



Off and running

*More than 50 volunteers
will be serving on
committees and
task forces in 2017*

ASWB relies heavily on volunteers to support the work of the organization. Members of ASWB committees are appointed each year by the ASWB president, except for the Nominating Committee and the Board, whose members are elected. Charges for committees and task forces were approved at the January Board of Directors meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Committee appointments also were approved, but confirmations had not yet been received from all at time of publication. Committee lists will appear online as soon as all members are confirmed.

What are the committees charged to do?

Bylaws and Resolutions Committee

This committee facilitates the process of changes to ASWB bylaws, resolutions, and policies on an ongoing basis. The committee also can draft its own proposals for bylaws amendments for consideration and approval by the delegate assembly. The 2017 charge calls for a review of the definition of Member Board Staff to determine if its meaning is clear.

Continuing Competence Committee

The Continuing Competence Committee's ongoing charge is to research and develop best practices related to continuing competence in social work regulation. The charge for 2017 includes working with the REAL (Regulatory Education and Leadership) Committee to develop content and expertise for the 2018 education conference and working with the Mobility Task Force to provide guidance on continuing education and continuing competence requirements in support of the Mobility initiative. The committee also has an ongoing charge to consult with ASWB staff to provide guidance on ASWB's continuing education approval programs, including ACE and New Jersey CE course approval.

Examination Committee

The ASWB Examination Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving test questions in ways that protect the validity and legal defensibility of the examination. Committee appointments occur in November each year for the upcoming year. Exam Committee members must be experienced item writers.

Finance Committee

On an ongoing basis, the Finance Committee advises the Board of Directors on the use of the association's assets and the development of revenue sources. The 2017 charge includes reviewing and discussing some of the upcoming decisions related to the new headquarters building in Culpeper, Virginia, and reviewing and discussing the financial impact of some of the future capital projects envisioned.

Regulation and Standards Committee (RAS)

The RAS Committee reviews the Model Social Work Practice Act on an ongoing basis and makes proposals for updating the resource so that it continues to reflect best regulatory practices for social work boards and legislatures. The committee also monitors the policies related to the operation and maintenance of the Public Protection Database (PPD). The committee's 2017 charge includes all of the following: reviewing the structure and purpose of the PPD in support of the Mobility initiative; helping the Mobility Task Force develop and implement a plan for social work mobility and license portability; reviewing and updating the Association of Social Work Boards Guidebook for Social Work Disciplinary Actions; and exploring the possibility of creating a Canadian supplement to the Model Social Work Practice Act.

REAL (Regulation Education and Leadership) Committee

This committee develops programs and educational offerings for the annual education conference and develops the conference theme in consultation with the Board of Directors. The 2017 committee will begin its work to plan the 2018 education conference during this year's education conference. The charge for the 2017 committee includes identifying opportunities for encouraging attendance by social work regulators, professionals, educators, and continuing education providers for all or parts of the annual education conference.

Learn more and get involved.

To learn more about ASWB's committees, visit ASWB's [members website](#). "I encourage members to let our Volunteer Engagement and Outreach department know about their interest in committee service," said ASWB CEO Mary Jo Monahan. "Although the committees have been formed for 2017, we keep interest forms on file for future consideration. Service on committees is an excellent way to begin gaining leadership experience with ASWB." The committee interest form is available [online](#).

2018 nomination process now open

Recommendations are now being accepted by the ASWB Nominating Committee for positions on the 2018 Board of Directors and the 2018 Nominating Committee. The submission deadline is **July 3, 2017**.

Positions to be slated by the Nominating Committee for the 2017 election are as follows:

Board of Directors

Treasurer

1 Director at Large, licensed social worker

1 Director at Large, public member

1 Director at Large, open (licensed social worker, public member, or member board staff)

2018 Nominating Committee

Two seats

For more information about the positions to be slated or to recommend someone visit [ASWB's website](#).