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New to Board Web Site: Frequently Asked Questions

Board members and staff are often asked questions about our regulations. As a board, we decided it would be beneficial to develop a Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) section to our Web site in order to make it easier for licensees, and those preparing for licensing, to get answers to their questions thoroughly and quickly.

If you have questions that you think would be helpful to include, please email them to the board at st-socialwork@state.pa.us.

Meet the Latest Board Members

LeeAnn Eschbach, Ph.D., NCC, LPC, of Scranton, was sworn in as a board member in December 2007. She earned a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Washington State University in 1990. Her clinical experiences were at the university counseling center, career center and local school counseling offices. Eschbach is completing her 22nd year as a counselor educator at the University of Scranton and also maintains a limited private practice. Her academic responsibilities include teaching graduate counseling courses to students pursuing degrees in community counseling, rehabilitation counseling or school counseling. Eschbach is also co-director of the school counseling program, which is active with the Education Trust's Transforming School Counseling Initiative. She is a past president of the Professional Counseling Association and served in other executive roles. Eschbach also has a 14-year-old daughter graduating from 8th grade.

Emma T. Lucas-Darby, PhD, MSW, LSW, of Pittsburgh, was sworn in during October 2006. She is a professor in the Department of Social Work at Carlow University and teaches social welfare, policy analysis and community organization courses. She holds a Ph.D. in social work from the University of Pittsburgh and a master's degree in political science from Purdue University. She is the author of one book and has published extensively in the areas of African women's economic development, service learning, gerontology, multicultural curriculum development, and alcohol use among pregnant African-American women.

As an adjunct professor at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, she teaches in the Doctorate of Urban Ministry program. Previously, Lucas-Darby was a National Institute of Health Fellow at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. She is a past president of the PA Chapter, National Association of Social Workers, and the National Leadership Identification Committee. Lucas-Darby is completing training for the certified gambling counseling credential. She and her husband, Ernest, have a blended family of four children and three grandchildren.

Nadine M. Bean, Ph.D., LSW is an Associate Professor at West Chester University. Her main areas of social work practice, research and teaching are social research, especially using the narrative approach in understanding diverse populations, social work in disasters, and child welfare. Bean is a disaster mental health services volunteer with the American Red Cross and has served on a number of disasters. Bean has been working in New Orleans' devastated Lower 9th Ward for the past three years, where she is a founding board member of a rebuilding organization, lowernine.org, and where she has set up a drop-in center for emotional, social and spiritual support services. She is also a trainer for the Red Cross in Psychological First Aid for military families. She was president of the NASW-PA Chapter from 2005-2007.

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