

Resolution before the Association of Social Work Boards Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly

Resolution #2024-1

Title: **Task Force to Consider Regions Encouraging Increased Engagement**

Proposer: Bylaws Committee

WHEREAS, the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) is a membership organization, whose Member Boards are governing bodies empowered to credential and regulate the practice of social work in the United States and Canada and comparable entities, and

WHEREAS, ASWB provides programs and services that lessen burdens on Member Boards, and

WHEREAS, ASWB recognizes that each Member Board has its own process to fulfill its mission of regulating social work in the interest of public protection, and

WHEREAS, ASWB promotes communications to allow the association to assist the social work regulatory community benefit from the effectiveness and efficiencies of the ASWB programs and services, and

WHEREAS, ASWB wishes to expand the involvement of its Member Boards to assure current and relevant information is involved in the development, implementation, and maintenance of programs and services that are of benefit to the membership, and

WHEREAS, ASWB realizes and understands the importance of Member Board engagement in the development and implementation of programs and services relevant to social work regulation, and

WHEREAS, it may be beneficial and communication efforts may be enhanced through the use of regions for communication and involvement by Member Boards, and

WHEREAS, the development of regions may increase the knowledge by members of Member Boards of ASWB and its programs and services and enhance the collective opportunities by members of Member Boards to contribute to the evolution of current programs and stimulate consideration of additional programs and services, and

WHEREAS, the development of regions and increased opportunities for communications may also increase volunteer engagement for the benefit of Member Boards and social work regulation, and

WHEREAS, the use of the word region in this resolution is meant to incorporate the concepts of cohorts, subsections or districts, or smaller groupings of Member Boards that could be based upon governance structures, number of licensees, geographic distribution, or any other collective characteristics to improve the communication opportunities of those participating.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Board of Directors convene a Task Force to explore the use of regions intended to increase and cultivate communications among and between ASWB Member Boards and stimulate grass roots efforts to evolve and enhance programs and services; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the progress or results of the exploration be reported back to the membership at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly.