



Sunny Andrews, Glenda McDonald Awards recognize outstanding service

Three leaders win annual awards

“Judy is who I think of when I think of the term ‘grace under fire,’” said Emily DeAngelo, administrator of the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners. She was speaking of Judy Haspel, one of two recipients of the Sunny Andrews Award for Outstanding Commitment to Social Work Regulatory Board Service at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly. As she introduced Haspel and presented the award, DeAngelo praised Haspel for her leadership, calling her a “role model for other board members,” and noted the way board meetings under Haspel’s leadership as chair remained efficient while still respecting board members’ perspectives. During the time she served as chair, Haspel instituted weekly meetings with DeAngelo, where the two could discuss pending issues and take pride in accomplishments.

“I truly felt appreciated,” said DeAngelo, “and I felt my staff was appreciated and understood.”

As she accepted the award, Haspel reminded the audience of an earlier message from ASWB legal counsel Dale Atkinson about expressing appreciation for the work regulators do. “Looking around at so many committed, caring,



Judy Haspel (LA) receives the Sunny Andrews Awards from her board’s executive director, Emily DeAngelo (right).

competent people,” she said, “and to think that I would get an award from amongst us all is really humbling It feels wonderful to be thanked, and I would like to accept this award symbolically, as representative of all the work that all of us do.”

Beatrice Traub-Werner also received the Sunny Andrews Award, which was presented to her by Ontario Registrar Lise Betteridge. “When I think about the descriptor for the Sunny Andrews Award—outstanding commitment to board service—I really feel that I could open the book to that page and see Beatrice’s picture there,” said Betteridge. Traub-Werner recently completed ten

years of service on the council of the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers, during which time she served as president of the council for three years. Betteridge pointed out in her presentation that Traub-Werner served as president during a difficult transition when founding registrar and CEO of the college, Glenda McDonald, passed away.

Betteridge cited Traub-Werner's relationship-building skills as a key to her effective leadership, highlighting her work with stakeholders such as regulators, educators, and associations.

"Those of us who spend a great part of our lives doing for others," Traub-Werner said, "rarely even think of being meritorious of awards and even more rarely think of receiving them." Like Haspel, she said she was humbled by the honor and described her ten years on the council as "interesting, usually fun, and always challenging."

The Glenda McDonald Board Administrator Award for Outstanding Commitment to Social Work Regulatory Board Service was named for the late



Beatrice Traub-Werner (ON) also received a Sunny Andrews Award. Ontario registrar Lise Betteridge (right) made the presentation.

Ontario registrar who served with Traub-Werner and worked with Betteridge. This year, the award was presented by Vikki Erickson, president of the Nevada Board of Examiners for Social Workers to recipient Kim Frakes, its director of social work practice.

"When I read about the award, I thought of Kim," said Erickson, "and there was no option except to nominate her." Frakes, she said, "exhibits a great amount of kindness to the public and the licensed professionals she serves." Like an experienced social worker, Erickson knew that the best way to get to the heart of Frakes's commitment was to take a social history.



Kim Frakes (NV) received the 2017 Glenda McDonald Board Administrator Award. Nevada board chair Vikki Erickson (right) made the presentation.

She discovered that, despite years in Nevada, Kim Frakes still identifies as a surfer girl and plans to return to playing music with her band when she retires in the coming year.

"I've been attending ASWB meetings since 2009," said Frakes. "It's been very inspirational—especially the Administrators Forum and bolstering each other—it's kind of like the saying that 'a rising tide lifts all ships.' I knew Glenda McDonald, and she was a fabulous administrator. I hope I can continue to live up to her example as I fulfill my time as administrator for the Nevada board."