AOSW Announces Newly Elected Board Members for 2017

Oakbrook Terrace, IL — The Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW) announced the election of three new members to its 2017 Board of Directors following an election by the organization’s membership.

Tara Schapmire, PhD, MSSW, CSW, OSW-C, FNAP, joins the Board as President-Elect. With a PhD in social work from the University of Louisville, she serves on the faculty of the University of Louisville’s School of Medicine and the Kent School of Social Work. Her research interests include psychosocial care of cancer survivors and their families, gerontology, palliative care, survivorship and inter-professional education. She is co-investigator on a HRSA grant aimed at development of an inter-professional gerontology curriculum for learners in medicine, nursing, social work, dentistry and pharmacy, and a co-investigator on the Kentucky LEADS Collaborative.

Chelsea Kroll, MSW, LGSW, OSW-C, will serve as Education Director. A member of AOSW since 2002, she previously served as AOSW Annual Conference Chair, Conference Planning Committee member, Education Committee member and State Representative. She has been an out-patient social worker for the past fourteen years and is currently employed by East Alabama Medical Center. Prior, she spent five years as a hospice and hospital social worker. Additionally, she has twenty years of combined active/reserve service in the U.S. Army.

Jane Dabney, LISW-S, OSW-C, will serve as Director-at-Large. With a master of social work degree from Cleveland State University, she is also a certified oncology social worker. She was leader of AOSW’s Blood Cancer/Blood & Marrow Transplant Special Interest Group (SIG) from 2007 – 2016, and a member of the AOSW Membership Committee. In 2012 she was honored with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Hematology/Oncology Social Worker of the Year Award. Jane provides clinical social work in the Blood & Marrow Transplant program at The Cleveland Clinic.

“AOSW is honored to welcome such well respected and experienced oncology social workers to its Board of Directors,” stated AOSW President, Alison Mayer Sachs, MSW, OSW-C. “We are grateful for the participation of our members in the election process, which reinforces AOSW as a recognized leader in support of oncology social work professionals.”

The new Board members will begin their terms on January 1, 2017.

About AOSW
The Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW) is a non-profit, international, 501(c) 3 organization dedicated to the enhancement of psychosocial services to people with cancer and their families. Created in 1984 by social workers interested in oncology and by existing national cancer organizations, AOSW has more than 1,100 current members who embrace the AOSW mission to advance excellence in the psychosocial care of persons with cancer, their families, and caregivers through networking, education, advocacy, research and resource development. For more information about AOSW, visit www.aosw.org, or call +1-847-686-2233.