



ASWB member boards, in their own words

ASWB profiles

*useless tidbits from the
association news editors:*

It's the Law!

In Columbia, you cannot have an antenna exposed outside your house, yet you can have a 25-foot satellite dish.

In Kansas City, installation of bathtubs with four legs resembling animal paws is prohibited.

In Mole, frightening a baby is against the law.

In Natchez, it is against the law to provide beer or other intoxicants to elephants.

In University City, one may not honk another's horn.

In St. Louis, it is illegal to sit on a curb of any city street and drink beer from a bucket.

Name of jurisdiction: Missouri

Name of board: State Committee for Social Workers

Number of board members: Ten-member board, to be made up of six LCSWs and one each: baccalaureate, masters, advanced macro, and public member. Only six are currently serving and all are LCSWs.

Licensure categories offered: Baccalaureate (LBSW), Masters (LMSW), Advanced Macro (LAMSW), and Clinical (LCSW).

Number of licensees: 6,300

Biggest achievement in the past 12 months: The State Auditor came to visit (never fun), which resulted in only one finding—and that was out of our control: that we have vacancies plus members serving with expired terms on our board, which has caused numerous meetings to be cancelled/rescheduled due to lack of quorum.

Biggest lesson learned in the past 12 months: Send all legal documents both certified and first class. Although our social worker statutes specify first class notification, the statutes for the administrative hearing commission require certified mail.

Biggest challenge facing the board: Not having enough gubernatorial appointments to ensure a quorum. Our statute requires members from all levels of licensure, which apparently is a challenge.

(complete the sentence) "I would really love to hear about how other jurisdictions... deal with an attorney general's office that seemingly has difficulties in handling disciplinary cases in a timely manner, which on occasion has resulted with dismissal because of the statute of limitations.

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