



ELECTIONS 2011

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Carole Bryant, Saskatchewan

Director at Large, Professional

Fran Franklin, Delaware
Michael Hickerson, Louisiana

Director at Large, Public Member

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2012 Nominating Committee

(Three to be elected)

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Office: Treasurer

Timothy Martel Brown
Texas



Biography, including education

I have a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from Prairie View A&M University and a Master's Degree in Social Work from Baylor University. I am licensed by the State of Texas as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. My employment history includes social work practice in hospital social

work, home health care, hospice, mental health care and regulation. For 17 years, I worked at Hospice Brazos Valley, Inc. as the Clinical Director. Since October 2008, I have been employed by the VA North Texas Health Care System. Presently, I serve as the Associate Chief of Social Work,

Mental Health. I hold membership in NASW and have held multiple leadership positions in the NASW/TX Chapter.

I have served on the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners since 2004. Currently I am the chair/presiding officer of TSBSWE.

Experience, particularly with ASWB:

My ASWB involvement has included being an item writer for the ASWB Masters examination, serving as a member of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, chairing the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, chairing the Nominating Committee and serving as treasurer.

Candidate statement:

Over the past three years world economies and financial institutions have experienced financial strains and uncertainties. Through strong fiduciary oversight and due diligence, ASWB's financial status has been stabilized and secured. During my time as the ASWB treasurer, I have worked with the ASWB staff, ASWB Finance Committee and the Board of Directors to continue prudent financial

policy and practice, as well as to ensure the financial stability of the organization.

I will continue to labor with the ASWB staff, Finance Committee and Board of Directors to assure continued strong financial oversight, policy and practice development and implementation, and to provide direction to ensure the continued financial health of this organization.

February 2013

Board term ends/ended:

ASWB ELECTIONS 2011

Office: Treasurer

Carole Bryant
Saskatchewan



Biography, including education

In my 35 year career, I've enjoyed successive senior corporate positions in government and the not-for-profit sector. I am currently vice-president of administration and quality improvement with the Ranch Ehrlo Society, a \$50 million multi-faceted agency providing a range of community, education, clinical, and residential services in Saskatchewan. Prior to

this, I served as executive vice-president of corporate services at a large public utility for eight years.

I have a bachelor of arts degree in sociology, a BSW and an MSW. I also hold an MBA, as well as a Certified Management Accountant (CMA) designation. I am registered as both a social worker and a certified management accountant with my respective professional associations in Saskatchewan.

Experience, particularly with ASWB:

I am currently in the second year of my two-year term as president of the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers (SASW). Prior to assuming the role of president-elect, I chaired the association's Professional Conduct Committee for two years. Although my career path has changed from my early days as a medical social worker in a physical rehabilitation centre, I have supported and maintained my membership in the pro-

fessional association for the past 30 years. I attended the ASWB New Board Member Training in June 2009 and the annual meeting in November of 2010, and am serving on the ASWB Finance Committee this year.

In addition to my involvement with the social work profession, I am very involved in the community, serving as vice-chair of my local church and rotary club. I sit on the board of directors as an

“outside financial expert” on the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority, which operates six casinos on First Nations' land in the province.

I am a member of the Continuous Professional Learning and Development (CPLD) audit committee for CMA Saskatchewan. In 2010 I was presented with the CMA Saskatchewan Member Recognition Award for “contribution through community leadership.”

Candidate statement:

With the ongoing economic and political turbulence, the association faces issues with respect to asset erosion and reduced revenue streams. This would have an impact on the association's ability to respond to the needs of the member boards. My strong financial background would support ASWB in continuing to provide prudent fiscal management and ensure appropriate financial policies are in place for the long-term financial sustainability of the association.



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Office: Director at Large Professional Member

Fran Franklin
Delaware

Biography, including education

Twenty-five years of my professional social work career have been with the same non-profit social service agency providing social work services to individuals, families and communities. I work with various ethnic and cultural groups in both rural and urban areas. I am currently

the Senior Program Director/Clinical Supervisor for the counseling program.

