
Roundtable Discussions for Professional Development

The New England Chapter will cap the program year with a brunch on Sunday, June 11, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Burlington, Mass. This meeting will feature lively roundtable discussions led by knowledgeable AMWA members—colleagues who will share their insights, offer valuable advice, and answer your questions while we all enjoy a leisurely late breakfast.

There will be 7 tables in all—6 on career-related topics, plus an open table for informal conversation. Choose the table that interests you most, give second and third choices if you have them, and note your choices on the registration form. Don’t delay, because seating at each table is limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis upon receipt of payment. As always, guests and prospective members are welcome.

**DATE:** Sunday, June 11

**TIME:** Social Hour (Juice, Coffee, Tea) starts at 11:00 a.m. Brunch & Discussions are from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Hilton Garden Inn, 5 Wheeler Road, Burlington, Massachusetts (DIRECTIONS on page 8)

**BUFFET MENU:** Scrambled Eggs • Bacon • Breakfast Potatoes • Fruit Juices • Sliced Seasonal Fruit • Vanilla & Low-Fat Fruit-Flavored Yogurts with Granola • Assorted Bagels with Cream Cheese • Muffins, Danish Pastries & Croissants with Butter, Honey & Preserves • Coffee, Decaf, Herbal & Breakfast Teas

**REGISTRATION:** The registration fee is $35 for members, $40 for guests and prospective members. You can pay online with a credit card or by mail with a check. (See HOW TO REGISTER on page 8.)

**DEADLINE:** To guarantee brunch reservations, we must receive your payment by Tuesday, June 6. There will be no refunds for cancellation after that, but late registrations (online only) will be accepted on a space-available basis.

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**Table #1**

**THE PATH TO SUCCESSFUL MEDICAL WRITING**

**Leader: Andrea Gwosdow**

This roundtable will help scientists and clinicians discover how to use their skills in a career as a medical writer. Join colleagues to discuss how to make the transition. Explore the nuts and bolts of applying your skills to this new arena, including how to develop contacts and resources, how to get clips, and tips for finding a job.

**Table #2**

**MONEY MATTERS IN THE FREELANCE WORLD**

**Leader: Jill Shuman**

Even the best writers won’t have financial success unless they know how to get what they’re worth. Whether you are currently freelancing or just considering it, here’s a primer of essentials about setting and raising rates, assessing the benefits of hourly rates versus project rates, collecting your due, and negotiating contracts. Share your experiences and tap into those of your colleagues.

**Table #3**

**LINKEDIN MASTERY FOR MEDICAL WRITERS**

**Leader: Shawn Watson**

Now more than ever, networking is essential to professional success. And the face of networking has drastically changed over the past few years (e.g., LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter). Join a discussion of LinkedIn networking strategies from the tried-and-true to the uncharted territory of social media sites. Bring your questions, thoughts, experiences, concerns, success stories—and a laptop.

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CHAPTER CALENDAR

The New England Chapter’s year begins in mid-June, when a new slate of officers takes over. The chapter’s Executive Council meets during the summer, but there are no general activities during July and August.

The chapter holds six regular meetings from September through June. Four of these meetings are in the Greater Boston area, and two are in Connecticut. Typically, these meetings start with a social hour, followed by dinner (except for a Sunday brunch, usually in midwinter), then a program with a speaker, a panel presentation, or roundtable discussions.

In addition to the regular meetings, the chapter occasionally schedules other events, ranging from informal networking lunches or evening meetups to workshop programs.

Every fall, at the national AMWA meeting, attendees from New England get together for an informal dinner at a restaurant near the conference site.

May 24
Dinner Meeting
New Haven, Conn.

The chapter’s spring Connecticut meeting will be on Wednesday, May 24, at Thali restaurant in New Haven. Sandra Rimetz, chair of the Department of Information Management and Technology at Manchester Community College, will give an interactive presentation on “Making the Most of LinkedIn”—how to use this platform to your greatest advantage. For details and to register, go to http://www.amwa-ne.org/.

June 17
Lunch with AMWA National President
Somerville, Mass.

