**ASGW Call for Award Nominations**

Greetings Colleagues,

The **Association for Specialists in Group Work (ASGW)** is seeking nominations for several awards designed to recognize outstanding individuals for their significant group work contributions. The recipients will be recognized at the awards luncheon during the ASGW conference being held on February 17-20, 2022 in Atlantic Beach, Florida.

Please consider nominating individuals for the following awards:

* Group Work Practice Award
* Eminent Career Award
* Professional Advancement Award

A description of these awards is below. Please send award nominations and attachments to Dr. Priscilla Prasath at priscilla.prasath@utsa.edu. Please use the name of the award in the subject line.

**All nominations must be received by November 1, 2021.** Recipients must be (or become) members of ASGW. Award winners will receive notification by mid-December. Recipients are encouraged to be attend the conference in person to receive their award during the luncheon.

**AWARDS**

**GROUP WORK PRACTICE AWARD**

The ASGW Awards Committee is seeking nominations for the Group Work Practice Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize an outstanding practitioner in group work. Recognition may be for any area of group work covered by the ASGW Professional Standards and nominees must be members of ASGW.

 A nomination letter and two supporting letters should address the following points:

1. Scope of practice of nominee to include:
	1. Type of group work
	2. Client population served
	3. Practice setting
2. Innovations in group work practice by the nominee.
3. How nominee has disseminated group work skills through workshops, conference presentations, supervision, and/or training.
4. Evidence of nominee’s significant contribution to group work practice.

The complete nomination packet must reach Dr. Priscilla Prasath, at priscilla.prasath@utsa.edu by November 1st, 2021. Please use the award name in the email subject line.

**EMINENT CAREER AWARD AND PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT AWARD**

The ASGW Awards Committee is seeking nominations for the Eminent Career Award and for the Professional Advancement Award. Nominations in either category should address the nominee’s outstanding activities and contributions to the field of group work. Additional letters speaking to the nomination would be welcome. Letters should identify which award is being sought.

***Eminent Career Award:*** This highest award is intended to recognize major contributions made to the field of group work by an ASGW/ACA member. Credentials and letters of recommendation for the nominee should convey the national and/or international influence the individual has had on group work over a period of time.

***Professional Advancement Award:*** This award is made to recognize the outstanding activities of an individual who has helped advance the field of group work through any one of the following: research, development of a new technique or theory, public relations, legislative activities, or group work practice.

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**Other Awards Given at the ASGW Conference:**

**M. CAROLYN THOMAS OUTSTANDING BRANCH AWARD**

Nominate your state ASGW branch for the Outstanding Branch Award. Tell us about the important things that have been accomplished in your state branch the last year. We want to hear about your workshops, publications, membership service, and all your special activities.

**What:** Tell us what your branch has been doing this past year.

Please submit supporting material. ASGW wants to recognize your branch for your contributions.

**When:** Send your letter of nomination and supporting materials by November 1, 2021

**Where:** The branch award will be given at the ASGW conference in **Atlantic Beach, Florida February 17-20, 2022.**

**Who:** Please include in your nomination materials the name and contact information of the person who will accept the award at the ASGW luncheon.

Submit award nominations and attachments to Dr. Priscilla Prasath at priscilla.prasath@utsa.edu. Please use the name of the award in the subject line.

**All applications must be received by November 1, 2021.** The individuals on the core leadership of the nominated branch must be (or become) members of ASGW. The award-winning branch will receive notification by mid-December. At least one member from the branch leadership is encouraged to be present in-person to receive their award at the conference.

**AL DYE AWARD**

This award is given annually to an article in the *Journal for Specialists in Group Work* (JSGW) that best advances the practice of group work. The award is given in honor of H. Allan Dye, an ASGW Fellow, and pioneer in the field of group work. The award will be given to an article that advances the practice of group work in one or more of the following ways:

1) The development of new group methods, techniques, or interventions

2) The application of existing group work methods, techniques, or interventions in new ways, to new populations, or to address new problems

3) Research that establishes the effectiveness of new or existing group work methods, techniques, or interventions

4) Other advancements or innovations in group work practice

ASGW Research committee will facilitate the selection of the article based on the following criteria and will recommend their top five choices to the Awards Committee. After deliberation, the winning article will be selected by the Awards committee.

The author of the winning article will receive $1,000; if the article is co-authored, this amount will be divided equally among the authors. *The author(s) will be invited to present their paper at the ASGW conference and will be given complimentary conference registration if they choose to do so.*

The Research Committee will provide the list of their top 3 choices by November 1st, 2021. This list must be sent to Dr. Priscilla Prasath at priscilla.prasath@utsa.edu. The Research Committee representative must use the name of the award in the subject line. The Awards Committee will make the final selection and notify the recipient(s) by mid-December.