



## ASWB member boards, in their own words

### ASWB profiles

**Name of jurisdiction:** Idaho

**Name of board:** Idaho Board of Social Work Examiners

**Number of board members:** Six: three LMSWs or LCSWs, two LSWs, and one public member. Traditionally, the board has one member who is a social work educator. Also, the board is geographically diverse.

**Licensure levels offered:** LSW, LSW-I, LMSW, LMSW-I, LCSW, and Inactive. Idaho also requires clinical supervisors be approved and recertified every five years.

**Number of licensees:** Idaho has 4,495 licensees: LSW-1,829; LMSW-1,365; LCSW-1,301; and 436 approved clinical supervisors.

**Biggest achievement in the past 12 months:** Establishing a work group made up of the social work associations, students, social work educators, social work professionals, the other mental health licensing boards and their professional associations, as well six other allied health regulatory boards to begin writing rules for electronic practice. We also began the recertification of approved supervisors.

**Biggest lesson learned in the past 12 months:** Clearing the backlog of complaints was very expensive.

**Biggest challenge facing the board:** Legislative passage of the proposed fee increase. Ensuring great weather for ASWB's Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly in Boise, Idaho, November 13-15, 2014, is difficult. But we are trying!

**(complete the sentence) "I would really love to hear about how other jurisdictions..."** are progressing in writing rules for electronic practice. Are other jurisdictions facing the misperception that regulation is a barrier to implementing telehealth? Are there any boards or colleges that use private prosecutors?

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### *Useless tidbits from the association news editors:*

- Hells Canyon is the deepest river gorge in America, deeper than the Grand Canyon.
- The statehouse in Boise is geothermally heated from underground hot springs.
- To this day, there are those who refuse to fish at night on Bear Lake for fear of the legendary Bear Lake Monster.
- Named the "Gem State," Idaho produces 72 types of precious and semi-precious stones, some of which can be found nowhere else in the world.
- If you don't smile in Pocatello, Idaho, you could go to jail: "It is prohibited for pedestrians and motorists to display frowns, grimaces, scowls, threatening and glowering looks, gloomy and depressed facial appearances, generally all of which reflect unfavorably upon the city's reputation."