



## Continuing education, continuing audits!

### *ASWB team helps member boards check CE compliance*

With 1,017 continuing education audits completed—most by the end of January—it was a busy winter for Dave Ryczko and his contract services team. During that time, Ryczko, member services manager, oversaw two concurrent CE audit contracts for ASWB member jurisdictions North Carolina and Maryland.

North Carolina's audits began in mid-December, with Maryland's first notice following in early January, Ryczko said. To stay on top of the workload, Ryczko assigned one point person to each jurisdiction, and the rest of the department pitched in to cover audits in both states. "Each process is tailored to the board's instructions," Ryczko says. "Our software accommodates each jurisdiction's procedures, rules, and regulations."

When ASWB takes on a CE audit for a member jurisdiction, the jurisdiction gives ASWB the names and contact information for the social work licensees who will be audited. ASWB follows an agreed-upon schedule of notices and requests for information, and any noncompliant licensees, whether they never complete the audit or have not met the CE requirements, are referred to the board for investigation.

"By having the opportunity to do CE audits," says Jennifer Henkel,

LCSW, director of member services, "we can relieve the burden on our member boards and also learn more about what kinds of continuing education that practicing social workers are taking."

"It's not just a contract," when ASWB provides these services, Henkel explains. "It's a partnership with our members. We bring our understanding of continuing education regulation to this work, along with a broader understanding of trends in continuing competence."

More information about ASWB's contract services is available on the [members website](#).