



## Your board in action

*A summary of the work of ASWB's Board of Directors at its January 28 and January 29, 2017, meetings in San Antonio, Texas.*

The ASWB Board of Directors met in person on Saturday and Sunday, January 28 and 29, at the Omni La Mansion del Rio in San Antonio, Texas, in conjunction with the Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) Forum. Here is a recap of the activities of the Board at those meetings.

### **Recap of the Board Orientation on Saturday, January 28**

The Board met for a half-day orientation that included reviewing legal responsibilities, an overview of ASWB finances and discussion of Board members' fiduciary responsibilities, a review of ASWB's strategic initiatives, and a work session during which the Board developed its governance goals for 2017.

### **Recap of the Board meeting on Sunday, January 29**

The Board reconvened for a full-day business meeting.

Treasurer's report: Board members received the Treasurer's report and accepted financial statements through November 30, 2016, and reviewed statements from ASWB's short-term and long-term investment accounts through November 30, 2016. Board members also received a white paper about long-term capital projects and related financial needs of the association.

**Executive session:** The Board entered executive session to discuss the building report.

**Strategic discussions:** Board members participated in strategic discussions about the following subjects.

Committee appointments and assignments of ASWB Board of Directors. The Board reviewed and approved the 2017 committee appointment list and committee charges and received liaison assignments.

Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly evaluations and discussion. The evaluation comments focused on diversity of election results, length of Administrators Forum, and voting results. In its discussion about diversity, the Board noted that although the results of the election may not have reflected diversity, the slate of candidates put forward by the Nominating Committee was diverse. The Board further noted that as an elected committee, the Nominating Committee acts independently to develop the slate of candidates for election. The Board discussed whether voting results should be openly shared, which may add another layer of anxiety to the election process. The question was raised whether voting results could be made available to the

candidates but not publicized. A request was made for talking points to be developed to assist Board members when discussing the exam with members and the public. A suggestion was made to include clarification during the examination technical report of what may and may not be discussed outside executive session.

**Review and adjustment of strategy:** The Board reviewed and approved the 2017 CEO and operational goals; approved the 2017 Board Governance goals developed during the Board orientation on January 28; reviewed and approved the agenda for the 2017 Education Conference and the funding of up to five ASWB member board members and up to five member board staff to attend the conference; and received an update about the Path to Licensure Institute application and selection process.

**Executive session:** The Board entered executive session to discuss exam issues and ratified the decisions made in session.

**Policy updates:** The Board reviewed and approved updates to the ASWB Policy Manual and approved an exam use policy exception request from a member jurisdiction.

**Approval of minutes:** The Board approved the minutes of the November 17 and 19, 2016, Board of Directors meetings in San Diego, California. The Board

approved the minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly.

**Confirmation of decisions made in email meetings:** The Board confirmed the decisions made in email meetings conducted on November 21, 2016.

**Consent agenda:** Reports approved via consent agenda included: Leadership reports of the President and the CEO and the Chief Operating Officer's report.

**Committee, Task Force, and Meeting reports:** The Board received reports about ASWB participation at the CSWE Roundtable in December.

**Board Meeting Evaluation.** The Board conducted a self-evaluation of the meeting.

### **Recap of the Foundation Board Meeting**

Immediately following the Board of Directors meeting on January 29, the Board reconvened to hold a board meeting of the American Foundation for Research and Consumer Education in Social Work Regulation (the Foundation). The Foundation is ASWB's 501(c)(3) organization that sponsors a grant program for research on topics relevant to social work regulation, consumer protection, and related areas. The Foundation Board of Directors comprises the members of ASWB's Board of Directors.

**Approval of minutes:** The Foundation Board approved the minutes of the August 6, 2016, meeting held at the Sheraton New Orleans hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Review of the Foundation Review Committee purpose and charge:** The Foundation Board approved the 2017 charge for the Foundation Review Committee.

**Financial report:** The Foundation Board received the Foundation financial statement of revenues and expenditures as of December 31, 2016.

**2017 funding and RFP timeframe:** The Foundation Board discussed the funding to be allocated for 2017 research projects and established the timeframe for the application process.

**Review of reports from current grant recipients:** The Foundation Board received a report on research activities submitted by a grant recipient from Governors State University reporting on activities conducted from September 1, 2016, through December 31. The recipient received a one-month extension, to March 1, 2017, to complete the data analysis and write the research paper.