

Specialty Practice Sections

Responsibilities of the Alternate 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 and up to three alternates committee members per each Section. To that end, the Sections' alternate committee members:

- Will be appointed to fill a vacant seat committee if a committee member is unable to finish his or her term for any reason. A full list of committee responsibilities have been provided for your convenience.
- Alternates will assume various roles within the online communities helping to generate dialogue, post information and engage in chats with the different discussion groups along with other duties to be determined. (Note more details will be forthcoming about the online communities that are to launch late 2017/early 2018.)
- Contributes to deciding on the theme for the InterSections in Practice, annual bulletin.
- May serve as content/subject matter experts for practice standards, policies, and continuing education resources and media commentaries.
- May serve as contributing bloggers for NASW's Practice and Professional Development Social Work blog.
- May be asked to generate interest in and participate in Sections' Twitter Chats.
- Occasionally serves as content providers for Sections news and information including writing or soliciting articles for the newsletters on a variety of different topics related to social work and social work practice.
- May serve as a resource for policy issues such as legislative testimony and regulatory comments.