I received both my MSW and Ph.D. in Social Work from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. I am licensed to practice clinical social work in Delaware, Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Experience, particularly with ASWB:

I am the current president and past secretary of the Delaware Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners. I was a subject matter expert for ASWB's most recent Practice Analysis Task Force, and was on the Exam Blueprint Reclassification Clinical Group and the passing score panel. During the past summer, I attended the Item Writer Training to become a writer for the exam. I am also a member of the association's Regulations and Standards Committee and the ASWB/NASW Joint Task Force for Supervision Guidelines.

Candidate statement:

The national and international facets of the world continue to change. As a result, ASWB needs to be prepared to face the challenges such changing facets will create. I feel it is important that ASWB embrace these new challenges and work to implement new ways of serving and protecting our clients and the public. The major challenges I see facing ASWB are 1. Strengthening protection of the public by supporting our member boards and increasing visibility, 2. Maintaining the integrity of the licensure examination program as a tool to foster competent and ethical social workers and 3. Increasing international collaboration to support the mission of the Association.

I believe my passion and experience truly set me apart from other candidates. I have served in different capacities on various social work task forces, councils and

committees (ASWB, the Council on Social Work Education and the National Association of Social Workers.) I have a deep appreciation for ASWB and will use collaborative processes and the development of partnerships to address the challenges that face ASWB.

Supporting member boards is imperative. I will work to reinforce the ASWB mission by maintaining open and solution-focused communication between ASWB and the member boards.

If elected as Director At Large, I will bring with me a level of enthusiasm and dedication that is difficult to duplicate, yet essential in order to successfully enhance our thinking and to positively impact the ASWB mission. Your support during this election would be very much appreciated.

November 1, 2013

Board term ends/ended:

ASWB ELECTIONS 2010

Office: Director at Large Professional Member

Michael Hickerson
Louisiana



Biography, including education

My name is Michael Hickerson. I am a Registered Social Worker (RSW) in Louisiana. I hold bachelor's and master's degrees in social work from Southern University at New Orleans. In June of 2007, I was appointed to the Louisiana Board of Social Work Examiners by Governor Kathleen Blanco, and served a three-year term. In June of 2011, I was reappointed by Governor Bobby Jindal. I have served as vice chair of the board for the past three years. Currently, I chair the personnel committee, which has the primary duty of conducting the annual evaluation of the board's administrator.

For more than a decade, I have worked in the HIV/AIDS arena as an outreach worker, case manager/supervisor, program director, etc. In 2004, four months prior to Hurricanes

Katrina and Rita hitting New Orleans and the Gulf Coast, I founded and directed In This Together, Inc., a small non-profit organization dedicated to providing positive opportunities for individual and families with life challenging illnesses through education, empowerment and other support services to help them enhance the quality of their lives. The agency closed its doors in December 2009 due to financial/funding challenges.

I currently serve as a program manager with Total Community Action, Inc., Total Family Program. I am responsible for all aspects of the program from design to implementation. Total Family is designed to continuously move individuals and families towards greater self-sufficiency.

Experience, particularly with ASWB:

In 2008, as a representative of the LABSWE, I was introduced to ASWB in Whitefish, Mt., where I had the opportunity to meet members of social work regulatory boards from across the U.S. and Canada. I was appointed to the Approved Continuing Education (ACE) Committee in 2009. I have been a hard-at-work member of the committee, actively involved with ensuring that quality continuing education programs are available to social workers through-

out the United States and Canada.

Through my continued work on the ACE committee, I have learned the value of the committee, and to appreciate the importance of the process used to make recommendations for ASWB approval to provide CE opportunities to our field.

While it has been a tedious and time-consuming responsibility, it has been a labor of love to be able to contribute and understand all that goes into approving continuing education credits

while working with a TEAM of dedicated and committed individuals.

