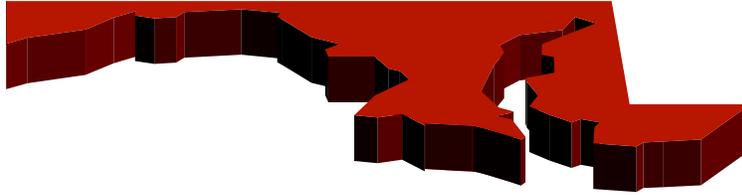


**State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners**



**Open Session Minutes –April 8, 2016  
Metro Executive Building  
4201 Patterson Ave, Room 110  
Baltimore, Maryland 21215**

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**Board Members:**

<b>Mark Lannon</b>	<b>Professional Member, Chair</b>
<b>Denise Capaci</b>	<b>Professional Member, Vice-Chair</b>
<b>Thelma Rich</b>	<b>Professional Member, Secretary/Treasurer</b>
<b>Angela Anderson-Smith</b>	<b>Consumer Member</b>
<b>Deborah Ramelmeier</b>	<b>Professional Member</b>
<b>Denise Peak</b>	<b>Professional Member</b>
<b>Joyce Bell</b>	<b>Professional Member</b>
<b>Loretta Wall</b>	<b>Professional Member</b>
<b>Sherryl Silberman</b>	<b>Professional Member (Absent)</b>
<b>Aimee Williams</b>	<b>Professional Member (Absent)</b>
<b>Karen Richards</b>	<b>Professional Member</b>
<b>Gerard Farrell</b>	<b>Consumer Member</b>

**Board Staff:**

<b>Stanley E. Weinstein</b>	<b>Executive Director</b>
<b>Ari S. Elbaum</b>	<b>AAG, OAG, Board Counsel</b>
<b>Gail Wowk</b>	<b>Director, Planning &amp; Continuing Education</b>
<b>Gloria Jean Hammel</b>	<b>Director, Certification and Licensing</b>
<b>Kara Brooks-Tyson</b>	<b>Director, Compliance</b>
<b>Tyrone Willoughby</b>	<b>Social Work Supervisor</b>
<b>Garcia Gilmore</b>	<b>Board Investigator</b>
<b>Deborah Evans</b>	<b>CEU Coordinator</b>

**Guest:**

<b>Daphne McClellan</b>	<b>Executive Director, NASW – MD Chapter</b>
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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Open Session was called to order at 10:30 A.M. by Mr. Mark Lannon, Board Chair.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

March 11, 2016 minutes were approved with a vote of 7 Yes and one abstention.

## **ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

None

### **BOARD CHAIR**

**Mark Lannon**

- Mark Lannon announced the nominations he has received for the upcoming election of new Officers in May. They are Denise Capaci for Chair, Joyce Bell for Vice-Chair, and Aimee Williams, Angela Anderson-Smith, and Deborah Ramelmeier for Secretary/Treasurer.
- Retreat Planning for the Board. **Date set: September 16, 2016.** The September 9, 2016 Board Meeting will still be held as planned. At the last Board Meeting, possible topics were discussed for the retreat.  
Mark Lannon to set up first Retreat Planning Committee meeting soon.  
Stanley Weinstein announced that the incoming Chair will assign Committee Chairs and membership in July.
- ASWB Spring Conference – Focus on Mobility. Stanley Weinstein and Joyce Bell will be attending. Daphne McClellan stated that NASW was invited; therefore, she will be attending.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Stanley E. Weinstein**

- Board Authorized Sponsor Questionnaire. A letter was mailed to the Board Authorized Sponsors on April 1, 2016 asking them to complete a short questionnaire to obtain their up-to-date contact information and website address. Once this information is compiled, the List of Authorized Sponsors will be updated on the CEU webpage to reflect the data collected. In addition, an email group will be setup so that the Board will be able to provide information to the Sponsors as needed. It was mentioned that Deborah Evans and Riya Rahman worked very hard to locate and update the sponsors' information since there was no correspondence with them in the past.
- Proposed Changes to Continuing Education Regulations (COMAR 10.42.06). Attachment provided the Board with the changes approved by the CEU Committee. Board Members discussed the proposed changes. The Board approved these changes with a vote of 8 yes and 2 no.
- Changes in the Reinstatement Application. Attachment was presented by Gloria Hammel and discussed. Aimee Williams had voiced concerns last month regarding the interpretation of one question. Since she was absent today, Gloria Hammel will contact her to discuss suggested language.
- 2015 Post Renewal CEU Audit – ASWB Report. Total of 707 licensees audited. The current breakdown is 93% met CEU requirements and 7% were non-compliant. Board staff has received the audit documentation and will begin to review and follow up with licensees that were non-compliant which includes licensees that were non-responsive.
- 2016 Spring Newsletter: Articles due today. Most of the articles have been received. Loretta Wall and Thelma Rich stated that an article on the MSU students visit will be submitted.
- Senate Bill 1083 Update. This bill was passed by the Senate but it did not get out of the House Rules Committee. Executive Directors are reviewing options for the Boards i.e. submission of a bill next year. ASWB did not take a position nationally. It was noted that 80% - 90% of states have not moved forward with legislation.

Ari Elbaum, Board Counsel, stated that Board Members are currently exposed to anti-trust liability in contested cases such as cease and desist cases. If this legislation passes, the Attorney General’s Office believes that the Board Members will have protection under the law.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CHAIR**

**Continuing Education Committee**

**Denise Capaci**

- Committee met on March 11, 2016 after the Board Meeting.
- The update on the BD Authorized Sponsors questionnaire and the proposed changes to the CEU regulations were both discussed earlier under the Executive Director’s report.
- The Committee will be meeting today after the Board Meeting.

**Statute and Regulations Committee**

**Joyce Bell**

- Two sub-committees were established and have already met. Their reports have been sent to Gloria Hammel for distribution to the entire Committee.
- The Committee is planning to present their final draft on certain sections of the regulations that were agreed upon by Committee Members at the May Board Meeting.
- The next open meeting of the Statute and Regulations Committee is scheduled for April 11, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

**Credentialing Committee**

**Joyce Bell**

No report

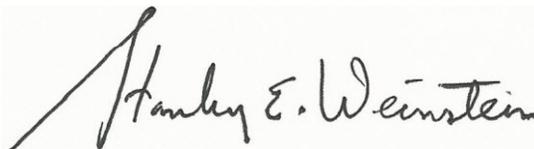
**The Open Session adjourned at 11:20 A.M.**



Thelma Rich, LCSW  
Board Secretary/Treasurer

– 13 May 2016

Date



Stanley E. Weinstein, Ph.D., LCSW-C  
Executive Director

5/16/16

Date