June 8: Dinner Meeting in Lexington, Mass.

Let It Grow: Tools, Tips, Tales, and Trends in the Care and Feeding of a Successful Medical Writer

One of the questions I seem to hear most often at chapter meetings is, “How did you get your first job as (fill in your favorite type of medical writing)? Everyone wants experienced writers, but even experienced writers had a first job!” A close second is, “What skills or classes do I need to become a (fill in your favorite type of medical writer) with my experience in (academic research, clinical practice, technical writing…)?”

At the New England Chapter’s last meeting of the season—a dinner program at Vinny T’s in Lexington, Mass., on Monday, June 8—a panel of members from various backgrounds will address these and other questions. Each panelist brings a unique experience of mapping a career path, learning continually through classes and on the job, becoming mentors and instructors, identifying trends in our ever-changing field, and meeting the challenges of those changes. They will share their stories and experiences and answer your questions.

Whether you are an experienced medical communicator or a novice, this is an opportunity for you to find out more about the field and the various paths successful medical writers have taken to break in, get ahead, and shift gears as necessitated by changes in the marketplace.

Panelists

Laurie LaRusso (moderator) has been writing about health and medicine for various audiences and in various formats for more than a dozen years. Her publications run the gamut from consumer health and patient education to clinical research and continuing medical education. Laurie’s path to her current freelance medical writing career began with an unlikely degree, in history of all things, from Boston College. A master’s in health communication from Tufts University, an internship with a health promotion agency, AMWA workshops, and certification as an editor in the life sciences are just a few of the factors that have helped her transition among various genres of medical writing. She is an adjunct writing instructor in the nutrition communication program at Tufts University School of Nutrition Science and Policy, and she is a past president of the New England Chapter.

Chris McMorrow has been a freelance writer since 2004, following over 18 years in staff marketing communications roles at publishing firms, a pharmacy benefits management company, and diverse healthcare communications groups. At Thomson Physicians World, a leading commercial provider of CME and promotional education programs, she spent 7 years, first as a senior medical education program director and then senior communications director. Her last staff position was senior copywriter at a medical advertising agency. She currently contracts to a sales training company, developing print, elearning, and workshop programs for pharmaceutical companies. During the course of her writing career, she has transitioned into new writing areas more often than she wanted to, often facing hurdles along the way. In addition to creating communications materials in numerous therapeutic categories, she has developed particular expertise in managed care issues. She has a BA in languages from Smith College and has completed AMWA

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Chapter Calendar
The New England Chapter holds six regular meetings a year, from September through June. Four meetings are in the Greater Boston area, and two are in Connecticut. Every meeting begins with a social hour, followed by dinner (except for a Sunday brunch in midwinter), then a program with a speaker, a panel presentation, or roundtable discussions. The New England Conference, an all-day program of workshops on a Saturday, is held every other year, alternating with a writing competition, culminating in the Will Solimene Awards Banquet. Occasionally, informal networking meetings or tours are scheduled.

PayPal Option Temporarily Suspended
Because of unexpected problems with our Web site design firm, we have been unable to accept payment for chapter events by credit card or electronic check through PayPal. Aaron Federman, chapter Web site director, is checking out other companies to maintain the site, and he hopes to have the PayPal option back in place in time for the first meeting of the 2009-10 chapter year in September. Look for other updates of the Web site over the summer as well.

October 22-24:
69th AMWA Annual Conference
AMWA’s annual 3-day meeting, always a spectacularly rich professional networking and educational event, is being held in Dallas, Tex., this year. Join medical communicators from throughout the U.S. and around the world for workshops, roundtables, lectures, panel discussions, and social events to develop and hone your skills while expanding your professional contacts. For details, go to www.amwa.org.

2009 New England Conference
The chapter’s 8th biennial conference held at the end of March was an unqualified success. Watch for a report in the next issue of New England Chapter News.

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER NEWS, published 4 to 5 times a year for the New England members of the American Medical Writers Association (AMWA), is posted as a PDF on the New England Chapter’s Web site.

The newsletter welcomes reports about members’ professional activities and special achievements; notices of local meetings, conferences, and courses; and other items of potential interest to medical, biomedical, and health communicators in New England.

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core certificates in public relations/advertising/marketing and in writing/editing. Chris is just now finishing up her term as president of our chapter.