In 2009, I was elected to serve on the 2010 ASWB Nominating Committee. Now, as a nominee for director at large, (professional), I would like to have an opportunity to combine all the skills and knowledge I have gained in serving on the ACE committee while bringing "the everyday me" to ensure that ASWB has the best, brightest and most qualified professionals from the United States and Canada as leaders.

Candidate statement:

While I don't really see any major issues that need to be addressed...

In 2009, I received the Louisiana Human Rights Campaign Equality Award, given annually to an individual or organization for leadership toward advocacy, empowerment and the betterment of the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender community. I will continue that same leadership quality with ASWB. I will strive to ensure that we continue to make opportunities available in our association for culturally diverse emerging leaders and that all segments of our profession are represented in meaningful ways.

June 30, 2013

Board term ends/ended:



ASWB ELECTIONS 2011

Office: Director at Large Public Member

Mary Macomber
Florida

Biography, including education

I am retired general counsel for Encore Computer Corporation, having held my law degree for over 40 years. I am a public member of the Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health

Counseling, where I have served as board chair and vice-chair. I have learned so much from my work on the Florida board and I truly am honored and blessed to serve on it to protect the public of Florida.

Experience, particularly with ASWB:

Being a member of the Board of Directors of ASWB has been a highlight of my life! It has been so wonderful to participate in the critical strategic planning for this awesome group, and to help find and bring on board our new test vendor, Pearson VUE. It has also been terrific and inspiring to work with all of you in carrying out ASWB's mission.

I have also greatly enjoyed my work on the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee. Though some folks think bylaws are stuffy and boring, to me they are the life-blood of the as-

sociation, guiding us all to perform our ASWB mission with reasoned thoughtfulness.

I have served on the bylaws committee for several years. I also took a spin with the Finance Committee—great folks and good work done there by all! I was elected to the Nominating Committee three years ago, and have been serving as the at-large director representing the public for the last two years. What an honor it has been for me to serve in all these capacities, but particularly as a member of the ASWB board!!

I hold the profession of social work in high regard, having seen social workers in action for many years. This profession is so special! We would be in really bad shape as citizens of the world were it not for the compassion and caring of competent social workers ministering their goodness to those in need. ASWB is a truly remarkable organization, helping to ensure that we have competent social workers in all of our member jurisdictions through the pre-eminent testing services and other support services that we offer.

Candidate statement:

The major issue facing ASWB, in my opinion, is to ensure that all the good work we have done in coming up with the new strategic plan is carefully and thoughtfully implemented. Our plan sets the course to help make a difference in public protection world-wide by taking a slow and reasoned approach on the international front, offering our expertise to other countries with regulatory boards in a collaborative and friendly way.

Outreach and provision of services to our member boards is another critical plank in the strategic plan, and must be carefully thought out to optimize outreach and support.

Our board will need to work very hard to keep the strategic plan on track and make sure that the organization is moving forward in these difficult times.

Therefore I ask with the utmost humility that you reelect me to serve for two more years as the at-large director representing the public. I will do my very best to earn your continued trust in this capacity. I promise to devote my attention to all the issues at hand facing ASWB in these chaotic times and to move the strategic plan forward in collaboration with my fellow board members.

October 31, 2011

Board term ends/ended:

ASWB ELECTIONS 2011

Office: Director at Large Public Member

Patricia P. O'Reilly
West Virginia



Biography, including education

My early work experiences were in the public schools as a speech therapist and as a school psychologist. After earning a doctorate from OSU, I worked as a psychologist with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, followed by experience as the Director of the Office of Exceptional Children for Kanawha County Schools, W.Va.

I then moved into higher education, serving as the dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Charleston, W.Va., and then as associate vice

president for institutional research and planning at Marshall University. Throughout my career, I continued teaching educational research and writing to master's level students.

