Hello, again, hello!

It was great to see former DC social work regulator CARL ALGOOD at the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting in Denver. Now a faculty member with Bowie State University’s department of social work in Maryland, CARL served on the District of Columbia social work board in the 1980s. He visited the ASWB booth at the Baccalaureate Program Directors (BPD) conference in Kansas City, Missouri, earlier this year. (Asides, March/April)

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Visitors to the ASWB booth...

Stopping by ASWB’s booth at the CSWE Annual Program Meeting in Denver: JO DEE GOTTLIEB, member of the West Virginia board and director of the BSW program at Marshall University; Stacy Kratz, a former student of ASWB CEO MARY JO MONAHAN when MARY JO was adjunct faculty at University of South Florida’s school of social work; and JIM AKIN, member of ASWB’s Mobility Task Force. Also visiting the booth: ADELE CRUDDEN, social work faculty member at Mississippi State University and colleague of MELINDA PILKINTON, a past member of ASWB’s Board of Directors; and PAUL KURZMAN, another early social work regulator in the state of New York, when ASWB was AASSWB.

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ASWB welcomes new jurisdictional staff members:
MARIE GALARNEAU, Québec
JENNIFER WENHOLD, Florida

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Best wishes!

ASWB wishes ALISON MacDONALD of Saskatchewan good luck as she enters the next chapter of her life, wherever her adventures may take her. Best wishes also are extended to LIZ JONES of British Columbia, who attended her last ASWB delegate assembly as board chair.

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Retirements on the horizon

The Florida board will be saying farewell in 2016 to staff members SUE FOSTER, executive director, and DEE RAMER, regulatory supervisor. The good news: JENNIFER WENHOLD is already in place!

Manitoba Executive Director and Registrar Miriam Browne retires

At the end of December, MIRIAM BROWNE, executive director/registrar of the Manitoba College of Social Workers, will retire from her position. During her 18-year tenure, MIRIAM was part of significant change in the social work community in that province, which culminated in new legislation in April of 2015, and was actively involved in many aspects of the transition to mandatory regulation in Manitoba. MIRIAM participated in many ASWB activities and conferences over the years and writes that she appreciated the knowledge and support she found in her friendly relationships with the ASWB staff and members.

MIRIAM shared that it has been extremely gratifying to be part of the evolution of social work regulation in her jurisdiction. The transition of the Manitoba Institute of Registered Social Workers (MIRSW) into the Manitoba College of Social Workers is the culmination of the efforts of
many social workers over several decades. The growth and change in the profession under her leadership of the College (including the decision in 2002 that MIRSW join ASWB) has been both significant and positive for social workers and most importantly, for the protection of the public interest. Regulation of the social work profession has been a passion for MIRIAM and she has enjoyed the challenges of working toward that important goal.

We wish MIRIAM well in her future adventures.

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Cheering from the sidelines

GREG WINKLER of Wisconsin was at the Delegate Assembly in Ft. Lauderdale when he learned that his son’s high school soccer team made it to the state finals, which were held on Saturday during the meeting. Unfortunately, the team didn’t win, but GREG’s son did get time on the field.

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Happy birthday!/Joyeux Anniversaire!

CLAUDE SAVOIE of New Brunswick received best wishes from President DORINDA NOBLE on behalf of the Delegate Assembly on his birthday during ASWB’s Annual Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale.

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Timing is everything

MICKI LILLY’s daughter lives in Florida, but a mother-daughter get-together was not to be. While MICKI was in Ft. Lauderdale, her daughter was visiting MICKI’s state of North Carolina.

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Taking the long way ’round

One of the few direct flights offered to Ft. Lauderdale was from Montreal. Unfortunately, CLAUDE LEBLOND of Québec was not able to take advantage: He was traveling from a meeting in Vancouver.

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Side trips

HAROLD DEAN of Arkansas and STAN WEINSTEIN of Maryland both visited the art museum in Ft. Lauderdale and were impressed with local artists’ work.

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Shared experiences

New regulator MELISSA CHAR-GUALAF from Guam sat next to experienced regulator BRAHNA WILCZYNSKI of New Mexico (formerly of New York and also the third ASWB president) during the meeting.

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The Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly marked a change in leadership as outgoing president DORINDA NOBLE passed the gavel to incoming President M. JENISE COMER to begin her two-year term in office. DORINDA will serve in 2016 as immediate past president.
As seen at the Annual Meeting Welcome Reception

Members of the Tennessee board, JULIA AXLEY and ANN-MARIE BUCHANAN, a first-time attendee

New Board Member Training goes international

The last session of New Board Member Training in 2015 was held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, for members and staff from that province and from Newfoundland and Labrador. Attending from Nova Scotia: JUSTIN ADAMS, SHERRY BATTISTE, CHRIS BOURQUE, MARION BROWN, SHELINA GORDON, JAMES GOUTHRO, TONYA GRANT, LORNA GRIFFIN-FILLIER, GEOFF HOOD, WENDY KEEN, CATHERINE KEHOE, JACK LANDREVILLE, JUDY MacDONALD, KEVIN MacDOUGALL, DAVID MacIVER, SHEILA McKNINNON-OKE, BRIAN MOORE, JANET POTHIER, MICHELE RIGBY, MARK SCALES, NANCY VINER, and ANNEMIEKE VINK. Attending from Newfoundland and Labrador were: ADRIENNE FOLEY and ANNETTE JOHNS.

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ROSEMARY CARMAN of Guam (center) found others with ties to Guam within ASWB: KIM FRAKES of Nevada (left) and ASWB Conference and Events Manager KAREN FRANCISCO (right). KIM’s husband of 27 years, TONY, is from Guam, and KAREN lived in Guam as a civilian and during her military service.

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ASWB philanthropy outreach

Throughout the year, ASWB makes donations to local Culpeper, Va., charitable organizations selected by the ASWB Philanthropy Team based on suggestions and requests from staff members. Some of the organizations receiving support in the last few months are pictured here. The Philanthropy Team includes staff members TESSA JONES, chair; SYLVIA CHRISTIAN, CINDY GROTZ, JESSICA JOHNSON, and PATRICIA OLINGER, liaison.

Your name could be featured here! Send all news and pictures to Jayne Wood, newsletter editor, at jwood@aswb.org or call Jayne at 800.225.6880, ext. 3075. We need your input!

Members of the UVA Culpeper Hospital accepted a donation to the Pamper Me Pink Mammogram Fund, which ASWB has supported for three years.

Services to Abused Families, Inc. (SAFE) interim director Karen Brown accepts a donation from ASWB CEO MARY JO MONAHAN.

Gifts of clothing, food, and miscellaneous items were donated to Culpeper Human Services’ Angel Tree program, filling wish lists provided by seven underprivileged elderly individuals.