



Fall 2024 Newsletter

Welcome to the re-launch of the AMWA-NE newsletter! Here you can learn about upcoming events, read insights and news from fellow members, and share your contributions and ideas. We dedicate this issue to the memory of Judy Linn, who coordinated our chapter newsletter from the 1970s until 2022. Judy's newsletters built a chapter culture that is inclusive, nurturing, and welcoming. Our goal is to honor her legacy by continuing the work that she started.

Ellie Lin, Past President & Claudia Prahst, President
New England Chapter
American Medical Writers Association

In Memory of Judy Linn



Judy Linn (March 4, 1939 - May 8, 2023)
Read more about Judy [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Worcester Networking Event](#)

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2024, 6 p.m.

Location: Worcester Beer Garden, 64 Franklin Street, Worcester, Mass.

Network with fellow medical writers over drinks and food in Worcester. Please preregister [here](#).

[Lexington Networking Event](#)

Date: Monday, September 23, 2024, 12:30 p.m.

Location: Craft Food Halls - Revolution Hall, Maguire Road, Lexington, Mass.

Network with fellow medical writers over drinks and food in Lexington. RSVP by Wednesday, September 18, 2024 to Andrea Gwosdow at andrea@gwosdow.com or 781-641-2380.

[Virtual Speed Networking](#)

Date: Monday, September 30, 7 - 8 p.m.

Register [here](#).

We are excited to host a New England AMWA chapter Virtual Speed Networking Event! We will separate into one-on-one breakout rooms for unstructured conversation with different individuals over the course of an hour. Please register using the zoom link above and join the event promptly by 7 p.m. on Monday

containing information about joining the meeting. We hope you can join us and meet friendly colleagues!

[NE Chapter Dinner at AMWA National Conference](#)

Date: Thursday, October 24, 6 p.m.

Location: New Orleans, LA

Network with other NE chapter members during the AMWA National Conference. Contact Patrick Murphy at s.patrick.murphy000@gmail.com to register.

Connect with Members Locally!

The New England Chapter organizes local events for members to meet each other in different parts of New England, and we'd like to invite you to events near you. If your city, town, or ZIP code isn't in the national AMWA membership database, we don't know which local events might be most convenient. You can update your AMWA member profile to include your location, by signing in at www.amwa.org. Then click on MY PROFILE on the menu bar, select the edit icon next to CONTACT DETAILS, add or update your location, and save the changes. Thanks!

We Want to Hear Your News!

If you started a new position, published a book, presented at a conference, or have other big news to share, we want to hear about it! Please send your updates to newsletter@AMWA-NE.org.

Past Events



AMWA members enjoyed the [medicine garden tour](#) at Elizabeth Garden, in Hartford, Conn., led by Dayne Laskey, Pharm.D.



AMWA members learned more about how AI will revolutionize the field of medical writing at the hands-on workshop [Integrating AI Tools and Strategies Into Medical Writing](#) with Núria Negrão, PhD.



New England Chapter members learned about [Unleashing the Power of Real-World Evidence in Drug Development](#) with Janel Titus, PhD.



Spring Roundtables

Roundtable topics included: Money Matters in the Freelance World, Regulatory Writing in the Pharmaceutical/Biotechnology Industry, Communicating Effectively



Spring Board of Directors Meeting



Networking Event in New Haven, Conn.

CONTENT FROM OUR MEMBERS

[Ergonomics for the Hard-Working Medical Writer](#)
by Peter Stein

Tired of having a sore back and aching muscles? Chiropractor Peter Stein shares helpful tips from his ergonomic toolbox.

[How Medical Writers Can Write About Weight Without Causing Harm](#)
by Amy Harris

Learn how to write empathetically and without bias about weight to avoid inadvertently contributing to weight stigma.

Interested in showcasing your work on our website? We are looking for short articles (800-1,000 words) from our members related to medical writing or health care. Contact newsletter@AMWA-NE.org if you are interested.

Membership Award Winners!

The AMWA New England Chapter awards a one-year free membership in AMWA (which includes chapter membership) to qualified newcomers to the field. The chapter may give as many as three membership awards annually.

[Learn more about the award](#) and see if you might be a candidate!



Debbie von Rechenberg presents the Judy Linn Award to Nisha Surendranathan (left photo) and to Caroline McLachlan (right photo).

Chapter Volunteers

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Judy Linn Membership Award Committee: Debbie von Rechenberg (Chair), Kathleen Ahern Gould, Francesca Coltrera, Jill Shuman

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We're Looking for Volunteers

Interested in getting more involved with the AMWA New England Chapter? We have many types of volunteer opportunities. To learn more email Claudia Prahst, chapter president at president@amwa-ne.org.

Welcome New Members!

Mouhssine Ayoubi, Tania Baker, Maia Bowker, Amanda Cabral, Angela Campbell, Sudipta Chakraborty, Vrinda Dambal, Rishita Dave, Mark Epstein, Pramod Gaikwad, Mary Goodwin, Jennifer Grimes, Sophie Griswold, Mark Hatton, Tasnim Hoda, Hsiang-Ling Hsu, Sukanya Iyer, Ritu Jain, Navneeta Kaul, Ramya Kollipara, Angela Laurio, Caroline McLachlan, Molly Montgomery, Nancy Mulrow, Joshua Murdoch, Elias Onyoh, Faruk Pasic, Allison Pogar, Nisha Surendranathan, Andrew Taylor, Eniola Tuby-Lukan, Tiffany vanLieshout

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