In retirement, I have remained committed to community agencies whose mission it is to improve the quality of life of persons who are challenged by mental and physical disabilities. I currently serve on the boards of Goodwill Industries of the Kanawha Valley, the Marshall University Autism Training Center and the West Virginia Center for Civic Life.

Experience, particularly with ASWB:

I was appointed by the governor of West Virginia to the Advisory Council on Mental Retardation (1967), by another governor (different party) to the West Virginia Board of Social Work (2004) and, by a third governor, to another term on the WVBSW (2007). I

continue to serve until the governor appoints a replacement. Since 2008, I have served as vice-chair of the WVBSW and am chair of the Personnel Committee.

Before coming to my first ASWB Delegate Assembly in November 2004, I had attended New Board Member Training. I've been

to every Annual Meeting since, except for one year missed due to family illness. I've served on the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, in 2005; on what was then the Discipline and Regulatory Standards (DARS) Committee, now Regulation and Standards, in 2006; and on the Finance Committee in 2011.

Candidate statement:

The major issues facing ASWB are exam security, fiscal responsibility, professional integrity and long term viability of the organization. Diligence on the part of the board and the staff is essential to maintaining the exam and fiscal integrity. I would be proactive in dealing with issues that challenge the professional integrity of social workers and the long term viability of the organization.

Board term ends/ended:

Term ended July 2010;
serving until replaced



ASWB ELECTIONS 2011

Office: Nominating Committee

Shanna Burke
Massachusetts

Biography, including education

I received my A.A. from Simon's Rock College of Bard, my B.A. in Government and Women's Studies from Smith College, and my MSW from Springfield College School of Social Work. I began my doctorate in social work this September at Simmons in Boston. I am licensed at the LICSW level.

Currently, I work for Nonotuck Resource Associates, Inc. I cover two vast and diverse regions. My client population consists of people over the age of 16 with developmental disabilities. A newly emerging client population

consists of people with other disabilities who are unable to care for themselves fully. We match all of the people we serve with families in the community as part of our shared living program. In the 1990s we shut down all of the group homes that we owned and moved people into homes with families in the community. There is one person served and a family living together, allowing people to fully express themselves and have their individual needs met. Our values are based on love, unconditional acceptance, and dignity.

Experience, particularly with ASWB:

I was appointed to the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Social Workers by Governor Deval Patrick in October of 2008. I first attended the ASWB New Board Member Training in 2009, and attended the Delegate Assembly in Clearwater later that year. I was trained as an item writer in 2010, and attended the Delegate Assembly in New Orleans in the fall. I was also appointed and served on the Bylaws and Resolu-

tions Committee in 2010. In 2011, my contract as an item writer was renewed and I was appointed to the Regulations and Standards Committee, which met in July 2011. I am currently the vice-chair of the Massachusetts board.

In addition to this experience, I am a consulting editor for the journals *Social Work* and *Social Work Research*. I also hold a position on the board for Sugarloaf Mountain Athletic Club and recently finished out a

two-year term as clerk for the board of Animal Shelter Renovation, Inc., a non-profit dedicated to building a no-kill animal shelter in the Greater Westfield Massachusetts area. In 2010 I was honored with one of the 40 Under Forty Awards by BusinessWest in Springfield, MA and in 2007 I received two of Springfield College's highest awards, the Distinguished Graduate Award and the All-College Graduate Scholarship.

Candidate statement:

I believe the Nominating Committee has a very important task on its hands and knowing the issues as well as the people that can best tackle them in an efficient, values-driven, and holistic manner is of the utmost importance. The Association of Social Work Boards has many of the same concerns as other businesses: how to get the job done correctly, effectively, and in a meaningful manner in an economy that is constantly in flux; how to represent the needs of constituents in an increasingly globalized society, the question of whether the constituent base needs to be expanded, and the continuing focus on security as well as

the reliability and validity of our exam product in an ever more connected world.

