NASW Oregon Chapter Vision Statement

Every social worker views NASW as highly relevant and values the benefits of membership. Oregon members share their lives as social workers, work together on common goals, and give back to the profession.

Member-led

We are an inclusive membership organization led by members. Diverse, active members proudly accept responsibility for making NASW a dynamic organization that supports individual social workers, their work, the profession and the larger world. NASW actively seeks and addresses what members want and expect through open communication, local outreach, and opportunities for input. We ensure that the organization responds to evolving needs. From students to retired professionals, NASW invites members in a variety of ways to engage and participate.

Strong Voice

We have a strong legislative presence and use our voice to educate the public and legislators about the difference we make for our clients, their families, communities, and society. Working from a clear advocacy agenda, our lobbyist effectively communicates NASW’s stance on issues. We cultivate in our members a sense of advocacy. Members representing a huge base of professionals mobilize to provide influential testimony on public policies designed to meet the basic human needs of all people.

Meaningful Education

NASW provides high quality, affordable workshops, conferences, and online tools to meet the ongoing licensing and education needs of members. We help integrate ethical principles with practice and uphold professional standards that support the legitimacy and reputation of the profession. Strong relationships with students and institutions ensure a steady stream of qualified members enter the profession and grow our voice.

Broader Community

The general public respects social workers and recognizes the value, diversity and benefits of social work in our communities. In our endeavor to be more holistic in our practices, NASW emphasizes actively listens to our clients’ voices. We strive to partner with relevant organizations to ensure that our members are well-informed and connected to other professionals of service.