

Ginny Heredia Bio and Platform Statement

Position: Secretary

Biographical statement

Ginny Heredia is the current Secretary of the National Association of Social Workers International Chapter, a position she has held since 2009. Ginny received her Master in Social Work in 2004 from the Catholic University of America National Catholic School of Social Service. Ginny currently works at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center's Department of Behavioral Health's, U.S. Army Family Advocacy Program.

Please describe why you wish to be elected to the International Chapter Board of Directors.

I have been a Board Member of the National Association of Social Workers International Chapter since 2009. I believe that the Chapter does a great job in trying to connect with and engage Social Workers who work outside the United States. I believe in its mission "to promote the well-being of individuals, families and communities." I wish I can continue to be a part of our Chapter because I believe our chapter has great potential for growth and can provide support to those Social Workers who in turn provide support to our families who live abroad.

What talents or skills do you bring to the International Chapter?

I bring the experience of the last two years in the Secretary position. I am organized, task oriented, and passionate about supporting our Social Workers and the Social Work profession.

Describe your professional and community activities that demonstrate your leadership capacity.

For the past three years, I have been involved in promoting the Social Work profession especially during Social Work Awareness Month. I have planned and organized activities that help promote the Social Work profession and I have planned and organized activities networking and morale-boosting activities.

Most of my leadership experience has been around church groups in the Archdiocese of Washington. I have been in many roles in my parish community to include Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Parish Council and other religious groups within the parish and archdiocese. I have been on the board of an Archdiocesan Lay Institute and a House of Discernment for Women. Throughout these different religious organizations, I have helped organize many events to include pilgrimages, youth events and retreats. I have also helped in the administration and direction of these organizations and have provided monthly, quarterly and annual reports.

A significant achievement was a mission trip to El Salvador. In El Salvador, I was able to give a 3-day presentation to 20 Social Workers and Psychologists from El Salvador and Nicaragua. These professionals worked with adolescent human trafficking victims in shelters and desired more knowledge about working with adolescents, purpose and function of shelters, and burnout. I was able to visit one shelter and a home for girls and was able to interact with the girls in the shelter. I did a therapeutic exercise with them called "Behind the Mask." The girls made masks that represented them and what they had been through. They painted these masks and processed the meaning of every color and every design they put on it. This exercise allowed space for forgiveness and healing.

Platform Statement

What can you bring to NASW International Chapter and Chapter members?

Working in the different community organizations, parish communities, and mental health agencies, I have gained the experienced require to fulfill the Secretary position. As the Secretary of the NASW International Chapter, I plan to use my organization, computer skills and knowledge of the Social Work profession to achieve the highest level of performance, while bringing diversity and international experience in the field.

Jeanne Jahosky Bio Statement

Position: At Large Member

Biographical statement

Jeanne Jahosky received her MSW from Florida State University in 1999. After graduation, Jeanne provided clinical treatment to children ages 0-8 and their families in the child welfare system for the state of Florida. Licensed as a Clinical Social Worker in April 2002, Jeanne then moved to Schweinfurt, Germany and began working with Service Members reintegrating back into their European duty stations after deployment to Iraq, in January 2005. In 2006, Jeanne then moved to Kaiserslautern, Germany where she worked at Army Community Services in the New Parent Support Program for more than two years.

Since May 2008, Jeanne has been the Neurology Social Worker at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (LRMC) in Landstuhl, Germany. At Landstuhl, Jeanne is working with both inpatient and outpatient service members and their families diagnosed with Traumatic Brain Injury and other neurological disorders. Jeanne currently provides guidance and supervision for two interns enrolled in the University of Maryland's graduate program. Additionally, Jeanne works part-time in LRMC's Evolutions Program, an intensive out-patient treatment plan developed for persons diagnosed with PTSD, providing individual and group therapy. Jeanne enjoys traveling in Europe and spending time with her Yorkshire terrier, Jackson.

Please describe why you wish to be elected to the International Chapter Board of Directors.

I would like to help promote the social work profession and educate members of the community on our mission. Being a board member would provide me with a great learning experience and the opportunity to serve my fellow social workers in a leadership capacity.

What talents or skills do you bring to the International Chapter?

I have only recently become actively involved in the NASW International Chapter. I am currently the acting NASW International At Large Member. I am motivated and enthusiastic, honored knowing I may have an opportunity to represent our chapter for the next two years. I bring with me organizational skills, commitment, and excitement about our profession and the populations we serve.

Describe your professional and community activities that demonstrate your leadership capacity.

I supervise two graduate UMUC interns and provide clinical guidance and experience. I volunteered with the Landstuhl Chaplain's office providing a combat and operational stress group to wounded warriors at the Medical Transient Detachment. I facilitate and promote outreach education in the European Military community (to include the staff from the USO, LRMC Campus, American Red Cross, and its volunteers) on the topics of Traumatic Brain Injury and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder. I work with a team of volunteers each year to promote brain injury prevention through awareness and education for elementary and high school students here in the Kaiserslautern Military Community.