



NASSW

The Nordic Association
of Schools of Social Work

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NASSW has its first post-Corona meeting in November 2021 as mentioned in the previous report. At the General Assembly for NASSW we had new board members and the presidency shifted from Sweden to Denmark. There has been very little activity within the board in the spring of 2021.

Board meeting was postponed to late May 2022 and was held online. The next physical board meeting is planned for October 2022 in Copenhagen where the two year plan will be discussed further. Below the IASSW relevant parts of the two year plan will be mentioned as it will involve IASSW.

Membership

NASSW currently have 43 member schools of 46 possible schools in the Nordic Countries.

Strategic plan for NASSW has been renewed:

At the annual meeting the strategic plan (action plan) was discussed. The challenge that so many of our NASSW member schools are no longer members of IASSW was also discussed. It has decided to put more effort into collaboration with IASSW to strengthen the global network. Our focus the next two years will be:

- Keep the focus from '19-'21: Spreading the knowledge of NASSW and become relevant as network by strengthening our communication and sharing of knowledge on education, social politics etc. to inspire each other and make cross border collaborations more visible.
 - As a way to make a clear cut between the Nordic federations of Social Workers and NASSW, It was decided to make it more clear in the mission that NASSW focus on social Work *education & research* and knowledge on *education and the students studying Social Work*. (Who do we educate and how do we educate). Ways of teaching/didactics. In this way we can differentiate between the interests of the social work in practice and social Work education. NASSW will of course still take a stand of the social work profession but be clearer on education and education policy.
- Education policies and curriculum development: The way social Work education moved towards an individual focused practice and a political scene not focusing anti discriminatory practices and no curriculum focus on collective methods compared to many other parts of the world)
- Focus on the link between IASSW and NASSW to strengthen the bonds between the local, regional, and global social work:
 - Make IASSW relevant and visible for our member schools through newsletters, links and events.
 - Strengthening the Global agenda issues in Scandinavia.

Conference preparations:

In collaboration with FORSA, the preparations for the bi-annual NASSW / FORSA conference in Bodø, Norway June 14th – 16th 2023

NASSW look forward to our continues cooperation with IASSW and EASSW and hope to have a closer cooperation with IASSW in the coming years

Warm regards,

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