Committee members have to be able to juggle all of these concerns while knowing who out there among us is best able to take on the wide breadth of the job, including all of its joys and challenges. I have been to several delegate assemblies and have met many of the people who are mainstays in the ASWB world in committee meetings and trainings, and I believe I have an eye for a good candidate and can help procure the most dedicated and hard-working of us out there.

December 2012

Board term ends/ended:



ASWB ELECTIONS 2011

Office: Nominating Committee

Jacqueline Johnson
Minnesota

Biography, including education

My MSSW degree was obtained from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Social Work. I am licensed in the state of Minnesota as a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW). My employment, for the past 24 years, has been with Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, as a transplant social worker, specifically liver and pancreas/kidney, Director of the Social Work Graduate Student Internship Program, and Community Engagement Director for Mayo Medical School

Rochester Education and Advocacy for Community Health (REACH) Service Learning Program.

I have served on many community, state, and national organization boards and committees such as the City of Rochester Charter Commission and Minnesota Council on Black Minnesotans. My nomination to the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), led to my election to the board in Richmond, VA. I have given numerous presentations locally, state-wide, and nationally

on the topics of social work, diversity, and public school concerns. I was elected president of the North America Association of Liver Transplant Social Workers.

My professional career started in Mississippi as a social science teacher before I returned to school to obtain a degree in social work. I worked in Mississippi as a Licensed Certified Social Worker (LCSW) and later as director of the medical social services department at Delta Health Center.

Experience, particularly with ASWB:

I was appointed to the Minnesota Board of Social Work by Governor Ventura in 2008 to complete the unfinished term of a member. Governor Pawlenty reappointed me in 2010. I serve on the Legislative and Rules Committee and Compliance Committee.

At the ASWB New Board Member Training in Minnesota, my interest heightened to become an active part

of ASWB. After applying for membership to committees, I was asked to participate on the Regulation and Standards (RAS) Committee. I attended the spring meeting of ASWB in Vancouver and immediately felt a power surge of a connection with the organization. My involvement in the annual meeting of the RAS Committee solidified my desire for continued active participation in this organization.

Candidate statement:

I have been afforded the opportunity to consistently and effectively demonstrate and support the values of leadership and service in my 40 years of experience and service in the field of social work. I believe this experience of assessing and identifying valuable leaders, coupled with my knowledge of social work and the objectives of ASWB and the Nominating Committee's role, positions me to serve and be an operative member of this committee.

As ASWB addresses the challenges of boundary issues surrounding electronic counseling and protection of the public, it will be paramount that our association continues to elect the most qualified leaders in the right roles to address these concerns and ensure successful fulfillment of its mission. (Strengthen protection of the public by providing support and services to the social work regulatory community to advance competent and ethical practices.)

If elected, I would serve with integrity, objectivity, and due diligence to carry out the responsibilities and charge of the Nominating Committee.

I personally value my association with ASWB and it would be an exceptional honor to serve in this capacity. Thank you for the opportunity to be nominated and considered for the Nominating Committee.

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Office: Nominating Committee

Robert Johnson
Alberta



Biography, including education:

I have been a social worker for 39 years. My areas of practice include senior management of child welfare and youth advocacy, disability services, and corrections. I also taught social work at Mount Royal University and the University of Calgary as a sessional instructor for 23 years. I currently sit as a governance board member of the Calgary Board for Persons with Developmental Disabilities. I also sit as a member of the

Law Enforcement Review Board, which hears appeals pertaining to police misconduct in Alberta, and as a member of the Attendance Board, which hears cases of school truancy in Alberta. In addition, I am a citizen member of the Incident Investigations Branch of Corrections Service Canada.

I have an Master of Science in Social Work degree (MSSW) from the University of Tennessee. I am a regis-

tered social worker in Alberta and currently serve as president of the Alberta College of Social Workers (ACSW). I have participated on the council of ACSW for the last seven years. I participate as a member of the Social Work Advisory Committee at Mount Royal University in Calgary and the Social Work General Faculty Council at the University of Calgary. I'm also a director with the Canadian Council of Social Work Regulators.

