SSWLHC
August – September 2006 Talking Points

Progress continues on refining and implementing the new strategic plan, informed and shaped by extensive input from membership. The result is evidence of the possibility and power of full membership participation in creating our destiny as a Society. And innovation seems to predominate.

- The Board will create eight new Work Groups, built around strategic priorities. We have begun the process of identifying each group's charge, potential Chairs (including both established and emerging Society leaders), and members (honoring as much as possible the requests for participation that we have or will receive).
- We developed and began implementing extensive communication with members regarding the strategic plan, including outreach to committees that will be affected by the new structure, updated information on the web, and articles in The Leader.
- The Evidence Based Practice Work Group has developed a set of priorities that will be helpful in their providing deliverables of importance to members.
- Infrastructure for the Leadership Institute is being created, with the goal of developing the first product in April 2007.
- Our first Webinar has been planned for November 2006! Karen Badger has been invited as our first speaker on "Catastrophe in the Work Place: Impact of Indirect Trauma Exposure on Hospital Social Workers."
- For the first time, elections for 2007 President-Elect, Board, and Nominations Committee will occur electronically. It is anticipated that electronic voting will increase ease for members and reduce costs for SSWLHC.