Chapter members are invited to lunch with a special guest, Lori Alexander, president of our national organization, at 12:00 noon, on Saturday, June 17, at Fuji at Assembly, 320 Canal Street, Somerville, Mass. (near T stop and free parking). You can network with fellow medical writers before the summer hiatus, and you can tell Lori what you love about AMWA and what you think needs improving.

You don’t have to pay for your lunch in advance, but reservations are required. Please RSVP by Thursday, June 15, to amwarsvp@gmail.com.

November 2
Chapter Dinner
AMWA Annual Conference
Orlando, Fla.

If you're attending the 2017 AMWA Medical Writing & Communication Conference in Orlando, November 1-4 (http://www.amwa.org/conference), plan to join your New England colleagues for a private dinner at a nearby restaurant on Thursday, November 2. This is a chance for New England AMWA members to spend some time together, and no other conference events are scheduled for that evening. Watch the AMWA New England E-News for details.

Other Events in New England

If you are involved with or know about an upcoming professional meeting, educational program, or other local event that might be of interest to New England AMWA members, please send the information to Judy Linn at judyhlinn@aol.com. We are happy to publicize such events in the chapter newsletter and/or via the AMWA New England E-News.

June 9-10
Textbook & Academic Authors Association
Annual Meeting
Providence, R.I.

The 30th annual Textbook & Academic Authoring Conference will be held at the Renaissance Providence Downtown Hotel. For information, go to www.taaonline.net/conference-program.

June 15-17
American Society for Indexing
Annual Meeting
Portland, Me.

This year's American Society for Indexing convention will be held at the Holiday Inn by the Bay Hotel and Convention Center in Portland, Me. For information, go to www.asindexing.org/.

October 20-21
STC New England Chapter
InterChange
Lowell, Mass.

InterChange, the annual regional conference of the New England Chapter, Society for Technical Communication, will be held at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. For information, go to http://www.stcnewengland.org/.
Chapter Email Blasts
Keep Members Up to Date

Watch for the occasional email from “President@amwa-ne.org” with “AMWA New England E-News” in the subject line. A few times a month, our chapter president sends an email to all members of the New England Chapter to announce a job opening or to let you know about an upcoming chapter meeting or some other regional event. The messages are brief, with just enough information for you to follow up if you wish. Be sure to glance at them so you don’t miss something of possible interest to you. (Please note that this is a members-only benefit, and we cannot include others in the distribution list.)

Linn Awards Offer Free AMWA Membership for Beginners
Chapter Welcomes Applications

Anyone who lives and works in New England and is just starting out as a medical writer or editor may apply for the New England Chapter’s Judy Linn Membership Award.

Since 2001, this award has provided monetary and networking support for up to three recipients at a time. The award covers national dues—with full professional membership benefits and privileges—for one year, and during that time the recipient may register for up to six regular New England Chapter meetings at no cost.

If you’re at an early stage of your medical communication career, with no more than three years of full-time experience in this field, please go to www.amwa-ne.org/awards.html for more information and an application form. There is no application fee, and you may submit an application at any time.

New England Chapter members who know someone who may be eligible for this award are encouraged to share this information with the prospective recipient.

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Table #4
REGULATORY WRITING IN THE PHARMACEUTICAL/BIOTECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY
Leader: Karishma Manzur
Find out about one of the hottest fields in medical writing: helping pharmaceutical and biotechnology firms prepare new drug applications and other regulatory documents for the FDA. Good regulatory writers are always in demand. Explore opportunities as a freelance or staff writer.

Table #5
NONREGULATORY WRITING IN THE PHARMACEUTICAL/BIOTECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY
Leader: Olivier Morteau
Not all medical writers in pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies work on regulatory documentation. Join this discussion to learn about nonregulatory writing jobs in the pharma/biotech industry—in medical education, medical information, scientific publications, sales training, consumer information, corporate communications, and other areas.