Experience, particularly with ASWB:

I have years of experience as a front line social worker providing services to children and families. For most of my career, I have been a senior manager in child welfare delivery, child and youth advocacy and adult corrections. I taught social policy, child welfare and practicum courses at the college and university level for many years. While living in Tennessee, I worked with the Knox County and state government in the development and implementation of a community alternative to prison program.

I have participated in numerous committees with the ACSW and have served in various capacities as a member of the board. I have taken the board member training with ASWB and participated on the Program and Education Committee for two years. I have attended the spring and fall meetings of ASWB for the last two years. In addition, I participated in the formation of the Canadian Council of Social Work Regulators.

Candidate statement:

The major issues facing ASWB at this time are related to the upcoming elections in the United States. The economic impact of the recent decisions pertaining to the debt ceiling, and the stock market uncertainty that has resulted, may have an impact on ASWB investments. In addition, the results of the presidential election could impact the regulatory agencies and state funding of boards.

Funding impacts the ability of state agencies to participate in ASWB activities such as committee participation and meetings.

As a member of the Nominating Committee, I would look upon selection of strong candidates for treasurer as key to the ongoing operations of ASWB during times of economic uncertainty. Finding suitable candidates for this position and other

board seats is crucial to maintaining the strength of the organization. This will be a challenge for the Nominating Committee over the next two years. Committee members will have to rely on extensive consultation and collaboration within the organization and with member organizations to successfully complete this task.

April 2013

Board term ends/ended:



ASWB ELECTIONS 2011

Office: Nominating Committee

Anwar Najor-Durack
Michigan

Biography, including education:

I'm the Director of Field Education for the Wayne State University School of Social Work. I began my tenure at WSU in 1994 as the MSW academic advisor and was appointed to direct the field education office in 2005. Prior to my work at Wayne State, I was employed as a psychiatric social worker in an inpatient facility.

I have a Bachelors of Science degree in psychology and a MSW degree from Wayne State University, and completed my PhD in Educational

Leadership and Policy Studies within the College of Education at WSU in 2011. Now, I oversee the field placement of all BSW and MSW students at the School of Social Work at WSU.

I am a Licensed Master Social Worker in the state of Michigan. In addition to my work at WSU, I am also the vice chair of the Michigan Board of Social Work and a member of the disciplinary subcommittee of the board.

Experience, particularly with ASWB:

In 2005, I was appointed to the Michigan Board of Social Work, and I'm currently completing my second term on the board. I've also served as a disciplinary subcommittee member as well as serving as a conferee on various cases.

When attending ASWB annual meetings, I have served as the Michigan delegate. In 2010, I was appointed to the Approved Continuing Education (ACE) Committee and have been an active participant in this committee's monthly meetings.

Candidate statement:

The field of social work is continuing to evolve, keeping pace with local and global changes. The rapid technology growth has impacted how social workers are prepared for professional practice and of course practice is impacted by the fast growing technology.

ASWB must stay abreast of these changes and ensure that we are able to address the needs that arise in our field to ensure that competent social workers provide the best care to the public in a safe and ethical manner.

The Nominating Committee has the responsibility and charge to assist in this endeavor by presenting a diverse and talented slate of candidates for the ASWB leadership.

December 2011

Board term ends/ended:

ASWB ELECTIONS 2011

Office: Nominating Committee

Melinda Pilkinton
Mississippi



Biography, including education:

I have a BSW from Mississippi State University, an MSW from the University of Southern Mississippi, and a Ph.D. in Social Work from Jackson State University. I have been teaching at Mississippi State University for 12 years and maintain a small clinical practice at an outpatient behavioral health facility where I work with military families and provide sub-

stance abuse treatment services. Some of my previous experience includes school social work, in-patient mental health and substance abuse treatment, nursing home consultation, administration and supervision in social work settings. Currently, I am licensed as a clinical social worker and was first licensed in Louisiana (BCSW) in 1983 and again in Mississippi in 1987.

