



**American Association of State Counseling Boards
President's Report
Virtual Business Meeting, October 30, 2020
Ryan Pickut, AASCB President**

- Our board started monthly virtual meetings for our member boards and also for our affiliates. Two of our board members, Tobi and Lindsey, facilitated the monthly “hangout” calls for our member boards. These have been well attended and overall, very productive discussions.
- I am also proud to report that our affiliate calls have been well attended by CACREP, ACA, AMHCA, NBCC, CRCC, and ACES. This meeting is the only one being held and attended right now between all national counseling organizations.
- AASCB was also fortunate enough to be involved with drafting of the Interstate Counseling Compact through Council of State Governments. As president of AASCB, I was able to provide feedback during the initial drafting sessions in DC and then the more recent final drafting meetings after the public feedback sessions. AASCB was able to host two special calls with CSG so that our members and our board could provide direct feedback on the process. I was very pleased with how collaborative of a discussion this project has been with the goal of providing a compact that works for the majority of our state boards.
- One other accomplishment I would like to highlight from this past year is the creation and work of our Regulatory Excellence Committee. This was a committee that our board created to work on pressing topics to our member boards and offer actual plans or solutions to those problems. Tony Onorato from the West Virginia Counseling Board chaired this committee. They worked on creating an endorsement plan that any of our states could pickup and adopt. This work compliments that of NCLEP and the Compact in many ways. Tony organized members from AASCB across 15 states and held multiple calls ultimately to create a thoughtful endorsement plan that can be found in July's ebuletin update from AASCB. I will be creating a position statement in the next month on how I believe NCELP, the Compact, and the regulatory committee's

plan compliment one another and can be used to solve the long-standing issue of counseling license portability. I want to thank Tony for his leadership and the work done by that committee.

- I want to also mention our management contract with CCE. This is set to expire this upcoming year and our board will be having discussions in the next few months about the contract. I welcome feedback from our member boards which can be provided directly to Jolie or myself through email or phone call.
- Lastly for my presidential report, I want to highlight and plug our upcoming AASCB Virtual Event happening on Jan. 21st and 22nd. We are still planning the structure and details of this event, but my vision is one of collaboration between our member boards and affiliate members. An idea in development right now is to do co-presentations with our affiliates and then have panel discussions with representatives from our state boards in order to make all of the content relevant to our members. We will also be having roundtable discussions like normal but in a virtual format. I am excited about this event and more will be released in the next month! Please save that date and let your boards and/or members know about it!