



## association asides

### Author! Author!

ASWB President M. JENISE COMER of Missouri was published on the New Social Worker website during Social Work Month. Her article, [Social Work Leadership](#), offers lessons learned from a career in servant leadership. CEO MARY JO MONAHAN also contributed an article, titled [The Challenges and Benefits of Becoming a Licensed Social Worker](#), that celebrated the month's theme: Forging Solutions out of Challenges.

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### From California to Canada

After welcoming California back as a member in 2015, ASWB staff was pleased to take New Board Member Training (NBMT) on the road to San Diego. As it turned out, interest in the training brought members from 17 U.S. states and four Canadian provinces. In all, 25 members attended the training. From San Diego, staff traveled to Winnipeg, where they conducted a training for the 14 members of the Manitoba College of Social Workers. RICHARD SILVER of Québec, ASWB director at large and NBMT chair, and ASWB legal counsel DALE ATKINSON facilitated the discussions about the role and responsibilities of board members, the licensure examinations, political realities of boards, and other current regulatory issues.





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### When in Winnipeg or J-j-j-ennie and the Jets

ASWB staff members DWIGHT HYMANS and JENNIFER HENKEL wore Jets jerseys to show their support for the home team at a hockey game during their visit to Winnipeg to conduct New Board Member Training. ASWB legal counsel DALE ATKINSON (center) and RICHARD SILVER of Québec, ASWB director at large and NBMT chair, also took time out to cheer on the team. RICHARD (a Montréal Canadiens fan) and DALE (a die-hard Black-hawks fan) had to cheer for the Jets since their beloved home teams were not playing.

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### Bigger and better in Dallas

ASWB got double the exposure at the BPD conference in Dallas this year by reserving two booths instead of one. The extra space allowed JAN FITTS, senior manager of education and training,



to promote the Path to Licensure program to faculty members at the conference. Interest was strong, and more than 40 schools signed up. Pictured, LISA JENNINGS, BSW director at California State Long Beach, gets information about the program. Other visitors to the ASWB booth included DAVID K. POOLER, LCSW, associate dean for baccalaureate studies and graduate studies, Diana R. Garland School of Social Work, Baylor University (pictured speaking to DWIGHT HYMANS), and former Washington, D.C., regulator CARL ALGOOD—now a faculty member at Bowie State University.



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### A whirlwind of traveling and learning experiences

HEIDI NIEUWSMA, chair of the North Dakota board, was somewhat breathless upon arriving at the BPD conference in Dallas, Texas. As program advisor for the BSW program at the University of Mary, HEIDI escorted a senior student to the National Mental Health Conference in Las Vegas in March. The trip was a reward for the student being enrolled for four years in the university’s Emerging Leaders Academy. Upon her return to campus HEIDI learned that a coworker would not be able to attend the BPD conference. At the request of her chair, she agreed to go instead. “As I had been to this

conference previously, I knew of the wonderful learning opportunities and the great networking that takes place,” HEIDI said. “I met many new people and visited with some that I had known for some time but had not seen for a while (like ASWB staff!).” HEIDI says her next stop is Jersey City for ASWB’s Education Conference. She’ll be traveling with NICHOLE FONTAINE-VONESH and ALLISON GEROUX.

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### Just the facts!

ASWB President M. JENISE COMER of Missouri, Secretary FRAN FRANKLIN of Delaware, and former ASWB Board member SAUNDRA STARKS of Kentucky presented “What Is Fact and What Is Fiction about the Social Work Licensing Exams” at the National Association of Black Social Workers conference in New Orleans. The workshop also covered current hot topics about regulation, including mobility.

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### Social work month

ASWB celebrated National Social Work Month by asking our Facebook followers to tell us why they became a social worker. The word cloud below is a compilation of all of our [Facebook](#) followers answers!