Experience, particularly with ASWB:

I attended New Board Member Training about a year after I was appointed to a four-year term on the Mississippi Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists. My eyes were opened to the monumental tasks of regulatory boards and the ongoing education needed to stay afloat in the regulations

business.

I am currently serving a second term on the Mississippi board. My previous experience with ASWB includes the most recent Practice Analysis Task Force and the Regulations and Standards Committee. I have found ASWB to be an intellectually stimulating organization and although the

committee work is often long and demanding, overall it's a heck of a lot of fun.

My learning curve approaches exponential proportions during each association meeting or visit. I look forward to future opportunities to serve with colleagues from North America and around the globe in ASWB.

Candidate statement:

ASWB continues to require competent and committed leadership. If I am elected to the Nominating Committee, I pledge to work diligently to ensure qualified and motivated professionals are identified and invited to serve. Representation is necessary from every area, as we all are enriched by diverse associations and connections. Thus, I plan to seek representa-

tives from diverse practice arenas, from ethnic, racial, and gender diversity, and from all regions. I support the mission of ASWB and will devote the necessary time, energy, and enthusiasm to the tasks of the Nominating Committee.



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Office: Nominating Committee

Ronnie Saunders III
Indiana

Biography, including education:

I am Ronnie Saunders. My bachelors degree is in political science with a focus in legal studies from Indiana State University. I currently serve as the assistant board director with the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency. Since October 2004, I have worked with a number of Indiana’s different health-related regulatory boards – the Medical Licensing Board, State Nursing Board, and the Board of Pharmacy, just to name a few.

In August 2009, I stepped into my new role with the Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board. In my role as an administrator, I act as a liaison between the boards that I serve and the various local and national associa-

tions and stakeholders. I coordinate and plan meetings, create agendas, maintain the Web pages, update applications and instruction packets, and give presentations before university classes.

Although I have worked the majority of my professional life within the governmental regulatory realm, I also have past experience; from working as an assistant within a university admissions office to substitute teaching social studies to security agent within a high-end retail store. I also volunteer 10-20 hours a week with my local American Cancer Society and play minor league football for the Indianapolis Tornados.

Experience, particularly with ASWB:

Three months into my tenure with the Behavioral Health Board, I was afforded the opportunity to attend my first Annual Meeting and got my first real taste of ASWB in October 2009. I participated in New Board Member

Training as an administrator in March 2010, and have attended the Administrators Forum regularly.

During summer 2011, I was delighted to be appointed to the ASWB Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.

I must admit that my favorite event with ASWB thus far has been the 2011 Spring Education Meeting because we examined the delicate intersection of boundaries and technology; learning about the issues that are faced by the licensees I work with is important.

Candidate statement:

As a board staff member, most of my concerns center around efficient delivery of information and protection and integrity within the profession for everyone involved. I know that this topic is something that has been brought up before but I have a continued interest in finding out how we effectively regulate the work with clients who do not live in the same jurisdiction as their therapists. If a client has a complaint, which jurisdiction hears it? Should the social worker be licensed in the client’s jurisdiction or is just being licensed in the social worker’s “home” jurisdiction sufficient?

I would also like to see ASWB continue to address issues with the new examination vendor, Pearson VUE. I know that there have been strides made to make the transition as smooth as possible but the delays in getting results have caused applicants and administrators some grief. I would like

to explore the possibility of the administrators being able to contact Pearson directly to obtain a specific score report if it does not show with the full roster.

Also, I would like to see if it would be possible for the site where we access the score reports to provide us with the ability to reset our password online before being locked out if we mistype or forget our passwords. Sometimes, we will get locked out even if we do type the correct login and password; this frustrating delay hinders the applicants and administrators when we cannot access the scores and people have to wait longer due to a “glitch.” I would like to ensure that these two issues are raised and addressed by the next set of leaders and presented to the member jurisdictions.