

## **NASW Oregon Chapter & NASW Washington Chapter Bylaw Amendment Proposal**

*Current Language:*

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### **ARTICLE XII — CHAPTERS**

#### **A. Geographical Coverage**

There shall be 56 chapters: one for each state (excepting New York City from New York State) and one for each of the District of Columbia, New York City, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and an International Chapter.

*Proposed New Language:*

### **ARTICLE XII—CHAPTERS**

#### **A. Geographical Coverage**

There shall be chapters at the local/regional level; the Association shall sustain chapters as necessary to promote its general purposes and objectives.

#### **Rationale:**

Maintaining chapters at the local/regional level is essential to the Association to carry out its business. Currently, the NASW Bylaws state an exact number of chapters. By removing a permanent number of required chapters, this amendment allows for chapters to implement an alternative structural model, including a regional alliance, in order to promote more effective functioning.