



## ASWB member boards, in their own words

### ASWB profiles

**Name of jurisdiction:** Nova Scotia

**Name of board:** Nova Scotia Association of Social Workers

**Number of board members:** 12: 9 social workers and 3 government appointees

**Licensure levels offered:** Registered Social Worker, Social Work Candidate

**Number of licensees:** 1,980

**Biggest achievement in the past 12 months:** We adopted a new database at the NSASW. Although there were difficulties in terms of setting it up and migrating all of our members, the benefits are endless.

**Biggest lesson learned in the past 12 months:** Don't count your chickens before they've hatched. After years of hard work on draft legislation, it was finally time to watch it go forward. However, we were recently informed that the Request for Legislation was withdrawn. Although we will continue working on it so that a new Request for Legislation can be made, we had gotten our hopes up and we are disappointed that the Bill is not moving ahead sooner.

**Biggest challenge facing the board:** Of those board members eligible to sit on the Discipline Committee, none have ever done so before. So it is a brand new experience for all those involved. But all of our members are caring, hardworking, and extremely competent professionals. They are sure to excel at this new challenge!

**(complete the sentence) "I would really love to hear about how other jurisdictions..., where applicable, deal with being government-regulated. I would be very interested in knowing of the challenges and the benefits of government regulation."**

**Completed by:** Marc Wagg, Deputy Registrar

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

- People honk their horns at out-of-province plates as a way of being friendly.
- It is illegal to water your grass while it is raining.
- Street signs tell you the roads that come off the one you're on, but not the name of the street you're on.
- In Halifax, until the mid-1970s, men and women weren't legally allowed to drink together in public.
- There are some 32 Volvos on the floor of the Bedford Basin. They sank in 1969 with the container ship that was transporting them.