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Attending to business

Plan to be engaged, immersed, and energized at this year's Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly, November 17-19, in San Diego We hope we're going to see you in San Diego for the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly! We have a packed agenda, the largest election slate ASWB has ever fielded, opportunity for members to provide information to the Mobility Task Force, and more.

Whether this is your first Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly or you consider yourself a seasoned attendee, plan to be involved. Those chosen to represent their jurisdictions as delegates or alternate delegates will participate in voting on Saturday; all members will be able to participate in the discussions. President M. Jenise Comer of Missouri will call the meeting to order and welcome attendees on Friday, November 18, at 8:30 a.m. The roll call of jurisdictions, including introductions of member board attendees, and approval of the agenda for the entire meeting will follow.

ASWB CEO Mary Jo Monahan will present the association leadership report at 9:30, including an update on the headquarters building project from Dwight Hymans in his capacity as project manager. The Nominating Committee will present the election slate and delegates will have the opportunity to make nominations from the floor. Closing out the morning agenda, Dale Atkinson, executive director

of the Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) and ASWB legal counsel, will make a presentation about FARB's advocacy initiative and the importance of mobility for the social work profession.

After lunch, members will hear reports from ASWB committee chairs and the chairs of the Administrators Forum and Board Member Exchange, who will report on the meetings of these two sessions held on Thursday. The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee chair will report on proposed changes that the committee has recommended to Article VII. Board of Directors. (The floor will be open for questions and discussion about the proposed amendments on Saturday when the amendments are presented for a vote.) Introduction of the candidates and candidate speeches will conclude Friday afternoon's activities. The meeting will recess at 3:45, followed by the Meet the Candidates reception, when members can spend more time talking one on one with the members who have been nominated.

On Saturday, November 19, the call to order at 8:30 a.m. will start the business portion of the annual meeting. Roll call and approval of the minutes from the 2015 Annual Meeting will follow. Next,

President Comer will make her governance report to the assembly.

Preceding the voting, which will be conducted electronically, ASWB legal counsel Dale Atkinson will review parliamentary rules related to the day's elections, motions, discussions, and voting. Delegates will be invited to pick up their voting keypads from the tellers and will be given the opportunity to practice with the devices before voting takes place. Voting for Board of Directors will be followed by elections for the Nominating Committee. The vote on the bylaws amendments will take place next, followed by the announcement of all results before the morning break.

The Mobility Task Force will make its report after the break. Members will be asked to participate in a survey, requiring the distribution of electronic keypads to all members to record the responses. Rounding out the morning, ASWB Treasurer Mel Harrington of South Dakota will present the financial report and the report of the Finance Committee.

During the awards luncheon at noon, membership will celebrate winners of the Sunny Andrews award for outstanding board member service and the Glenda McDonald award for outstanding board administrator service as well as recognize committee members ending their volunteer service to ASWB.

On Saturday afternoon, Exam Committee co-chairs Mary Stebbins of Virginia, Stephanie Washington of Texas, and Greg Winkler of Wisconsin will give members an in-depth review of ASWB's exam program in 2016. Their report will be followed by the exam technical report and a presentation by the

Practice Analysis Task Force co-chairs, which will be conducted in executive session and not recorded.

When the executive session concludes, President Comer will make her closing remarks to the general assembly and the newly constituted Board of Directors will take the oath of office for their upcoming year of service to ASWB. The final act of business before the meeting adjourns at 3:45 p.m. Members will be invited to another sunny locale—Atlanta, Georgia—for the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly.

Spotlight on leadership paths

Thursday's preconference sessions include the Administrators Forum for member board administrators and registrars and the Board Member Exchange for member board members. Both meetings run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., after which there will be an orientation for first-time attendees and a leadership orientation for those interested in learning about pathways to leadership at ASWB.

Thursday evening, following the preconference sessions and leading into the welcome dinner, the welcome reception this year will be hosted by committee chairs. The newest ASWB department, Volunteer Engagement and Outreach, conceived the idea as a way to generate interest and provide information about volunteering for committees as the first step on the leadership path. Committee interest forms will be available for attendees to complete. With the exception of the Nominating Committee and Board of Directors, whose members are elected, committees are appointed by the president at the beginning of the year with input and approval of the Board of Directors.

Mobility Task Force

Mobility Task Force members will report progress on ASWB's Mobility initiative to attendees on Saturday. In this interactive session, members will be asked to provide additional input using the electronic voting keypads to survey questions posed by the task force.

"The Mobility Task Force has spent the last year working in small groups to consider commonalities and potential barriers to practice mobility," said ASWB CEO Mary Jo Monahan. "Their report will detail that work. One of the discoveries from the 2016 Education Conference focus groups was learning that both ASWB's membership and the task force are in agreement about the top areas of concern related to accomplishing more consistent regulation across North America. Members' responses to the survey questions at the Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly will assist the task force in starting the next phase of their work."