In memoriam:  
David Jeffreys, AASSWB  
Executive Director (1983-1986).

News from New Board Member Training

June New Board Member Training in Washington, D.C., was filled to capacity. Attending the training were: (first row) Brenda Dennis (OR), Lisa Haberbusch (OH), Denise Pratt (TX), Jackie MacKay (PEI); (second row): Rochelle Mason (DE), Veronica Meadows (Council of Landscape Architecture Licensing Board), Joan Cloonan (ID), Garlande Powell (NC), Jan Fitts (ASWB); (third row) Peggy Salley (LA), Vicki Musseau (NL), Claudette Landry (NB), NBMT facilitator Richard Silver (QC), Tommie Davis (AR); (fourth row) Melissa Chargualaf (GU), Kenya Anderson (TN), Pamela Carhill (MP), June McKinnon (PEI), James Penrod (Council of Landscape Architecture Licensing Board), Kimberly Perry (RI), David Germany (MS), Jason Collins (MN); not pictured: Darren Madahbee (ON).

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JOAN CLOONAN of Idaho made the most of her time at the June New Board Member Training in Washington, D.C. She brought along her Turkish drop spindle and spun her own yarn. An accomplished knitter, JOAN started spinning her own yarn two years ago.

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KENYA ANDERSON and CATHERINE SIMMONS, both of Tennessee, were surprised to run into each other at lunch during the June NBMT and item writer training in Washington, D.C. The two are colleagues in the University of Memphis department of social work, but neither knew the other was coming to the ASWB event. CATHERINE was in town for the item writer training and KENYA was attending New Board Member Training.

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NBMT? How about MTv?

The attendees at the August New Board Member Training really bonded during their time together. WENDY BENSON of New York was so enthusiastic that she wrote a song about the ASWB “helping family” with support from JAMIE WILLIAMS of Mississippi and PATRICK DUROCHER of Québec. The music video can be experienced [here](#).
New Board Member Training in August played to another full house. Pictured: Marcia Simoneau (KS), Mai Lin Noffke (Atkinson & Atkinson), Jamie Williams (MS), Carolyn Szafran (KS), Amy Smith (AL), Patrick Durocher (QC), Wanda Miller (SK), Claude Savoie (NB), Wendy Benson (NY), Denise Krause (NY), Greg Winkler (WI), Catherine Buchanan (SC), Angela Atkins (NC), Rose-Anne Hovey (ND), Sally Jones (AZ), Jacqueline Lowe (SC), Hope Cortez (GU), May Ferrer (HI), Lisa Bolhouse (FL), Marlo Thomas-Koger (SC), Patrick McShane (NY). Attending but not pictured: Elizabeth Pope (NC), Valeri White (AL), Aimee Williams (MD).

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Devastated but not defeated

MAE GUNNARE, a former ASWB president and the current mayor of Delmont, S.D., reports that her town of 200 residents was devastated by a tornado on Mother’s Day, May 10. She writes: “Our home escaped getting hit by 50 yards and had only minor damage, but our little city lost 44 structures and we are looking at only 10 or so returning.”

FLORENCE SABLAN of the Northern Mariana Islands wrote to ask for ASWB’s support in the wake of a super typhoon that hit the capital, Saipan, on August 2 and devastated the island. She writes: “The whole island is without water and power and disaster declaration has been approved by President Obama, so help from FEMA is slowly coming in.”

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Ice Bucket Challenges lead to breakthrough in ALS research

Johns Hopkins scientists recently announced a breakthrough in ALS research and have credited the Ice Bucket Challenge with raising public interest—and funding—for their success. If you recall, ASWB CEO MARY JO MONAHAN answered the challenge in 2014 with the help of DWIGHT HYMANS, who poured. More information can be found here.

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Exam Committee news

SUJATA PAI of New York will complete her tenure on the Exam Committee this year, but she was pleased to announce that she was appointed in January as a member of the New York state social work regulatory board.

NANCY SIDELL of Pennsylvania, an item development consultant for the Masters exam committee, has been appointed interim dean of the College of Professional Studies at Mansfield University. NANCY is the social work program director and a professor of social work at the university. Her appointment as interim dean is expected to extend through the 2015-2016 academic year.

LIZ JOHNSTON of California reports that she has been teaching this summer at Smith College. She also will complete her tenure with the Exam Committee this year.

MIRIAM BALEN of British Columbia has a new job as a school social worker at an all-girls private school for grades K-7.

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ASWB welcomes new jurisdictional staff members:

MARLO THOMAS-KOGER, South Carolina
JAIME HOYLE, Virginia
DAWN HANNASCH, Alaska

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