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AOSW Announces New Officers and Board Members for 2015

Deerfield, IL — The Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW) announced the election of four new members to its 2015 Board of Directors following an election by the organization’s membership.

Alison Mayer Sachs, MSW, OSW-C joins the Board as President Elect. A community outreach and patient support services director at Eisenhower Lucy Curci Cancer Center, she has been a member of AOSW since 2002 where she served on the board as Director-at-Large from 2007-08. She is the recipient of AOSW’s 2011 Leadership in Oncology Social Work Award.

Louisa Daratsos, PhD, LCSW was elected Membership Director. Psychosocial Coordinator for Oncology and Palliative Care at the Department of Veterans Affairs at the New York Harbor Healthcare System in Brooklyn, she served on the AOSW board as Region 4 Director from 2002-05.

Julianne Oktay, MSW, PhD joined AOSW in 1984, when she was asked to give a workshop on research at AOSW’s inaugural meeting. She taught for 35 years at the University of Maryland School of Social Work, and has served on AOSW’s Research Advisory Committee. She will serve as AOSW’s Research Director.

Sage Bolte PhD, MSW, LCSW, OSW-C joins the board as Director-at-Large, Western Region. Currently a director at Life with Cancer, Inova Cancer Services, she has been an AOSW member for more than 10 years. She credits the guidance, accountability, clinical learning and friendships shared with her by the AOSW community as essential components in her professional success.

“We are very pleased to announce AOSW’s new board officers and members,” stated AOSW President, Iris C. Fineberg, PhD, MSW, OSW-C. “Each brings their unique professional perspectives and leadership experiences to the board and will bolster AOSW’s mission of advancing excellence in the psychosocial care of people with cancer.”

Each of the new board members will begin their terms on January 1, 2015.

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About AOSW
A non-profit, international 501(c) 3 organization, the Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW) is the world’s largest professional organization entirely dedicated advancing excellence in the psychosocial care of people with cancer, their families and caregivers. Created in 1984 by social workers interested in oncology, AOSW is comprised of more than 1,300 members who embrace the organization’s mission by promoting education, advocacy, research, networking, and resource development. For more information about AOSW, visit www.aosw.org, or call +1-847-480-9282.