



ASWB member boards, in their own words

Useless tidbits about Ontario from the editors:

- Ontario has more than 250,000 lakes. One-sixth of the total province area of Ontario is covered with water.
- Toronto is the capital city of Ontario. Toronto has a large financial district and is where the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSE) is located.
- In 1891, James Naismith invented the game of basketball. He used peach baskets at first.
- Canada stopped delivering mail on Saturdays 35 years ago.
- Some famous celebrities from Ontario include: Jim Carrey, Mike Myers, Shania Twain, Ryan Gosling, and Justin Bieber.
- Ontario is the home of Niagara Falls.
- Canada Dry Ginger Ale was invented by John J. McLaughlin in 1907.

Name of jurisdiction: Ontario

Name of board: Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers

Number of board members: 21 (7 elected social workers, 7 elected social service workers, and 7 publicly appointed members)

Licensure categories offered:

Social Work – minimum level of education required is a BSW from a social work program accredited by the Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE)

Social Service Work – minimum level of education required is a diploma in social service work from a social service work program offered in Ontario at a College of Applied Arts and Technology (CAAT)

Those with a combination of academic qualifications and experience performing the role of a social worker or a social service worker that is determined to be substantially equivalent to a degree in social work accredited by CASWE (in the case of social work) or a diploma in social service work from a CAAT (in the case of social service work) may also be eligible for registration.

Number of licensees: 18,174 (16,151 social workers and 2,194 social service workers)

Biggest achievement in the past 12 months:

Our Annual Meeting and Education Day (AMED) is always a very successful event. With the Annual Meeting portion followed by a keynote speaker in the morning, and an afternoon of breakout sessions, it is always extremely well received by the approximately 550 members who attend in person each year. The theme of AMED 2015 was *Building Capacity Across the Spectrum*. This year we included an *in memoriam* tribute to Glenda McDonald, our founding Registrar and CEO. We were very pleased by the fact that there was a huge increase in the number of members participating via webcast. We hope that this number will continue to increase in 2016 when we are able to webcast the afternoon breakout sessions as well as the keynote and Annual Meeting portions of the day.

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Biggest lesson learned in the past 12 months:

Communication – whether with members, external stakeholders, Council, or staff - is an ongoing challenge. This year has highlighted the important role that technology can play in enhancing our communications. We continue to learn and develop in this important area.

Biggest challenge facing the board:

In this year of huge change and challenge, it is difficult to choose just one. Most importantly, we lost our founding Registrar and CEO Glenda McDonald. We also faced a number of other challenges, including changes in leadership and significant and unforeseen developments with respect to the regulation of psychotherapy. We are proud of the fact that the College continued to run efficiently and effectively during this difficult time.

(complete the sentence) “I would really love to hear about how other jurisdictions... educate the public about regulation and the important role played by the regulator.

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