

BMX Report for ASWB Delegate Assembly

Good morning delegate assembly!

55
attendees



46
jurisdictions



(including a 23
hour travel day by Guam!)

Two surveys and focus group activities covered the following:

Input on the topic of “what kind of research is needed for the field of social work” with the goal of providing input for the ASWB strategic framework. There was some significant discussion in table groups and those were collected and given to Jan Fitts as feedback for the ASWB staff.

I say this somewhat seriously, as one theme suggested further research on the legalization of marijuana and impact on regulation might be needed. We simply took that suggestion at face value.

Also input for the REAL committee was provided for the upcoming spring education conference in response to the question on what key social issues should we focus on for that upcoming conference

Other highlights included a discussion on some hot regulatory topics and those included the following:

- Political agendas and changing leadership in politics
- Consistency in sanctions licensure of academia
- Telehealth, reciprocity, and mobility
- Substance abuse and the impact on regulatory issues; including opioids and the emerging themes around cannabis and the legalization of marijuana
- Board membership
- Succession planning

We also had ASWB reports from Jan Fitts and Jennifer Henkel and there was an engaged time of Q&A.

As a group we appreciated the opportunity to exchange ideas, successes and challenges while building support and professional relationships.

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