Table #6
ADVANCED REGULATORY WRITING: THE MEDICAL WRITER’S ROLE IN WRITING AN IND
Leader: Linda Wood
In this discussion we’ll cover key steps in the planning stages of an Investigational New Drug (IND) application to ensure efficient authoring, and we’ll outline methods to optimize collaboration and overcome common challenges during IND preparation. Regulatory writers with submission experience are always in demand.

Table #7
OPEN TABLE FOR INFORMAL CONVERSATION
Would you just like to get together with other medical writers? This is a chance for you to catch up with AMWA friends and make new professional acquaintances.

Choose a table and join the conversation!
February Meeting Report

Productivity Hacks for Medical Writers

In February, at the Yangtze River Restaurant in Lexington, Mass., New England Chapter members Marisa Greenfield, Shanna McClennen, Theresa Singleton, and Debbie von Rechenberg—all experienced medical writers—discussed the various strategies they use to manage their time and increase productivity. Shawn Watson, serving as moderator, posed a series of four questions to the panel and jumped in at several points to share information and provide his own perspective.

What systems do you use to manage time?

Everyone agreed that Excel is very useful for tracking time spent on projects. A time-tracking software program called Toggl (www.toggl.com) was also recommended.

For freelancers, keeping detailed records of time spent on past projects is often an invaluable resource when giving estimates for new projects.

Increased focus can be an added benefit of tracking time—especially if uninterrupted blocks of time are dedicated to a specific task. However, the panelists cautioned that these blocks of time should not be too long, as we are all becoming more aware how important it is for our health to get up and move periodically throughout the day.

How do you prioritize tasks?

Although tracking time is clearly important, spending time on unimportant tasks is unlikely to increase productivity. This is where prioritization comes in. The panelists recommended making a list on a regular basis, whether it be daily or weekly. If you have a flexible schedule, it may be helpful to include other responsibilities in addition to work-related tasks.

To begin the work week on the best foot, consider taking some time before leaving work on Friday to write down the key items that need to be accomplished on Monday.

Another prioritization approach is based on the Franklin Covey system, which categorizes tasks into four quadrants based on their importance and urgency. Setting aside just 30 minutes a day to focus on tasks that are important but not urgent ensures that progress is made on longer-term projects.

When planning, don’t forget to consider your own energy levels and how the time of day might influence how easy (or difficult) it is to perform a given task.

What strategies do you use to manage projects?

Managing projects can be challenging due to short timelines, the number of people involved, and many moving parts. At some companies, project managers are responsible for project timelines and resources; however, these tasks can also be managed by medical writers. Freelance medical writers face similar challenges, as they often balance multiple clients with shifting timelines. In either situation, clear communication is key.

If working in a team, it is good practice to first build consensus about what needs to be done, and then share the workload to meet the timeline.

For freelancers, it is important to establish timelines and expectations with clients at the beginning of each project, although some flexibility is obviously required.

What are useful approaches to managing meetings?

The panelists agreed that scheduled meetings should be avoided unless necessary. Many things can be taken care of through email and phone calls. It is no longer uncommon to have long-term relationships with clients or colleagues that you have never met in person.

To run a productive meeting, it is important to have an agenda, outline the objectives, and focus on what needs to be accomplished. Immediately after the meeting, send a summary of decisions that were made and outstanding action items to the attendees. It is good practice to request feedback on the summary to make sure nothing was overlooked.

Many thanks to the panelists for sharing their experiences and ideas—we all came away from the discussion with useful tips and strategies to increase our productivity.

Several key concepts and ideas were referenced from books about time management and productivity. At the request of the meeting participants, Shawn has provided his recommended reading list:

- *The Now Habit*, by Neil Fiore
- *The Miracle Morning: The Not-So-Obvious Secret Guaranteed to Transform Your Life (Before 8AM)*, by Hal Elrod
- *Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us*, by Daniel Pink
- *Rich Dad, Poor Dad*, by Robert Kiyosaki
- *Tools of Titans: The Tactics, Routines, and Habits of Billionaires, Icons, and World-Class Performers*, by Timothy Ferriss and Arnold Schwarzenegger
- *How to Get Control of Your Time and Your Life*, by Alan Lakein

—Deborah Ferguson
Secretary
Personal Notes

Charlotte Crowder, MPH, ELS, a freelance writer in Brookfield, Me., is author of an AMWA Pocket Training, “Telling It Like It Is: Informed Consent in Plain Language.” AMWA members can access this mini-tutorial at no charge at www.amwa.org/pocket_trainings. (Pocket Trainings are not available to nonmembers.)

