



## Historic delegate assembly to meet in San Diego



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Can you feel the excitement! The Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly is less than a month away when we will gather to hear from individuals who have been vetted by the Nominating Committee for election to the first expanded 11-member Board of Directors. Two additional seats were also added to the Nominating Committee. Increased leadership opportunities resulted in an amazing slate of top-notch candidates. I expect their speeches, along with other agenda items, will motivate and inspire attendees to consider running for a leadership position next year or in the not-too-distant future.

The Board prepared for the addition of three new seats by revising the onboarding orientation program, discussing Board culture, and reviewing the current committee and travel assignments. The focus of the annual Board retreat resulted in a plan to carefully craft and articulate Board norms, values, and standard operating procedures. The 2016 Governance Goals and Objectives were fine-tuned, and we approved an evaluation instrument to identify progress toward accomplishing stated goals.

This has been a very busy year at ASWB, and there is much to report to the delegates. On Friday, CEO Mary Jo Monahan will deliver a state of the association address with

information about the construction of the new ASWB international headquarters. The president's message on Saturday will provide an overview of the Board of Director's work toward accomplishing its goals. Members will receive reports from all committees and task forces, including the Mobility Task Force, which will seek input from all attendees for the next phase of their work.

In addition to the business at hand, attendees can look forward to networking with friends, good food, and the amazing venue in San Diego, California. I encourage you to practice self-care by enjoying the sights the city has to offer before and after the meeting. My wish is that you enjoy safe and stress-free travels. Please plan to arrive prepared to vote on new leaders and committee recommendations and to engage in discussions to further prepare you to make informed decisions. I hope that I get a chance, along with my fellow Board members, to say hello and chat with each of you during our time together. I pray that you leave the Delegate Assembly rejuvenated and energized to work with us as we follow our strategic plan to accomplish the shared mission of public protection.

Warmest regards,  
Jenise