



Remarks from the President Induction Ceremony

January 12, 2018

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President & Chair



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- Government engagement such as responses to Congressional requests & initiating work with Congressional entities in the form of providing congressional briefings, assembling expert panels, & developing policy briefs
- Presence at NIH, etc. Representative to the NIMH National Council hearings

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- Newsletter that highlights Academy activities.
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Activities mission may include:

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- Advertising in the SSWR program to inform others of the Academy's goals & activities
- Sponsoring an educational presentation at CSWE & a practice presentation at NASW
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