

## Alexander Sawatsky, MSW, RSW, PhD

**Member at Large – Executive Committee**

**MCSW Member Representative (current term 2015 – 2018)**

**Region - Capital**

**Co-Chair – MCSW Appeal Panel**

Alexander Sawatsky has over 10 years of experience in the field of community mental health in the United States. He holds a Masters of Social Work degree from Andrews University and a PhD from the University of Manitoba, School of Social Work. While in practice, he has worked in crisis stabilization, counseling, case management and administration. His passion in teaching includes: Social Policy & Welfare Reform, Mental Health, Addictions, Ethics and Administration. His main interest in social work is to address the needs of those with severe and persistent mental illness that also remains a focal point of his teaching approach and research.

His doctoral thesis involved patient record research at Selkirk Mental Health Centre (SMHC) with the expressed purpose of examining how social work evolved in institutional psychiatric practice. This reflects his conviction that social work is an important profession that needs to continue to have a significant presence in the field of mental health.

Alexander served on the MIRS/MASW Board of Directors from 2007-2013 and was Vice-President from 2008-2009. Alexander is currently serving on the MCSW Board of Directors as Member-at-Large on the Executive Committee. He is also Co-chair of the MCSW Appeals Panel.