

# I. MEMBERSHIP

## **1.1 ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Membership eligibility for boards of social work regulation is established in the Association's Articles of Incorporation and bylaws.

### **POLICY:**

1. Dues assessment of a Member Board shall be based on the number of licensed social workers in all licensure categories in that board's jurisdiction according to the following scale: \$100 for Member Boards with 0–200 licensees; \$500 for Member Boards with 201–2,000 licensees; \$1,000 for Member Boards with 2,001–5,000 licensees; \$1,500 for Member Boards with 5,001–10,000 licensees; and \$2,000 for Member Boards with 10,001 or more licensees.
2. It is the responsibility of Delegates to confirm that their jurisdiction's dues are paid, to be sure that they are eligible to vote.
3. Membership entitles boards to all services and benefits provided by the Association office. Benefits include:
  - Use of the ASWB licensing examinations
  - Information, both on licensing and regulation and on Association actions and issues
  - Research on social work regulation as needed and requested
  - Access to the Public Protection Database (PPD)
  - Reporting disciplinary actions to federal databanks on behalf of Member Boards
  - Publications, including a newsletter
  - Communication with staff and leadership in a timely manner
  - Consultation with staff and Association counsel according to Policy 7.5, Legal Services on accommodations for disabilities
  - Access to an annual education meeting
  - Examination registration services
  - Approval of continuing education providers (ACE program)
  - Licensure candidate information exchange through the Social Work Registry
  - Contracted services including preapproval of licensure candidates for examination administration, licensure application review, and continuing education audits
4. The Association will furnish transportation, lodging, and meals for the Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly for one Delegate from each jurisdiction that has its dues paid 45 days prior to the meeting. A jurisdiction that plans to attend the Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly is expected to furnish the Association office with proper notification of its intent to send a Delegate, at least 45 days prior to the meeting.

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