



Your board in action

A summary of the work of ASWB's Board of Directors at its April 30, 2015, meeting in Seattle, Wash.

The ASWB Board of Directors met in person on Thursday, April 30, 2015, at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel in Seattle, Washington. Here is a recap of the activities of the Board at that meeting.

Consent agenda: Reports approved via consent agenda included: Executive Vice President's report, Examination Services report, the Examination Committee report, and New Board Member Training evaluations from the March 2015 training in Miami, Florida.

Leadership reports: ASWB CEO Mary Jo Monahan presented the CEO Report, which summarized the work of the association for the first quarter of 2015. A new campaign to increase membership in ASWB's Social Work Registry was introduced. Participation in the Registry service is envisioned as a way to facilitate practice mobility and license portability. Jan Fitts, education and training senior manager, was introduced to the Board.

ASWB President Dorinda Noble presented the President's Report, which summarized the Board's work on its governance goals in the first quarter of 2015 and provided an overview of the practice mobility/license portability initiative. As part of the report, the CEO evaluation subcommittee discussed its work to develop an evaluation

process. The Board approved the adoption of the subcommittee's full report. The Board held a discussion about the mobility initiative and plans for moving forward following the 2015 Spring Education Meeting. The Board voted to continue the theme of practice mobility/license portability for the 2016 Spring Education Meeting.

Confirmation of decisions made in email meetings: The Board confirmed the decisions made in email meetings conducted on January 28, February 23, March 27, and April 23, 2015.

Treasurer's report: Board members reviewed financial statements through December 31, 2014, and reviewed and approved the draft audit for the year ending December 31, 2014. The Board approved the engagement of auditing firm Bowling, Franklin, and Co., LLC, for 2015 through 2017. The Board received the report of the Finance Committee and approved a change to section 6. Asset Allocation Guidelines, Short Term Fund, in Policy 7.10 Investments. The Board also heard an update about the Practice Analysis project and the selection of HumRRO as contractor to support the project.

Building report: The Board received a report on the new headquarters project. Research on sustainable materials and

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efficiencies continues as the developer completes the site plans. A bid is expected by June. Financing options were discussed, and the Board adopted a resolution for a \$10 million line of credit through Morgan Stanley, ASWB's investment advisor.

Supreme Court decision: The Board received a report from ASWB legal counsel about the Supreme Court decision on the North Carolina Dental Board v. Federal Trade Commission.

Strategic discussions: *Governance Task Force and Bylaws Committee.* Board members heard a report about the work of the Governance Task Force and the Bylaws Committee, which are working together to review ASWB bylaws.

Committee/Task Force/Meetings reports: The following summarizes the highlights of the committee, task force, and meeting reports made to the Board of Directors.

Regulatory Education and Leadership Committee report: A summary of the work completed to plan the 2015 Spring Education Meeting was provided. The conference is on schedule.

Approved Continuing Education (ACE) report: The ACE Committee will meet in July. The report of current ACE providers is included in the Executive Vice President's report.

NABSW meeting report: ASWB's President-Elect M. Jenise Comer and Secretary Fran Franklin

attended the 2015 National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW) conference in Chicago, Ill. Comer, Franklin, and past Board member Saundra Starks presented a workshop, "Urban Legends: Preparing the Next Generation for Licensed Practice," and gave away two exam guides at the end of the session. Comer and Starks participated in a panel discussion on professionalism presented to social work students. ASWB placed two ads in the NABSW souvenir program, a full-page ad on the inside front cover about the new *ASWB Guide to the Social Work Exams* and a half-page ad about ASWB's Path to Licensure program.