ASWB recently learned that one of our founding members passed away in February 2014. Gwynne Goldberg, president of ASWB in 1985-1986 when the association was the American Association of State Social Work Boards (AASSWB), was the sixth to serve in that role. But Goldberg was also at the very first meeting of the organization that would become ASWB, when it was held in September 1978 at Stouffers Inn in Louisville, Ky. She was part of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee that emerged from that meeting and became one of the initial directors of AASSWB when the organization was incorporated in 1979.

Goldberg served as secretary of the AASSWB Executive Committee from 1979 to 1983, was president-elect in 1984, and completed her duties as past president in 1986. Goldberg also served on the first Examination Committee and was one of the first item writers.

In her professional life as a clinical social worker in Kentucky, Goldberg assisted adults and children at Central State Hospital, Louisville Area Mental Health Center, Louisville Board of Education, Bridgehaven, long-term care facilities, and in a private practice. She was appointed by five governors to Kentucky’s Board of Social Work. She will be remembered for her pioneering role as a social work regulator.

Gywnne Goldberg (1941-2014)