Festivals at the Forum

“We had slides of festivals in every jurisdiction,” writes JENNIFER HENKEL, ASWB director of member services, about the Administrators Forum. “There seemed to be a lot of interest and discussion around the Texas state fair.”

In other news, Administrators Forum chair KIM FRAKES of Nevada (in photo) stepped down because she will be retiring in 2018. Administrators Forum attendees elected JIM MARKS of Oklahoma as the new chair.

Meet the 2018 Board

The 2018 Board of Directors takes the oath of office at the Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly. From left: Florence Huffman (KY), Joyce Bell (MD), Robert Payne (ID), Patricia O’reilly (WV), Mel Harrington (SD), Ken Middlebrooks (MN), Beatrice Traub-Werner (ON), M. Jenise Comer (MO), Tim Brown (TX), Lisa Crockwell (NL), and Harold Dean (AR). Dale Atkinson (at podium) administered the oath.

Interested?

Committee chairs hosted the Welcome Reception at the annual meeting. BRIAN CARNAHAN of Ohio talked to ROBIN JENKINS of Washington, D.C., about filling out the Committee Interest Form.

Family affair

ELIZABETH POPE of North Carolina traveled to Atlanta with daughter GIULIANA, who turned a year old December 12, and DONNELL “DJ” HARDY. ELIZABETH writes: “DJ and Giuliana (‘Gigi’) enjoyed the opportunity to travel with me for work, come down to the Delegate Assembly during meal times, and socialize with the ASWB staff and other Social Work Regulators. Everyone was so welcoming and made me feel less guilty about bringing my family to work with me, as they shared stories about times when their children were younger and they would bring them to Delegate Assembly. … This was Gigi’s first time in Atlanta, first visit to the Aquarium and first time at Delegate Assembly, but I’m sure it won’t be her last!”
Exchange-ing ideas

JAN FITTS, ASWB senior manager of education and training services, writes: “Board Member Exchange [BMX] attendees seemed to really like this year’s session. This was the highest attended BMX we’ve had. … They see this as a valuable time for support between regulators as well as a time to get new ideas on common problems.” Facilitators were SUSAN FEYEN-REAY of Nebraska and CLAUDE SAVOIE of New Brunswick (in photo). The next BMX will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, at the 2018 Education Conference.

Whoo-hoo!

Celebrating adoption of the Mobility resolution are Mobility Task Force members Mark Hillenbrand (IA), Carmen Collado (NY), Kim Madsen (CA), co-chairs Dorinda Noble (TX) and President M. Jenise Comer (MO), Florence Huffman (KY), Lisa Crockwell (NL), and Harold Dean (AR). Not shown: Jim Akin (FL), Ellen Burkemper (MO), Joan Cloonan (ID), and Fran Franklin (DE).

Election excitement

Election tellers VELVA SPRIGGS of Washington, D.C., CHELSEA CHILDRESS of Alaska, and THOMAS BROOKS of Minnesota confer with ASWB legal counsel DALE ATKINSON during the run-off election for treasurer. Two revotes were required before MEL HARRINGTON of South Dakota was announced the winner.

Modeling gig

KATE ZACHER-PATE of Minnesota, chair of the Regulatory Education and Leadership (REAL) Committee, stopped to show off the construction apron that committee members wore to promote the 2018 Education Conference, Developing Tools for Social Work Mobility.

ENDSLEY REAL of Georgia (center in top photo) volunteered her square dance group, Hotlanta, to entertain members at the Welcome dinner. Later, the group got members up and dancing. PATRICIA O’REILLY promenades with one of the Hotlanta dancers.