



## Your board in action

*A summary of the work of ASWB's Board of Directors at its meetings in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., November 5 and November 7, 2015.*

The ASWB Board of Directors met in person on Thursday, November 5, and Saturday, November 7, at the Riverside Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, in sessions before and after the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly. Here is a recap of the activities of the Board at those meetings.

### **From the November 5 meeting**

**Consent agenda:** Reports approved via consent agenda included: Executive Vice President's report, Examination Services report, the Practice Analysis Task Force Report, New Board Member Training evaluations, and the 2016 calendar for internal meetings.

### **Approval of minutes and confirmation of decisions**

**made in email meetings:** The Board approved the minutes and confirmed the decisions made in email meetings conducted on August 8, September 3, and October 8.

**Letter of commendation:** The Board of Directors approved sending a letter of commendation to the Examination Services department recognizing the staff for handling a record number of exam registrations and calls. (See related story.)

**Leadership reports:** ASWB CEO Mary Jo Monahan provided the CEO report, which included a review of work completed during the third quarter in support of the

2014-2018 Strategic Plan. A report of the activities of the Mobility Task Force was presented.

ASWB President Dorinda Noble provided the President's report and gave the final report of the work of the Governance Task Force, noting that it had completed its charge and given its input to the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee for consideration. She also commented on the success of the information sessions conducted prior to the Annual Meeting to review the proposed bylaws amendments.

**Treasurer's report:** Board members reviewed financial statements through September 30, 2015, and received an update on investments. Treasurer Carole Bryant closed the report noting the two accomplishments during her tenure were the decision to hire an investment firm that helped ASWB develop a solid investment policy and continues to manage the investments, and the decision to hire Jacqueline Ashby, CPA, as a staff member.

**Delegate Assembly discussion:** The Board held a discussion about

the upcoming delegate assembly logistics and activities.

**New Building report:** The Board received a report from Executive Vice President Dwight Hymans about progress on the new headquarters.

**Committee/Task Force/Meetings reports:** The Board heard reports from Board liaisons of the Regulatory Education and Leadership (REAL) Committee, the Regulation and Standards Committee, and the Nominating Committee. The Board also heard reports from Board members attending the Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) Regulatory Law Seminar, the Council on Licensure, Enforcement, and Regulation (CLEAR), and the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting.

**Renaming the Board Administrator Award:** The Board approved renaming the Board Administrator Award in honor of Glenda McDonald, Registrar and CEO of the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers, who passed away in May. The award recognizes the contributions of a staff member to a social work regulatory board

in ASWB's member jurisdictions and is a fitting tribute to Glenda's accomplishments and professional legacy in support of regulation of the profession to protect the public.

### **From the November 7 meeting**

**Review of 2015 Annual Meeting:** Board members discussed their impressions of the 2015 Annual Meeting and possible additions or changes for the 2016 meeting.

**Introductions of Board members:** Board members introduced themselves by discussing the special skills and strengths they bring to the Board.

**Orientation of new Board members:** New Board members were given information about materials that they will receive in preparation for the January 2016 Board meeting and their governance responsibilities.

**Review of Exam Committee appointments:** The Board approved appointments of 2016 Exam Committee members proposed by the president.