



# ASWB member boards, in their own words

*Useless tidbits about  
New Jersey from  
the editors:*

- The streets in the board game Monopoly are named after real streets in Atlantic City.
- Famous people from New Jersey: Bruce Springsteen, Bon Jovi, Frank Sinatra, Whitney Houston, Tom Cruise, Shaq, John Travolta, Jack Nicholson, Queen Latifah, Bruce Willis, and Jason Alexander.
- New Jersey was the first state to sign the Bill of Rights.
- More blueberries are produced in New Jersey than any other state.
- It is illegal to pump your own gas in New Jersey.
- The Band-Aid was invented in New Jersey in 1920 by Thomas Anderson and Johnson & Johnson employee Earle Dickson, who came up with the idea because Dickson's wife, Josephine, frequently burned or cut herself while cooking. The band-aid allowed her to dress her own injuries without help.

**Name of jurisdiction:** New Jersey

**Name of board:** State Board of Social Work Examiners

**Number of board members:** 10

**Licensure categories offered:** Certified Social Worker, Licensed Social Worker, Licensed Clinical Social Worker

**Number of licensees:** 20,021

**Biggest achievement in the past 12 months:** The board has made major revisions to the regulations. This is just the first step in the adoption process. Many departments will be examining the changes and making revisions before the board receives and answers public comment and the regulations are adopted. However, the first big step has been taken.

**Biggest lesson learned in the past 12 months:** The biggest lesson learned is coming to appreciate the relationship between regulations, decisions by the board, and current trends and how this all affects licensees and the public.

**Biggest challenge facing the board:** There are multiple challenges: keeping pace with current trends and changes in the profession, managing the ever-growing volume of applications and complaints, and communicating effectively with licensees. (The state chapter of the NASW has been very helpful in this regard.)

**(complete the sentence) "I would really love to hear about how other jurisdictions...** measure their success and also how they implement discipline.

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