A star in our midst!

That’s SIMEON FRAZIER’s son Michael-Steven R. Frazier in the photo, which was taken recently during filming of a biopic about U.S. Navy fighter pilot Jesse L. Brown that is being shot throughout Ohio. Jesse Brown gained acclaim as the first African-American aviator in the Navy. He also was the first African-American naval officer killed in the Korean War. Michael-Steven, age 10, is cast as the young Jesse. SIMEON works with the administrator for the Ohio board. Watch for the movie, likely in 2016–17!

Staying connected

MEGAN GALLAGHER, a regulations analyst for the Minnesota board, was enjoying the Administrators Workshop but missing her daughter. This was her first trip away from 15-month-old EMMA. Thank goodness, she said, for video technology that allowed her to stay connected with home.

It’s a dog’s life

Jurisdictional board staff were sharing stories of their faithful companions during the recent workshop training.

KEVIN MacDOUGALL (NS) has a new dog, named Dougall MacDougall. KEVIN’s previous pooch was named Mac MacDougall.

ERIKA MAZORATI (MI) rescues great Danes and has a new 10-month-old puppy.

EDWINA McGRODDY (ON) also has a new dog named Romeo. Apparently the dog is such a love that EDWINA’s adult daughter has taken custody of him—or is that considered dognapping?

Whirlwind world tour

A number of registrars attending ASWB’s Administrators Workshop were moving at warp speed from coast to coast and north to south on their international travels from the annual Canadian Registrars meeting in Regina, Saskatchewan, to ASWB’s training in Arlington, Virginia, in early October. Co-facilitator JOHN MAYR (BC), EDWINA McGRODDY (ON), and SHEILA McKINNON-OKE (NS) as well as ASWB Director of Member Services JENNIFER HENKEL all made it, although JENNIFER lost her luggage going through Customs and SHEILA and JOHN nearly missed their flights. (We are happy to report that JENNIFER was reunited with her bag in Virginia.)

SHEILA had perhaps the most international of travels: She reportedly was in Mexico before traveling back to Canada and on to the U.S.

Bad karma?

Poor JIM MARKS! The executive director of the Oklahoma board thought he had found the perfect new office space, writing in a recent announcement that the board made the move to new office quarters that were “structurally sound.” It seems that damage from an ice storm several years ago was never correctly repaired in the old digs and tenancy was an issue. Rather than wait for things to get worse, JIM found the new space. But not long after staff moved...
in, a water pipe burst. In JIM’s office. Over his desk. Ruining his computer. We hope things improve! Thanks to JINNA DREESSEN for the update, shared at the recent Administrators Workshop.

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**Congrats!**

Birthday wishes are in order for ALISON MacDONALD of Saskatchewan and CARLA MOORE of Louisiana. Both celebrated recently: ALISON during the Canadian Registrars annual meeting and CARLA on October 13.

Congratulations to BRIAN CARNAHAN, executive director of the Ohio board, who celebrated his one-year work anniversary in August.

CARMEN HOWLETTE of Maryland, a member of ASWB’s Exam Committee, has a new job as a behavioral health care coordinator with Magellan Healthcare Provider Group.

More happy news from LYNN KING of Alberta, who writes that she is thrilled to be a grandmother again for the third time! New grandson Heath King was born September 5. LYNN is pictured here with Heath and his sister Stella.

Students from Switzerland and Wright State University met with the Ohio board as part of a course on comparative social welfare.

Congratulations to ROBIN JENKINS of Washington, D.C., who recently became president of the Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR). ROBIN was president-elect last year.

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**In CLEAR sight**

ASWB was well represented at the 2015 CLEAR conference in Boston in September, starting with CLEAR President ROBIN JENKINS of Washington, D.C.!

Others known to be attending: ASWB member board staff members ALISON MacDONALD of Saskatchewan, RICHARD SILVER of Québec, and JOHN MAYR of British Columbia; ASWB Board of Directors members STEVEN PHARRIS of Tennessee and PATRICIA O’REILLY of West Virginia; and ASWB staff member JAN FITTS, senior manager for education and training.

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**International relations**

BRIAN CARNAHAN, executive director of the Ohio board, reports that the board hosted a group of social work graduate students from Wright State University (WSU) and students from the Zurich University of Applied Sciences, School of Social Work, in Zurich, Switzerland. The students met with the board for a question and answer session as part of a course on comparative social welfare taught at WSU. “While there are many cultural differences, the dedication to core social work principles was evident,” BRIAN wrote. “Board members and staff were surprised at the level of support for social and mental health services in Switzerland.”

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ASWB welcomes new jurisdictional staff members:

KIM MADSEN, California

BRAD BURNHAM, Washington

...and says good-bye to:

MARIAMA GONDO, Washington

DOUG WARNE, Ohio