SSWLHC
October – December 2006 Talking Points

The year-long process of anticipating, envisioning, strategizing, and restructuring for our future has culminated in a solid foundation. We end the year with optimism as we have begun to move in exciting directions, and are ready to begin implementation of innovative work groups, initiatives, and programs. All of these are explained in detail in the President's Column and related articles in the December Leader. To summarize:

The Board has established eight new Work Groups, aligned with our strategic priorities and designed to help us achieve our strategic goals. Chairs and Co-Chairs have been selected and informed about their charges and roles in a formal orientation by the Executive Committee. Chairs and Co-chairs will be reaching out to potential members, including those who have indicated interest in participating.

Preparation for the 2007 Conference in Philadelphia is in full swing. Don't forget to take advantage of Early Bird Registration. This promises to be a wonderful educational and networking experience, with opportunity to develop vital knowledge and practical skills in leadership, appropriate to social workers in the range of roles we play as clinicians, program planners, advocates, administrators, educators.

The first two-day Leadership Institute will be held April 24 and 25 in Philadelphia, prior to the Annual Conference. Five senior faculty have been selected, and are designing the curriculum. The program will include year-long mentorship and other benefits to bolster and reinforce participants' learning. This promises to be an enriching offering for our members.

As we look to the new year, we thank all of you who participated in making this such a critical year for our Society. We entered strong. We end even stronger, confident, and excited about the future. In that spirit, we congratulate and welcome our newly elected slate.

- President-Elect: Charlie Robbins.
- Board members: Mark de St. Aubin, Dawn Roman, and Yvonne Wallace.
- Nominations Committee: Susan Alger, Susan Kheder, Kimberly Wickersham, and Wilma Wheeler.