spaced and adhere to the NASW Author's Guidelines. Articles should be directly related to the practice specialty. The committee member or author invited by the committee member can write the articles. Please note, outside of the committee, NASW staff and NASW members may also contribute to article writing. An article submission deadline schedule will be given to each committee member. Committee members may also be called on to generate timely information for the Professional Development blog and other relevant resource requiring written content.
- Section chairs are responsible for writing two From the Chair columns per term for their *SectionConnection* newsletter.
- May be asked to serve in different roles for the Section's online communities.
- Each committee should have two conference calls per term one to determine the content for each newsletter produced.
- All committee members contribute to deciding on the theme for the InterSections in Practice, annual bulletin. Each Section must contribute one article to the InterSections in Practice.
- On occasion, committee members are linked with the NASW Communications Department to serve as expert spokespersons. Frequently, committee members are asked to assist in the identification of Section members as potential leaders within the association and may be called up for special projects such as revising standards doing media interview, blog writing or Twitter chats.
- Support section recruitment and outreach. Occasionally, committee members are asked to represent the association on behalf of the Sections. NASW encourages committee members to promote the Sections and recruit new members whenever an opportunity presents itself. Recruitment materials are always available for distribution.