

## Editorial: “You’ll not see nothing like the mighty Finn.”

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About 12 years ago, the BPD (Baccalaureate Program Directors) Board of Directors requested that the Committee on Information Technology and Social Work Education (CIFTSWE) disseminate technology information that could assist faculty members for the enhancement of the curriculum. To address this issue, the committee formed nine subcommittees, one for each of the curriculum areas. Each subcommittee became responsible for constructing a Web page as an avenue to disseminate cutting edge (or “bleeding edge”) curriculum information. Jerry Finn developed the HTML format for all of the committees.

Jerry Finn and I were on the Social Work Values and Ethics Subcommittee. We had an epiphany. Values and ethics was the *only* curriculum area that lacked a journal. Thus, *The Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics* was born. We spent about three years studying the legal issues and searching for a publisher. Jerry and I attended numerous meetings in search of a publisher. While Jerry negotiated, I tried to restrain myself from speaking.

The development of *The Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics* was a Herculean task. Our journal would not exist without Jerry

Finn. Jerry and I have well-balanced personalities. Jerry is a true gentleman in the classical sense of the word. He is well organized and thinks before he speaks. He is strategic in his planning. As for me, I have none of these qualities. I know that I have too



much energy that must be tempered. Jerry, in his gentlemanly style, can control my over-abundant enthusiasm. As I was composing this tribute to Jerry, Dylan’s song, “You’ll not see nothing like the mighty

Quinn,” continued to pop into my head. Yes, Dylan’s Quinn is like our Jerry Finn. The bottom line is this: Jerry’s thoughtfulness enabled JSWVE to be born.

Jerry stated that he wanted to retire and get off our board. However, he graciously agreed to continue to work until I could find a suitable replacement. For the past two years, I have been in somewhat of a quandary. Frankly, I did not think I could find someone with Jerry’s temperament. The search to replace Jerry was another Herculean task. I found someone who is willing to work with me! So – there must be a God.

I have known Donna DeAngelis since 1991.

Currently, Donna is the Executive Director of the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB). ASWB manages and controls the board exams for social work licensing and certification. When I first offered Donna the position of



co-editor, she was very reluctant. When I explained that her primary duty was to control me, she said, “Well, I’ve been doing that for over a decade.” She happily agreed and now I feel assured that JSWVE will continue to thrive.

Jerry, we will greatly miss you! Donna, welcome aboard!

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