



Fall 2025 Newsletter

Welcome to the Fall 2025 newsletter! We hope this newsletter is a useful resource that helps you stay informed about upcoming events and engaged with our chapter activities. Our mission is to keep you connected and make it easier for you to get the most out of your AMWA membership. I would like to thank you, our members and volunteers, for your spirit, insights and time. Your unique perspectives and generous contributions make our chapter so vibrant, and it's a privilege to be a part of this wonderful community!

Caroline McLachlan, President
New England Chapter
American Medical Writers Association

Chapter Member Q&A

Andrea Gwosdow, PhD



Andrea earned her bachelor's degree in biology/environmental science from Antioch College and a master's and doctorate in systems physiology/endocrinology from the University of Florida, Gainesville. She completed her postdoctoral training in environmental physiology at the John B. Pierce Foundation and Department of Epidemiology, Yale University.

After 13 years of conducting basic bench research and teaching physiology to first-year medical students at Harvard Medical School, Andrea transitioned into medical writing and began her freelance career. In 1997, she created Gwosdow Associates Science Consultants, a science and medical communications company. Andrea's

with a wide variety of organizations from around the world to improve their staff members' scientific communication skills, which led to the publication of her book, *The Complete Guide to Scientific Manuscript Writing*.

When did you join AMWA?

I joined AMWA in 1997. I started teaching my first AMWA class in 1999 at the Sturbridge conference and then presented that class at AMWA's national meeting.

What type of medical writing do you specialize in?

I specialize in scientific publications (manuscripts, abstracts, posters, and slide decks) and have also written some regulatory documents (protocols and literature reviews). I also write other documents, such as white papers and online articles for middle and high school students and the general public.

What work are you most proud of?

I am most proud of starting and developing my own business, including developing skills to start and maintain a client base and produce documents on a variety of clinical topics. As an entrepreneur, I have been able to work in my areas of interest, which include science communication for health care workers, children (middle and high school students) and the general public. Communicating science is incredibly important to me!

Do you have any advice for new medical writers?

I have lots of advice, depending on the specific topic. The best advice I have is the importance of networking to start and enhance your career. AMWA is a great place for networking, especially our local chapter.

What's one thing people may not know about you?

AMWA members may not know about my work in science education as well as my hobbies — English, contra, and international folk dancing and teaching Israeli folk dancing. I also quilt, do genealogy research, hike and travel.

How did it feel to receive the Golden Apple Award?

It feels great to be celebrated, honored and recognized for my teaching and mentoring contributions to AMWA.

Update on Peer Mentoring Circles

Chapter members participating. This program is a wonderful way to connect with fellow medical writers, share experiences and grow your skills. We'll be gathering feedback from participants and exploring options for future rounds—so stay tuned this spring for updates!

UPCOMING EVENTS

2026 New Year's Party

January 15, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Tufts Building, 520 Atlantic Ave, Boston

Ring in 2026 with your fellow medical writers over delicious Italian bites and festive cocktails at Nebo Cucina & Enoteca! This is an exciting opportunity to network with medical writers in the New England area and enjoy lively conversation amidst the glittering lights of downtown Boston. A curated menu of traditional antipasti dishes and pizzas will be provided in the cocktail lounge near the entry of the restaurant. Vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available. Beverages will be available for purchase at the expansive bar adjacent to our gathering area.
Register [here](#) by January 11.

Countway Library Tour and Networking Dinner

February 26, 2026

6 p.m.

10 Shattuck St, Boston

Please join us for a tour of Harvard University's Center for the History of Medicine, located in the Countway Library. The center houses a number of historically significant anatomical artifacts, pathological specimens, instruments, rare books and manuscripts. The tour will be followed by a networking reception with light refreshments at a nearby restaurant to be determined.
Please register [here](#).

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. Don't miss out! Be sure to check and update your city, town, and ZIP code in the national AMWA membership database, so we'll know which local events are 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.

New England Chapter Members Honored at National AMWA Event

Congratulations to New England Chapter members, **Andrea Gwosdow, PhD**, and **Theresa Singleton, PhD**, who each received awards for their contributions to AMWA at the 2025 Medical Writing & Communication Conference in Phoenix.



Andrea Gwosdow was the recipient of the [2025 Golden Apple Award](#), which recognizes AMWA workshop leaders who have demonstrated excellence in teaching in the AMWA education program. She is shown here with Loretta Bohn, chair of the AMWA 2025 Member Awards Committee, and Shawn Watson, 2024-2025 AMWA president (and past president of the NE Chapter.)



Theresa Singleton received the [2025 President's Award](#) from outgoing AMWA president, Shawn Watson. The award is presented to a member of AMWA who has made distinctive contributions to the association at the chapter or national level.

Apply for the Judy Linn Membership Award

The AMWA New England Chapter awards up to three Judy Linn Membership Awards each year. The award provides one-year free membership in AMWA (which includes chapter membership) to qualified newcomers to the field.

Chapter Volunteers

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Become a Volunteer

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

Welcome New Members!

Christine Andrews, Kristina Barakov, Adam Belanger, Leanne Borden, Carrie Bose, William Burks, Kelly DellaGrotte, Zouhdi Hajjaj, Elizabeth Jaensch, Sri Prathima Kanneganti, Virginia Kelly, Liz Lane, Judy Luborsky, Monica Lynch, Haley McNiff, Catherine Newsom-Stewart, Jessica Primavera, Daniella Salawu, Joseph Sidari, Amanda Sidwell, Mary Washburn, Anastasia Yandulskaya-Blue, Harriet Young

Share Your Work

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.



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