



## Same good content, some new formats

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Administrators attending the 2016 Education Conference in Jersey City, New Jersey, covered a lot of ground at the Administrators Forum and did so in new ways. With a new chair, Kim Frakes of Nevada, it seemed a good time to try out a few other new ideas, including getting rid of the long tables abutted to form a rectangle as in meetings in the past. Instead, the group was seated at round tables to encourage more dialogue and to make the space more inviting. Another new idea: use the round table format to hold discussions about multiple “hot topics” instead of just one. The group also learned more about each other’s jurisdictions with jurisdictional

trivia. Attendees were able to hear about everything from the history of New Brunswick to the state beverage of Arkansas (milk).

The 29 administrators present heard updates from other jurisdictions and reports from ASWB staff. The hot topic discussions were on discipline, complaints, substantial equivalency, and dual relationships. Jurisdictional reports had common themes related to budgets and fund sweeps, supervision requirements, and electronic practice. ASWB staff reports reviewed examination services and the new exam use policy procedures (see [related article](#)), the Path to Licensure, and a new Mobility website that is



*Lisa Crockwell (NL) and Jim Marks (OK) shared their thoughts during the Hot Topics session. Marks led the discussion on Complaints.*

expected to be launched later this summer where information about ASWB's Mobility initiative will be shared.

Administrators also got a preview of the new and improved laws and regs database, which will be web-based and feature a broader scope of data and access to more detail in the reports as well as the ability to export data to multiple formats. "I am really proud of the work that has been done to make the laws and regs database accessible to members and the public," said Director of Member Services Jennifer Henkel. "Data can be reviewed and sorted in multiple ways, and there are safeguards to ensure the integrity of the data. The data will also be accessible to support member information requests and for use in developing narrative reports. The information on the database can be updated, so we are looking for our members to provide any updates and clarification to make the information as accurate as possible. We expect to launch the database in the next month."

The "hot topic" table discussions were led by Brian Carnahan of Ohio, Frakes, Jim Marks of Oklahoma, and John Mayr of British Columbia. Takeaways from these discussions were reported to the full group at the end of the day.

The next Administrators Forum will be held November 17 at the Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly in San Diego, Calif.