



Getting down to business

ASWB covers a lot of ground in the Annual Meeting agenda

On Friday, November 17, ASWB President M. Jenise Comer will call the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly to order. But attendees will be working hard for at least a day beforehand. In addition to the Board of Directors meeting, on Thursday, November 16, ASWB will offer two daylong sessions for meeting attendees. The Administrators Forum and the Board Member Exchange (BMX) both focus on issues facing social work regulators. Volunteer board members (BMX) and regulatory staff (Admin Forum) will have a chance to network and compare notes as well as hear from ASWB staff about services and programs that can make their lives easier.

From 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, ASWB will host two orientation sessions for attendees. First time attendees, especially those serving as delegates, are expected to attend an orientation session to help them understand the rules of order and voting procedures at ASWB's Annual Meeting. Attendees who have participated in past ASWB events and who are ready to step up their involvement in the association can join colleagues for a concurrent leadership orientation focusing on committee service and elected positions.

Thankfully, everyone will have a chance to relax Thursday evening,

with a complimentary reception and welcome dinner starting at 6 p.m. During the reception, ASWB committee chairs will be available to discuss their work and answer questions about committee service. In addition, Mobility Task Force members will be available to talk about the Mobility Strategy and Resolution 2017-1. After dinner, plan to burn up some energy by heating up the dance floor.

Beginning Friday morning, the real work will begin, with the traditional roll call and introductions. Later in the morning, the Nominating Committee chair will present the election slate and call for any nominations from the floor. Delegates will hear reports from ASWB leadership, the Finance Committee, and the Mobility Task Force as well as learn about the state of professional regulation from ASWB legal counsel and Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) executive director Dale Atkinson. In the afternoon, other ASWB committees will make their reports and election candidates will make their speeches.

Friday afternoon will also focus on the ASWB examination program, including an executive session in which detailed, confidential information about the exams will be presented. In order to attend,

members and staff of regulatory boards must submit a signed confidentiality statement before the session begins. During executive session, individuals who are not members or staff members of ASWB member boards will be asked to leave the meeting room. When the meeting recesses Friday at 4:15 p.m., delegates will be able to meet the election candidates and ask questions during a Meet the Candidates reception.

After the meeting is called to order Saturday morning, President Comer will present her final report to membership as president. Because Saturday is the day for official actions by the delegates, attendees will have a chance to learn about parliamentary rules and the resolutions process prior to voting.

As in past years, voting will be done electronically, with keypads distributed to delegates. The distribution of keypads and results of the voting will be overseen by tellers selected from among ASWB

members, as well as by ASWB's legal counsel Dale Atkinson. Following the elections for the Board of Directors and Nominating Committee, delegates will discuss and vote on proposed amendments to the ASWB bylaws, as well vote on Resolution 2017-1, which is sponsored by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee on behalf of the Mobility Task Force.

Saturday's awards luncheon will feature the presentation of the Glenda McDonald Board Administrator and Sunny Andrews Awards for Outstanding Commitment to Social Work Regulatory Board Service, as well as recognition of ASWB committee volunteers for 2017. A preview of the 2018 Education Conference and a discussion of top regulatory cases by ASWB legal counsel Dale Atkinson round out the afternoon. To close the meeting, President Comer will pass the gavel to incoming president Timothy Martel Brown and the 2018 Board of Directors will take the oath of office.