



## Your board in action

*A summary of the work of ASWB's Board of Directors at its November 13 and November 15, 2014, meetings in Boise, Id.*

The ASWB Board of Directors met in person on Thursday, November 13, and Saturday, November 15, at the Grove Hotel in Boise, Idaho, in sessions before and after the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly. Here is a recap of the activities of the Board at those meetings.

**Consent agenda:** Reports approved via consent agenda included: Executive Vice President's report, Examination Services report, and New Board Member Training evaluations.

**Leadership reports:** ASWB CEO Mary Jo Monahan provided the CEO report, which included a review of business plan activities completed during the third quarter in support of the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan. A Mobility Strategy white paper was presented as part of the strategic plan initiatives. The Board requested more research on the topic of mobility for the January 2015 Board meeting. The Board also received a report about ASWB's participation at a meeting of the NASW-NYC chapter Latino Social Work Task Force held to discuss upcoming changes in regulation of social work practice in the state of New York requiring licensure at the LMSW and LCSW levels for social workers previously exempt from licensure.

ASWB President Dorinda Noble provided the President's report and initiated a discussion about the work of the Governance Task Force. The Board approved the charge of the Governance Task Force.

**Confirmation of decisions made in email meetings:** The Board confirmed the decisions made in email meetings conducted on August 15, September 10, and September 28.

**Treasurer's report:** Board members reviewed financial statements through September 30, 2014.

**New Building report:** The Board received a report from Executive Vice President Dwight Hymans about progress on the new headquarters.

**Policy 3.6, Committee Meetings:** The Board approved changes to policy 3.6, Committee Meetings, to allow an appropriate schedule for Board-appointed committees and task forces to be established and funded annually, based on committee workload and charges, rather than once per year.

**Committee/Task Force/Meetings reports:** The Board heard reports from Board liaisons of the Examination Committee, Regulatory Education and Leadership (REAL) Committee, the Nominating Committee, and the International Technology Task Force. The Board also heard reports from Board members attending the

Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) Regulatory Law Seminar, the Council on Licensure, Enforcement, and Regulation (CLEAR), the Citizen Advocacy Center, and the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting.

**From the November 15 meeting**

**Review of 2014 Annual Meeting:**

Board members discussed their impressions of the 2014 Annual Meeting and possible additions or changes for the 2015 meeting. A request for adding continuing education credits was shared and discussed but no decision was made; it was noted that the Annual Meeting is the business meeting, not the education meeting.

**Introductions of Board members:**

Board members introduced themselves by discussing the special skills and strengths they bring to the Board.

**Orientation of new Board**

**members:** A governance manual is being prepared for distribution at the January Board meeting. New Board members will also receive other reference materials to help orient them to their governance responsibilities.

**Review of Exam Committee**

**appointments:** The Board approved appointments of Exam Committee members proposed by the president.

**Summary of ASWB mobility strategy for 2015-2016:**

The president summarized the mobility discussion from the November 13 Board meeting for the benefit of new Board members. The Board discussed the need for additional research prior to making a decision about appointing a Mobility Task Force to help the association move forward on the strategic initiative. Further action was tabled until the January 2015 Board meeting.