



ASWB member boards, in their own words

Useless tidbits about Minnesota from the editors:

- Minnesota has 90,000 miles of shoreline, which is more than California, Florida, and Hawaii combined.
- Bob Dylan was born in Duluth in 1941. Minnesota is also the birthplace for these celebrities: Prince, Chris Pratt, Judy Garland, Jessica Lange, and F. Scott Fitzgerald.
- The first can of Spam was produced in Austin, Minn., by The Hormel Company in 1937.
- A 55-foot-tall statue of the Jolly Green Giant is a popular tourist attraction in Blue Earth, Minn. The iconic figure was the mascot of the Minnesota Valley Canning Company, which was founded in Le Seuer, Minn., in 1903, renamed the Green Giant Company in 1950, and is now a division of General Mills.

Name of jurisdiction: Minnesota

Name of board:
Minnesota Board of Social Work

Number of board members:
15 members total; 5 public members and 10 professional members
Appointed by the governor to serve four-year, staggered terms

Licensure categories offered:
Minnesota has the following four permanent social work licenses, which you can apply for through examination or endorsement:

- Licensed Social Worker (LSW) - Bachelor license
- Licensed Graduate Social Worker (LGSW) – Graduate license
- Licensed Independent Social Worker (LISW) – Graduate license requiring 4,000 hours of non-clinical supervised practice
- Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) – Graduate license requiring 4,000 hours of clinical supervised practice

Complete details regarding the license requirements can be found at [Minnesota Statutes, Section 148E.055](#).

Number of licensees: (As of February 2016)

Licensed Social Worker (LSW)	5,985
Licensed Graduate Social Worker (LGSW)	2,370
Licensed Independent Social Worker (LISW)	787
Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW)	5,091
Total	14,233

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Biggest achievement in the past 12 months:

- The 2012 Legislature made changes to Minnesota social work licensing exemptions. As of July 1, 2016, newly hired social work employees of (1) Minnesota city and state agencies and (2) Minnesota private nonprofit, nontribal agencies whose primary service focus addresses ethnic minority populations and who are themselves members of ethnic minority populations within those agencies must be licensed.
- More than 500 individuals from these previously exempt agencies became licensed through a two-year grandfathering opportunity. Tribal agency social workers were also offered the opportunity to become licensed through grandfathering.
- In October 2015 the board hosted a very successful all-day Educational Event and Training for these newly grandfathered licensees with a focus on ethical practice, license renewal, and continuing education requirements, and supervision. Board members and board staff were available to answer individual questions.
- 137 newly grandfathered licensees, including more than 50 percent members of ethnic racial communities, attended the training.
- 8 board members, 12 board staff, and 9 professional associations participated.

Biggest lesson learned in the past 12 months:

The Minnesota Board of Social Work experienced a significant increase in the number of applications received, licenses granted, and more complex complaints during a time of unexpected staff transitions. While balancing resources, the board focused on staying the course to fulfill its mission of “ensuring the residents of Minnesota quality social work services by establishing and enforcing professional standards.”

Biggest challenge facing the board:

Expand use of technology internally to streamline board processes and externally to support the board’s mission of public protection.

(complete the sentence) “I would really love to hear about how other jurisdictions...

utilize social media

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