

2025 Regulatory Education and Leadership Committee report to the Delegate Assembly



Charge to committee

The Regulatory Education and Leadership (REAL) Committee employs a diverse range of regulatory and professional perspectives to facilitate planning of Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) annual education meeting as defined by the Board of Directors. The committee reports to the Board of Directors. As necessary and appropriate, the committee will work in collaboration with other ASWB committees and task forces to complete its charges. The committee's work will be guided by the ASWB strategic framework whenever applicable.

Ongoing charges

The REAL Committee is charged with the following on an ongoing basis:

1. Developing education meeting content relating to social work regulation, leadership, issues faced by licensing boards, association developments and products, the ASWB examinations, and other relevant topics identified by the Board of Directors.
2. In consultation with the Board of Directors, identifying and coordinating potential plenary speakers, panelists, and presenters.
3. When requested by the Board of Directors, issuing calls for abstracts on topics for possible presentations and selecting presenters.
4. Monitoring continuing education content delivered at the annual education meeting for compliance with association policy, standards, and Model Law established by the Board of Directors.
5. Identifying opportunities and proposing plans to encourage social work regulators and stakeholders, as the topic relates to these audiences, to attend all or part of the annual education meeting.

2025 charges

1. Developing proposals for speakers, curriculum, and format for the 2026 Education Meeting centered around the theme "Supervision and Regulated Social Work Practice."
2. Serving as facilitators and idea developers to ensure diverse presenters and learning styles are represented at the education meeting.

Committee members

Chairperson

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3. Working with the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice Committee (DEIJ) to ensure that the education meeting aligns with the association's strategic framework on DEIJ initiatives.

4. The committee will report regularly to the Board of Directors through a Board liaison and will forward a tentative agenda for the education meeting to the Board of Directors for its approval at least three months in advance of the meeting. The committee will provide a written report to ASWB membership in advance of the Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly. Progress and action made toward charge.

Recommendations/actions

After volunteer orientation, the committee began its work in February 2025, holding regular monthly virtual meetings to prepare for in-person sessions during ASWB Leadership Weekend.

At the Leadership Weekend in August 2025, members gathered in person and drafted a comprehensive education meeting program, closely following the Board of Directors' chosen theme on the role of regulation in social work supervision.

The committee chair and supporting staff conducted more than 10 interviews with prospective speakers. The final speaker lineup includes 10 additional individuals, board administrators, member board members, and ASWB allies, who bring expertise and diverse perspectives. The committee is pleased to have secured a full roster of confirmed speakers.

The curated program for the 2026 ASWB Education Meeting reflects a strong focus on regulatory education in social work, with special attention to this year's theme of supervision. It intentionally incorporates a wide range of viewpoints from binational sides of regulation.

Attendees can expect up to nine CE hours through interactive sessions. Those seeking CE credits will verify their attendance using an attestation process.

The REAL Committee will present its report at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly, encouraging widespread participation. The committee will also collaborate with ASWB staff to promote the event effectively.

Future discussion topics and/or suggestions for 2026 charge

- Continue to align education meeting themes with current trends in social work regulation, emphasizing practical application for attendees.
- Focus on learning activities that address regulatory requirements for continuing competency among licensed attendees.
- Maintain and expand inclusive learning by gathering suggestions and collaborating with regulators, administrators, member representatives across the United States and Canada, and the volunteer DEIJ Committee.
- Ensure student perspectives are included, with coordinated efforts from the inaugural planning committee to support ongoing student engagement.