Asian Pacific Islander Social Work Council (APISWC) National Association of Social Workers (NASW), California Chapter

We are comprised of social work professionals and social work students throughout Northern California. We welcome anyone who is interested in issues impacting Asian/Pacific Islanders as related to the field of social work.

What we do:

- Provide a **forum for the exchange of relevant information** among social workers.
- Sponsor workshops addressing issues relating to **social justice, mental health, health,** and **advocacy.**
- **Mentor** social work students and new practitioners.
- Provide active **email list serve** for community events, job openings, and social work community issues.
- Advocate for **culturally and linguistically appropriate services** in the various API communities.
- Chronicle the **contributions of Asian social workers**.
- Participate in and support the work of the national organization, **NASW.**
- Support **candidates and legislation** that promote the **welfare of API communities.**

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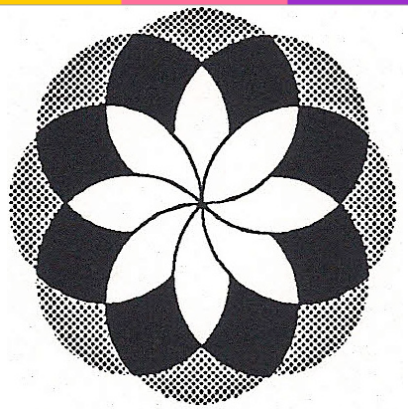

The mission of the Asian Pacific Islander Social Work Council (APISWC) is to advance the social issues of Asian Pacific Islander populations through advocacy, consciousness building, education, and political action.

Why you should join APISWC:

- To solidify the Asian Pacific Islander social work identity through the provision of professional and personal support;
- To promote Asian Pacific Islander issues through a collective, professional organization through media and collaboration
- To influence social policies at the local, state and national levels
- To encourage schools of social work to establish policies that encourage the development of social workers who are responsive to API concerns
- To improve and expand the delivery of culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate services to the Asian Pacific Islander population
- To provide input to the National Association of Social Workers in order to help shape public policies

The Asian Pacific Islander (API) Social Work Council originated from a group of San Francisco Bay Area API social workers who began meeting in May 1995 over their concerns about the potentially devastating effects of the social-political climate on ALL people of color, especially socially/economically vulnerable APIs. Specific issues of concern were the Contract "on" America, immigration, affirmative action (including the "Glass Ceiling"), cultural diversity and competency, and managed care.

Janlee Wong, executive director of the California Chapter of NASW, was invited to that first meeting to present ideas about specific activities a coalition of API social workers could pursue to advocate for social, economic and legal justice for APIs on a local, state, and national level. While there was already an existing Asian/Pacific Council of California NASW based in Southern California, Wong extended his support for the evolution of an API social workers group in the Bay Area. Subsequent to several meetings in San Francisco community agencies, the API Social Workers' Group met again with Wong in October 1995 and with May Ma, the chair of the Asian Pacific Social Work Council, which had just gone inactive. At the meeting, the Bay Area API group voted unanimously to adopt the Asian/Pacific Council role, as part of California NASW, and to assume leadership responsibilities for Northern California.

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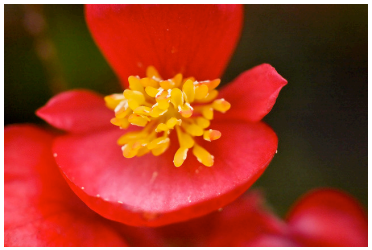

The Diana Ming-Chan Scholarship Fund

Ms. Diana Ming Chan, LCSW, ACSW hac been a professional social worker for 5⁴ years since receiving her Masters ir Social Work from the University of Minnesota. As with many great pioneering social workers, Ms. Char worked tirelessly in direct services during this period starting with directing youth and family programs in Richmond, Oakland and San Francisco and completing her direct service career as a school social worker in San Francisco in 2000.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation today. No amount is too small. Our goal is to sustain the Diana Ming Chan Scholarship Fund so that her legacy will continue for many, many years to come. Donations can be sent to NASW Foundation, 750 First Street, NE, Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20002. Please make your check payable to: NASW Foundation--Diana Ming Chan Scholarship Fund.