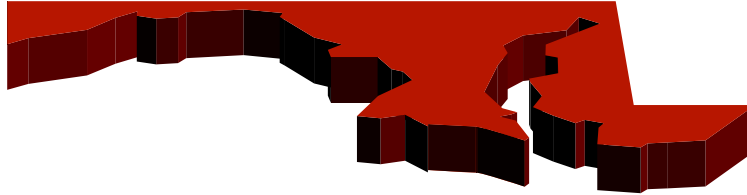


**State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners**



**Open Session Minutes –March 11, 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 (Absent)</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</b>
<b>Aimee Williams</b>	<b>Professional Member</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 (Absent)</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>

**Guests:**

<b>Morgan State University Faculty and Students</b>	
<b>Daphne McClellan</b>	<b>Executive Director, NASW – MD Chapter</b>
<b>Kristen Neville</b>	<b>Legislation and Regulations Specialist</b>

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Open Session was called to order at 10:45 A.M. by Mr. Mark Lannon, Board Chair. He welcomed Professor Cottman and the BSW and MSW students from Morgan State University (MSU). Prior to the meeting, the MSU Faculty and Students received an overview on the Board's role and functions presented by Tyrone Willoughby, Social Work Supervisor.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

January 8, 2016 minutes were approved with one correction. Mr. Farrell was listed as a Professional Member instead of a Consumer Member. Board Vote - 11 Yes as amended.

## **ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

None

## **BOARD CHAIR**

**Mark Lannon**

### **Happy Social Work Month!**

- Mark Lannon announced the Board will hold the Election of new officers in May. Please notify him if you are interested in serving as Chair, Vice Chair, or Secretary/Treasurer.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Stanley E. Weinstein**

- 2016 Spring Newsletter: Board Members were asked to submit articles to Gail Wovk by April 8, 2016. The two attachments submitted to the Board today, “40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Maryland Social Work Act” and “Listing of Social Workers and Consumers that have served on the BSWE”, will be included with the distribution of the upcoming Newsletter. Mark Lannon spoke to the MSU students on the importance of reading the newsletters which are posted on the Board’s web site. Loretta Wall and Thelma Rich stated that an article on the MSU students visit will be submitted.
- The Executive Director presented the 2015 ASWB Examination Pass Rates.
- Second Quarter Budget Projections were discussed.
- Effective July 1, 2016, the following Board appointments were made by Governor Hogan:
  - Mark Lannon – Washington County (re-appointed)
  - Litha Faye Meyer Moszer – Cecil County (Educational Representative from Salisbury University)
- MSU student raised the question around internships for the summer. Stanley Weinstein will look into this matter.
- Board Members discussed various aspects of planning a Retreat in early fall. Suggested topics for discussion:
  - Low application of candidates for LBSW and LCSW licenses
  - What is clinical experience or clinical practice?
  - Mobility – ASWB recommends three categories of licensure and reducing/eliminating barriers to mobility
  - Use of technology in the practice of social workThe Retreat Planning Committee is comprised of Mark Lannon, Denise Peak, Loretta Wall, Joyce Bell, and Sherryl Silberman.
- Kristen Neville updated the Board and Guests on the status of certain bills still active with the Legislature. Last day of the General Assembly is Monday, April 11, 2016. She encouraged the MSU students to visit the MD General Assembly website and search for bills that may be of interest to them. One can also link to the Committee hearings and either listen to live testimony or recorded testimony.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CHAIR**

**Continuing Education Committee**

**Denise Capaci**

- Committee met on February 23, 2016 via teleconference.
- Update on the status of the BD Approved Sponsors questionnaire. The Board staff is updating the database, questions being posted on the CEU webpage and data collection format being finalized.
- Beginning January 1, 2017, a Film and Discussion program offered by Board Authorized and Automatically Authorized Sponsors will no longer be approved for Category I CEUs. This activity may be eligible for Category II CEUs.
- Denise Capaci suggested to the MSU students to visit the Continuing Education webpage at the BSWE website and review the CEU requirements. Example: LBSW needs 30 CEUs and LCSW needs 40 CEUs each license renewal period.
- The Committee will be meeting today after the Board Meeting.

**Statute and Regulations Committee**

**Joyce Bell**

- Committee met on February 12, 2016.
- The attached draft regulations document and notes include the updates/changes from the February 12, 2016 meeting. This update was briefly discussed.
- The next open meeting of the Statute and Regulations Committee is scheduled for March 14, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

**Credentialing Committee**

**Joyce Bell**

No report

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

**All**

The Board Chair opened the floor to questions from the Morgan State University Students and Guests.

- What challenges does the Board face?
- Legislative Process
- How does the Board share new information, decisions made, etc.? Some students stated they have messages sent to their accounts often. Good topic for the upcoming Board retreat.
- Role of Board Member
- Cannot call oneself a social worker even after you graduate; one has to be licensed.
- How can you be a change agent? Get engaged in your profession – start right here at the Board.
- Daphne McClellan, Executive Director, NASW – MD Chapter, discussed activities planned for Social Work Month.

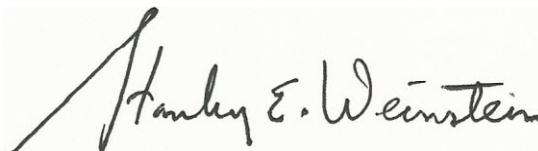
**The Open Session adjourned at 11:52 A.M.**



Thelma Rich, LCSW  
Board Secretary/Treasurer

04/08/2016

Date



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

04/11/2016

Date