

Ms. Sondera Malry has been a member of NABSW since 1974 and National Member at Large for NABSW since April 2016. She initially joined during while working towards her MSW at the University of Houston - Graduate College of Social Work (76'), where she specialized in Administration and Planning. Ms. Malry has been a licensed clinical social worker since 1989. Her private practice (Malry & Associates), provides approved state supervision to social work practitioners and trainees seeking licensure.

During her tenure with NABSW Sondera has served on the nominating committee, as a student-faculty advisor for several Houston chapters. Including Presidential Affairs Coordinator, Harambee Rituals and Ceremony co-chair, and a consultant for the Sankofa Mentorship Project. She most recently served as the Executive Liaison for the Social Media and Website Committee and is diligently working to improve varied levels of communications within those designated committees.

She served as the National Corresponding Secretary, from 2011 to 2016 and has served both locally and nationally as the Membership Co-Chair since being appointed by President Dunston. Sondera has over 20 years' experience in various roles, and has achieved much growth and visibility within the NABSW. She views it an honor to serve and build the chapter and takes pride in promoting, developing and empowering NABSW in the Black community.

After 36 years of service, Sondera recently retired as practitioner and supervisor from the State of Texas' Protective Services for Children! During that time she trained, mentored, and modeled to over 100 young and inexperienced social work students, agency new hires and staff. Sharing with them her experience and expertise as an organizer, communicator, mediator, and trainer. She is viewed by both her peers and the greater Houston community as an asset to the social work community and profession.

Sondera is a NABSW pioneer, and continues to be committed to the organization's vision and mission. ABSW is honored to award her as our 2018 Social Worker of the Year.