



Your board in action

A summary of the work of ASWB's Board of Directors at its August 9, 2014, meeting in Philadelphia, Pa.



The Board of Directors held an Advance! (as opposed to a retreat) at its August meeting in Philadelphia to discuss governance and leadership initiatives. Thomas J. Harvey, MSW, author and director of Nonprofit Professional Development, University of Notre Dame Mendoza College of Business, facilitated the workshop, which included participation by Governance Task Force members Lisa Crockwell (NL) and Amanda Duffy Randall (NE).

The ASWB Board of Directors met in person on Saturday, August 9, at the Westin Philadelphia hotel in Philadelphia, Pa., in conjunction with the Exam Committee meeting. Here is a recap of the activities of the board at that meeting.

Consent agenda: Reports approved via consent agenda included: Chief Executive Officer's report, Executive Vice President's report, Examination Services report, evaluation summary from the 2014 Spring Education Meeting, and evaluations from the year's second New Board Member Training in June.

Financial report: Board members reviewed second quarter financial statements through June 30, 2014, and statements from ASWB's investment accounts through July 30.

Second quarter business plan reports: The Board reviewed the business plan reports prepared by staff regarding results of activities undertaken in support of the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan.

Review of building plan: Board members reviewed preliminary plans for a new headquarters building to be located in Culpeper.

Locations for 2016 and 2017 ASWB meetings: Board members approved the following locations for ASWB meetings in 2016 and 2017: Jersey City, N.J., for the 2016 Spring Education Meeting; San Diego, Calif., for the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly; Las Vegas, Nev., for the 2017 Spring Education Meeting; Atlanta, Ga., for the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly.

Fall 2014 Delegate Assembly: The Board approved the draft agenda for the annual business meeting, which will be held in Boise, Idaho. The conference will begin on Thursday, November 13, and will adjourn on Saturday, November 15.

Board service awards: Board members selected recipients of the 2014 Sunny Andrews Award and the award for outstanding administrator. Awards will be presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting.

Examination Security Manual/ Examination Security Policy: Board members approved a minor wording change to the Comprehensive Examination Security Manual and a similar change to ASWB Policy 2.11, Examination Security, to make the documents consistent.

Board training: A presentation about ASWB starting a new Social Work Regulation and Licensing discussion group on LinkedIn as part of outreach and education to social work professionals and regulators was presented by staff. ([See related story.](#))

Strategic discussions: The Board held generative discussions about a number of topics, including planning efforts for the 2015 Spring Education Meeting, ASWB participation at conferences during second quarter, and a process for completing the annual evaluation of ASWB's chief executive officer.

Committee, Task Force, and

Meeting reports: The following summarizes the highlights of the committee, task force, and meeting reports made to the Board of Directors.

- **Exam Committee report:** Form reviewers attended the June Exam Committee meeting to review Bachelors, Masters, and Clinical forms for release in October. Masters and Clinical exam subcommittees also met in June and reviewed a total of 304 items. Of those, only 21 items were deleted. Item writer recruiting will begin in the fall and run through December 2014.
- **International Technology Task Force report:** All reports were submitted and chair Ric Reamer compiled the reports into a single document that was returned to committee for review and comment. Goal is to introduce a draft document at ASWB's Annual Meeting for review and comment by delegates and to have a final document ready at year end for review by the Regulation and Standards (RAS) Committee.
- **Approved Continuing Education (ACE) report:** At its July meeting, the ACE Committee reviewed new application procedures to streamline the application process. The committee also discussed outreach to ACE providers regarding New Jersey course approval application process developed by ASWB as a New Jersey CE Approval Entity beginning September 1, 2014.
- **Bylaws Committee report:** At its July meeting, the Bylaws Committee reviewed the ASWB bylaws and developed a working document with comments about sections to be considered for potential revision as part of a larger review in collaboration with the Governance Task Force.
- **Regulation and Standards (RAS) Committee:** The RAS

Committee completed a review of Articles IV and V of the Model Social Work Practice Act based on comments received from a survey of member board members and administrators conducted in June and July. This is Year Two of a three-year review of the model law.

- **Nominating Committee report:** The Nominating Committee received a large number of nominations this year. Candidates for four positions on the Board of Directors and two positions on the Nominating Committee have been slated.
- **NASW National Conference:** Director at Large John McBride attended the NASW 2014 National Conference and provided a written report to the Board. Staff reported that ASWB exhibited and also gave the presentation "Why my license matters: Understanding professional regulation and public protection."
- **CAC Public Outreach Conference:** The Board received a report about staff attendance at the Citizen Advocacy Conference titled "Public Outreach: Promoting Awareness and Stimulating Community Involvement."

Recap of the Foundation Board Meeting

Immediately following the ASWB Board of Directors meeting, the Board reconvened to hold a board meeting of the American Foundation for Research and Consumer Education in Social Work Regulation (the Foundation). The Foundation is ASWB's 501(c)3 organization that sponsors a grant program for research on topics relevant to social work regulation, consumer protection, and related areas. The Foundation Board of Directors comprises the members of ASWB's Board of Directors.

Foundation Review Board: The Foundation Board tabled a discussion

about establishing terms of service for the Foundation Review Board.

Statement of revenue and expenditures: The Foundation Board reviewed the current statement of revenue and expenditures and approved a motion to move ahead with a yearly cycle of grants when funds are available and projects meet qualification standards.

Ratification of research applications: Five research applications received during the 2014 application cycle were reviewed by the Foundation Review Board. The Foundation Board ratified the two projects recommended for approval and ratified a third project subject to successful revision and resubmission. ([See related story.](#))