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**Brian Philson of Michigan**  
**Appointed Director at Large of ASWB 2019 Board of Directors**

Brian Philson, LMSW, ACSW, was appointed director at large to serve on the 2019 Board of Directors of the [Association of Social Work Boards](#) (ASWB) by ASWB President Timothy Martel Brown of Texas. Philson's appointment fills a one-year vacancy created in October 2018 by the resignation of the former director for personal reasons. Philson will serve until elections are held at ASWB's November 2019 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly.

Philson received his MSW from Michigan State University and a B.A. in social work from Spring Arbor College. He is president and CEO of Highfields, a \$9.2 million human services nonprofit where he has worked for more than a decade. Previously he was executive director of a juvenile detention center in Jackson, Michigan, for 15 years. Philson has served as an adjunct instructor at three Michigan schools of social work, including Michigan State University.

Philson is serving his second, 4-year term on the Michigan Board of Social Work and is in his third year as the board chair. He has been active with ASWB for many years, most recently serving on the Finance Committee in 2017 and 2018. He has also served as Michigan's delegate at ASWB's annual meetings and attended ASWB education meetings.

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**About ASWB**

The Association of Social Work Boards is the nonprofit association of social work regulatory bodies in the United States and Canada. Members include 50 states, Washington, D.C., the U.S. territories of Guam and the Virgin Islands, the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and all 10 Canadian provinces. ASWB's mission is to provide support and services to the social work regulatory community to advance safe, competent, and ethical practices to support public protection. Timothy Martel Brown, MSW, LCSW, ACSW, of Texas is the current ASWB president. Founded in 1979, the association will celebrate 40 years of service to the social work regulatory community in 2019. Learn more at [www.aswb.org](http://www.aswb.org).