Stephen Provost is a partner of Prestige Scientific Staffing Inc. He co-founded Prestige Executive Search Corp. (now Prestige Scientific) in 2001 and has been instrumental in helping the company achieve over 550% growth since its inception. His primary focus is medical writing, and he has completed dozens of searches for clients ranging from associate medical writer to global head of medical writing for medium biotech to large pharmaceutical companies. He is known in the medical writing community as a go-to search consultant for management-level positions. He is a certified personnel consultant through the National Association of Personnel Services and is the West Regional vice president of the Massachusetts Association of Personnel Services.

Lori Thomae has over 20 years of professional experience in biomedical communications for the health care and regulatory industries. With a master’s in professional and technical writing and certification as an editor in the life sciences, Lori has provided independent consultant services in biomedical writing and editing for large and start-up biopharmaceutical clients. She has broad therapeutic expertise including autoimmune and inflammatory disorders, cardiovascular disorders, hematology, nephrology, gastroenterology, dermatology, oncology, and complementary and alternative medicine, and specific document experience in nonclinical summary reports, protocols, clinical study reports, clinical sections of INDs, NDAs, and CTDs, safety risk assessment reports, manuscripts, and abstracts. She has taught undergraduate and graduate courses in technical communications with adjunct faculty appointments at Northeastern University, Boston University School of Medicine, and University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. She is an active member of the Drug Information Association and the International Society of Medical Publication Professionals as well as AMWA, and she is a frequent contributor to special interest committees, roundtables, and professional training workshops for biomedical communicators.

Join us on June 8 for what is certain to be a lively and valuable discussion. Please note that we have moved dinner up a little to allow some extra time for the program. As always, guests and prospective members are welcome.

Debbie von Rechenberg
President-Elect/Program Director

Enhance Your Professional Credibility
AMWA’s Professional Development Certificate (PDC) is a way of demonstrating your continued commitment to professional development beyond the scope of your regular job. You can earn 5 points toward a PDC by attending the chapter meeting on June 8. For information, go to: http://www.amwa.org/default.asp?id=252.
Behind the Scenes at National AMWA

If you are relatively new to the New England Chapter of AMWA—or even if you’re a longtime member who has never held a leadership role within the group—you may be wondering how the chapter connects to our parent organization, affectionately nicknamed “National.”

In early April, as chapter president I had the opportunity to represent the chapter at National’s spring board of directors and chapter delegates meetings in Gaithersburg, Md. Half expecting two days of one-way presentations, I was pleasantly surprised at how fascinating, lively, and engaging our discussions were.

The agenda set for the spring meeting was ambitious and quite far-reaching. Friday afternoon was spent on review and approval of the budget for the upcoming fiscal year, followed by discussion and voting on chapter bylaws changes requested by individual chapters. Then there was a short but focused chapter delegates meeting, where I and fellow delegates shared our local experiences and tips related to the challenges of retaining and securing new members, developing appealing evening programs, and making Web sites useful to chapter members.

At the close of the Friday meetings, we carpooled to the brand-new National headquarters just a few miles away in Rockville to attend a welcome reception and tour of the newly expanded AMWA offices. According to Ronnie Streff, AMWA’s communications and technology specialist, the new office space is a much-needed improvement over the former cramped quarters.

Our Saturday program consisted of a daylong meeting covering a robust agenda of topics based on reports from current officers and committee heads—president, secretary, treasurer, public relations, education, membership, nominating, special projects, Web & Internet, and publications. We also spent a lot of time discussing plans for this year’s annual conference, which will be held October 22-24 in Dallas.

Allow me to share a few of my observations from Gaithersburg in the hopes of helping chapter members better understand how the interests of chapters intersect with those of National.

Planning the Annual Conference is a year-round job. I never realized how much effort and planning goes into the conference, which generates a third of AMWA’s revenue, thus having a major impact on overall funding and budget. Given the state of the economy, conference planners are very worried about this year’s attendance. They urged me and other chapter delegates to return home and point out to our members the many new and exciting features being planned for “Blazing New Trails” in Dallas. After getting a peek at the tentative program agenda, I must say I was really impressed with the range and breadth of activities currently scheduled: for-credit workshops, breakfast roundtables, and plentiful free sessions, including open panel discussions and targeted how-to presentations designed to help members build specific communications skills.

I was also impressed with how hard National is working to make conference attendance as cost effective as possible—for example, allowing attendees to enter dining halls after meals to hear featured speakers without having to purchase meal tickets. The other thing that amazed me is the value AMWA members get for their buck in attending the annual conference. Compared with other scientific and technical writing organizations whose registration fees range from $532 to $1,295, AMWA charges only $380 ($330 for early bird registration)—a real bargain.

Detailed information about the Dallas meeting will be posted on the AMWA Web site soon to help you start planning the activities that interest you. It’s a good idea to check the site frequently so you are ready for the first-come, first-served online registration when it opens in July.

AMWA and individual chapters face similar challenges. As might be expected, retaining and increasing membership is a key issue right now as layoffs and belt-tightening cause drop-offs in AMWA membership. From what I heard, it’s apparent that not enough is being done to alert members to the many advantages and opportunities available as a benefit of membership.

For example, I didn’t know that AMWA maintains a subgroup on LinkedIn, the popular professional networking Web site, which allows you to display the AMWA logo and communicate with other members. AMWA volunteers check all registrations to be sure people who register are current members. (At present, AMWA strongly encourages members to use LinkedIn for networking rather than Facebook, which is not considered professional enough by AMWA’s standards.)

Members who freelance for a living should know about the tools AMWA offers self-employed writers, including the Freelance Directory, online job search, the freelance listserve, and access to medical texts. It costs only $75 a year to list freelance services, and everything else is free.

Finding ways to cut costs while continuing to offer members a high level of resources and services is of key concern to National, just as it is for us in the New England Chapter. For example, did you realize members can opt out from receiving the AMWA Journal in hard copy? I plan on opting out right away, now that I know I still have electronic access to such a top-rate professional journal without having to recycle it once I’ve finished reading.

AMWA paid staff are talented and hard-working. Along with national officers and committee chairs and the chapter delegates, AMWA staff members attended the Gaithersburg meetings. I never knew the staff was as large as it is, comprising 9 full-time professionals including an executive director, an education manager who oversees education credits and certifications, a meetings manager, a membership assistant, and a staff accountant. Several months ago, AMWA also hired its first-ever marketing manager, Duane Brewster, who is formulating new ideas and programs to promote our organization and the benefits of membership. I chatted briefly with Duane at the welcome reception and appreciated his ideas for strengthening the role of AMWA within our industry and among medical writers.

Regular visits to both National and local chapter Web sites pay off. I highly recommend that chapter members visit and explore the AMWA Web site (www.amwa.org), as well as the New England Chapter Web site (www.amwa-ne.org), on a regular basis. You never know when something new has been added that can help you build your communication skills and enhance your networking efforts.

—Chris McMorrow
President/Delegate to AMWA Board of Directors
Chapter Officers
The officers for 2009-10 will be introduced at the final meeting of the 2008-09 year on Monday, June 8.

Delegates to AMWA Board of Directors
As one of the larger AMWA chapters, New England has two representatives on the association’s Board of Directors. In accordance with our chapter’s bylaws, these delegates are the President and the President-Elect, with the Immediate Past President and the Vice President for Connecticut serving as alternates.

Officers (automatic)
The chapter’s President is elected a year ahead of time. During the year as President-Elect, he or she serves as Program Director. After a year as President, he or she then serves the chapter for still another year as Immediate Past President.

PRESIDENT: Deborah von Rechenberg
Debbie has worked for Eli Lilly and Company for over 17 years, the last 10 as a writer supporting clinical oncology research and the last 7 as a teleworker, first from Salt Lake City and since 2006. from Waltham, Mass. Her work has included key regulatory documents for several marketing applications. Debbie earned a BS in biology from Purdue University in Indiana and, before becoming a medical writer, worked in various research laboratories, including during her first 7 years at Lilly. Debbie was active in the Hoosier and Rocky Mountain chapters of AMWA before moving to Waltham, and she has taken courses toward a core certificate. In 2006, she took and passed the Board of Editors in the Life Sciences certification examination.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Chris McMorrow
In 2006, Chris relocated to Massachusetts from New Jersey, where she spent over 20 years in writing and marketing. She has held diverse senior copywriter and communications director positions in publishing, pharmacy benefits management, medical education, and healthcare communications, including Merck-Medco Managed Care, Thomson Physicians World, and Bruce Leeb & Company Healthcare Advertising. Her writing specialties range from pharmaceutical promotion and medical marketing communications to public relations, patient education, and sales training, with a focus on managed care. Since 2004, she has freelanced for clients in New Jersey, New York, California, Florida, and Massachusetts. Chris is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Smith College, where she majored in romance languages. She joined AMWA in 2004 and has since completed two core certificates.

Nominees for Office
The Nominating Committee was chaired by President-Elect Debbie von Rechenberg and included President Chris McMorrow (ex officio), Adriane Bishko, Susan F. Gonsalves, Andrea Gwosdow, and Julie J. Martin. The committee has presented the following slate of officers to serve along with Debbie and Chris in the coming year.

PRESIDENT-ELECT: Laurie MacDougall
Laurie holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Boston College, a master's in epidemiology from the UMass Amherst School of Public Health, a master's in gerontology from UMass Boston, and a certificate in book publishing from Boston University. She joined AMWA in 2007 and is currently working on her core certificate in editing/writing. She has worked for the Massachusetts Cancer Registry (part of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health) for 16 years in varying capacities—first as an epidemiologist working on cancer control and surveillance and then as a consultant, coordinating grants and publications. She has recently established her own freelance business, Calico Medical Communications, specializing in public health and aging.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR CONNECTICUT: Susan F. Gonsalves
Susan is being nominated for a third term as Vice President for Connecticut. She has a PhD in pharmacology from Dartmouth College and an MBA in management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. From 1996 to 2008, Susan worked in the Department of Safety and Risk Management at Pfizer, where she was responsible for writing the clinical components of regulatory dossiers, responses to regulatory queries, and post marketing safety reports. She retired from Pfizer in July 2008 and now works as a freelance writer for a company specializing in pharmaceutical sales training. An AMWA member since 1988, Susan first served on the New England Chapter’s Connecticut program committee in the 2005-06 year.

SECRETARY: Jerome P. Lang
Jerome is being nominated for a second term as Secretary. An AMWA member since 2006, he began his medical writing career creating newsletters for his wife’s veterinary practice. While he is still practicing clinical medicine, he is also consulting for a CRO, has coauthored an investigator’s brochure, and has been working on a Web site about colon cancer. He had originally planned to get a PhD in biochemistry but resigned from the graduate program because of a serious ethical concern and went on to get an MD instead. Jerome has experience in occupational medicine, emergency medicine, and college health, and he served in the Indian Health Service.

TREASURER: Jill M. Shuman
Jill, who was president of the chapter in 1995-96, is being nominated for an additional term as Treasurer. She holds a master's degree in communications/health sciences and is a certified editor in the life sciences. She has extensive experience as a writer, editor, teacher, and project manager in many areas of medical and scientific communication and currently works as a senior healthcare analyst for Hayes Inc. A member since 1991, Jill was named an AMWA Fellow in 2003 in recognition of her outstanding professional achievements and contributions to the association.
Personal Notes

Susanne M. Richardson, ELS, RAC, is now devoting full time to her freelance consulting business, RxText Biomedical and Regulatory Communications in Marlborough, Mass. She was most recently a senior medical writer at Averion International.

Kelley L. Hill, MS, ELS, has joined Shire Human Genetic Therapies Inc., Lexington, Mass. Kelley was previously a medical writer at Millennium Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Michelle Swotinski, MS, MPH, is now manager of medical writing at AVEO Pharmaceuticals Inc., Cambridge, Mass. She was formerly manager of medical writing at Acusphere Inc.

Linda H. Mehta, MA, is now a senior medical editor at People’s Medical Publishing House USA, Shelton, Conn. She was previously an acquisitions editor at the New York Academy of Sciences.

Debra A. Willins, PhD, of Watertown, Mass., has joined Acceleron Pharma Inc. as a medical writer. She was previously a medical writer at Altus Pharmaceuticals.

Mark J. Alexander, PhD, of Chestnut Hill, Mass., has joined Acceleron Pharma Inc. as principal scientific advisor.

Kevin P. Flynn, MA, is the “Voice of Experience” in an interview by Ohio AMWA member Heather Haley in the current issue of the AMWA Journal. A past president of both the Southwest and New England chapters, he is director of scientific communications at Analgesic Research, Needham, Mass. Since 1997, he has frequently led AMWA workshops and roundtables for the New England Chapter and at AMWA annual conferences, and in 2004 he was named an AMWA fellow.

In April, at the Delaware Valley Chapter’s annual Freelance Workshop, Cheryl Lathrop, a freelance medical writer in Walpole, Mass., once again led a roundtable, “No Portfolio? No Problem!” J. Lynne Dodson of Creative Lines, Stratford, Conn., continues to serve on the workshop advisory committee.

CHAPTER CHANGES: Both Michael Grey and Anne A. Hurley have transferred to the Mid-Atlantic Chapter; Suzanne H. Heyd, to the Delaware Valley Chapter; DeAnn J. Liska, to the Michigan Chapter; and Barbara A. Schreader, to the Pacific Southwest Chapter.

Obituary

Diane Bell, 55, died of metastatic sarcoma on March 3. She was 55 years old.

A native of Knoxville, Tenn., she attended the University of Tennessee and held a master’s of public health and a doctor of science in public health/nutrition from Tulane University School of Public Health.

For most of her career she worked in health care, research, and education. Then in 2002, after a year as a freelance writer, she joined Coley Pharmaceutical Group as a medical writer. Two years later she moved on to Critical Therapeutics, and in 2006 she joined Vertex Pharmaceuticals. In 2007, she decided to return to freelancing.

Diane joined AMWA in 2000 and quickly became a “regular” at AMWA annual conferences and New England Chapter meetings. At the local meetings she always made a particular point of seeking out new members and greeting them warmly, because, in her words, “I want everyone to feel at home.” Diane served as chapter president in 2004-05.

New Members

The New England Chapter cordially welcomes those from our six-state region who have recently joined AMWA, reestablished their affiliation with the association, or moved here from another chapter area:

Kira Anthony, MS
Somerville, Massachusetts

Jean M. Baker, MS, RD
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Directions to June 8 Meeting

Vinny T’s
20 Waltham Street
Lexington, Massachusetts
781-860-5200

Waltham Street is directly off Massachusetts Avenue in Lexington Center. The restaurant is a short distance south of the corner.

Parking: There is metered on-street parking (meters in effect until 8:00 p.m.) and a municipal lot off Waltham Street across from the restaurant.

From Route 128/I-95 (heading north or south)
Take Exit 31A east to Routes 4/225, which is Bedford Street. Follow the signs into Lexington Center past the Minuteman Statue, which is where Bedford Street joins Massachusetts Avenue. Turn right at the next traffic light onto Waltham Street. Vinny T’s is just ahead on the left, with the entrance to the municipal lot on the right.

From Route 2 West
Take Exit 54B to Waltham Street, Lexington. At the traffic lights, turn left and go approximately 2 miles on Waltham Street. Vinny T’s is on the right, just before Waltham Street comes to an end at Massachusetts Avenue. The municipal parking lot is on the left, across from the restaurant.

From Route 2 East
Take Exit 53 (Spring Street/Waltham Street). Bear right off the exit, take the next right, and go back over Route 2. Turn right immediately after going over the highway and go approximately 1 mile to Waltham Street. Turn left onto Waltham Street and go approximately 2 miles; then follow directions for Route 2 West above.

From Cambridge/Arlington
Follow Massachusetts Avenue north into Lexington Center. After the post office and police station, turn left at the next traffic light onto Waltham Street. Vinny T’s is just ahead on the left, with the entrance to the municipal lot on the right.

From Woburn/Burlington
Follow directions from Route 128/I-95. Alternatively, take Lexington Street (becomes Woburn Street) into Lexington Center. At the stop sign, turn right onto Massachusetts Avenue. Turn left at the next traffic light onto Waltham Street. Vinny T’s is just ahead on the left, with the entrance to the municipal lot on the right.

Need a ride to the meeting?
If you don’t have a car, contact Judy Linn, meeting registrar, to find out if anyone from your area is driving to the meeting. Send an e-mail to judyhlinn@aol.com.

New England E-News
A Chapter Membership Benefit

The chapter E-News, sent to members a few times a month, reminds you of an upcoming chapter meeting or lets you know about a job opening, freelance work, local event, or anything else that might be of interest to you or other New England AMWA members.

If there is something you would like to mention in the New England E-News, please send it to President Chris McMorrow for consideration (christine_mcmorrow@yahoo.com). In the case of a job notice, be sure to follow submission guidelines (available at www.amwa-ne.org/content/pdfs/Submission%20Guidelines.pdf).

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EVENT: Dinner Program: “Tools, Tips, Tales, and Trends”

DATE: Monday, June 8, 2009

TIME: 6:00-9:00 p.m.

PLACE: Vinny T’s, Lexington, Massachusetts

REGISTRATION FEE: Member: $27.00  Guest or Prospective Member: $31.00

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF PAYMENT: Thursday, June 4

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MAIL PAYMENT WITH THIS FORM TO: AMWA
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Have you attended a New England Chapter meeting before? ( ) Yes     ( ) No