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AOSW Announces New Officers and Board Members for 2016

Oakbrook Terrace, IL — The Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW) announced the election of four new members to its 2016 Board of Directors following an election by the organization’s membership.

Catherine Credeur, LMSW, OSW-C, a long-time member of AOSW, joins the Board as President-Elect. Catherine Credeur previously served AOSW in many capacities, including as a co-moderator of the Social Work Oncology Network (SWON) from 2006 - 2009, Communications Director from 2010 - 2012 and as a member of the 2015 Annual Conference Committee. In 2011, she was honored with AOSW’s LLS Hematology-Oncology Social Worker of the Year award. She earned her MSW from Louisiana State University and joined UT Southwestern/Simmons Cancer Center in 2013, and hopes to engage AOSW members more actively in leadership and professional development.

William McDermott, LCSW, OSW-C, was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Bill McDermott received each of his degrees from St. Louis University. He previously represented the Northeast region of AOSW from 2005 - 2006. He served on the Board of Incarnate Word Hospice in St. Louis and served as manager of Social Work at St. Vincent’s Cancer Center in New York. He has been on staff at New York University Clinical Cancer Center since 2014.

Sarah Conning, LCSW, OSW-C, will serve as Advocacy Director. Previously the co-leader of AOSW’s Radiation Oncology Special Interest Group (SIG), Sarah Conning was the recipient of a 2014 AOSW Annual Conference scholarship. She currently leads quality improvement activities in radiation oncology at the University of Chicago Medicine and serves on planning teams for a new oncology care model. She received her MSW from UC Berkley and was a Jane Addams Fellow at the Indiana University Center of Philanthropy.

Andrea Karoff, MSW, LCSW, OSW-C, was elected Communications Director. Andrea Karoff served as AOSW’s Illinois State Representative from 2008 - 2011 and as a co-moderator of the Social Work Oncology Network (SWON) from 2010 - 2012. Eighteen of her twenty year career have focused solely on oncology social work. Andrea received a BS in engineering from the University of Illinois and her MSW from Loyola University. Since 2004, she has been the Coordinator of Psychosocial Oncology at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

“We are very pleased to announce that the elections for new AOSW’s board members is now complete,” stated AOSW President, Penny Damaskos, PhD, MSW, OSW-C. “The new members will provide valuable experience and professional guidance to our already seasoned and active board on behalf of our membership and the people we serve who are impacted by a cancer diagnosis.”

Each of the new board members will begin their terms on January 1, 2016.

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 +1-847-686-2233.