Lynne Munno, MA, MS, associate director of medical writing at Deciphera Pharmaceuticals, Waltham, Mass., recently led AMWA webinars on “Effective Project Management for Regulatory Documents Prior to the Document Process” and “Effective Project Management for Regulatory Documents During the Document Process.” Both sessions are now available as videos ($55 for members, $95 for nonmembers). For more information, see the AMWA Online Learning catalog.

At the AMWA conference in Orlando this fall, Helen Osborne, MEd, OTR/L, will receive AMWA’s 2017 Walter C. Alvarez Award in recognition of her “excellence in communicating health care developments and concepts to the public.” This prestigious award will be presented at a general session where Helen will be the featured speaker. An AMWA member since 1999, Helen is president of Health Literacy Consulting in Natick, Mass. She is a frequent speaker at regional, national, and international events; founder of National Health Literacy month; author of the award-winning guidebook, Health Literacy from A to Z: Practical Ways to Communicate Your Health Message; and producer and host of an ongoing podcast series, “Health Literacy Out Loud.” At the conference, Helen will also be presenting an educational session titled “A Conversation About Podcasting.”

Other New England Chapter members are contributing to the 2017 AMWA Medical Writing & Communication Conference as well:

- Andrea Gwosdow, PhD, president of Gwosdow Associates Scientific Consultants, Arlington, Mass., is leading the workshop on “Ethical Standards in Medical Publications.”

- Jane Stephenson, PhD, MBA, director at Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Ridgefield, Conn., is leading the workshop on “Writing the Investigators Brochure.”

- Jeanette Towles, MA, president of Synterex Inc., Dedham, Mass., is leading a roundtable on “The Role of the Medical Writer in Study Protocol Development.”

- Shawn Watson, PharmD, PhD, of ON Clinical Consulting, Revere, Mass., is presenting an educational session on “Medical Writer’s Guide in ClinicalTrials.Gov Results Postings.”

- Linda Yih, BSc, director, medical writing services at PAREXEL International, Lyme, Conn., is presenting an educational session titled “Professional Development for Medical Writers: Create, Promote, and Monitor Programs and Tools for Growth.”

Daniel Kelley, MA, is now a medical writer at DynaMed, a clinical reference service of EBSCO, based in Ipswich, Mass. He was previously a full-time freelance Spanish-to-English translator.

Donna Mitchell-Magaldi, MS, of Columbia, Conn., has joined the Davol division of C.R. Bard Inc. as a senior regulatory affairs medical writer. She was previously a project manager at Nerac Inc.

CHAPTER CHANGES: Nicole Buzin has moved to Germantown, Md., and is now a member of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter. Freelancer Robert Lersch, PhD, has moved to East Stroudsburg, Pa., and is now a member of the Delaware Valley Chapter. Lori Martell, PhD, has joined Juno Therapeutics as senior director, medical writing and is living in Seattle, Wash. Margi Goldstein, PhD, now living in Newtown, Pa., has joined Teva Pharmaceuticals as senior manager regulatory, medical writing and is a member of the Delaware Valley Chapter.

OBITUARY: Jerome P. Lang, MD

Jerome, a former New England Chapter officer, died in an automobile accident on March 6 in Northwood, N.H. He was 64.

Jerome was a graduate of the Case Western Reserve MD/PhD program, with extensive training in biochemistry as well as clinical medicine. His wide-ranging medical activities included public and private clinical work and research as well as charitable endeavors, among them volunteer medical service with Doctors Without Borders. Since 2003 he had been a physician with Concentra Health Services, specializing in occupational health and rehabilitation.

He was an uncommonly versatile professional. His writing credits ranged from patient education materials to regulatory documents. He was a medical and scientific consultant for Regulatory Affairs Associates, a CRO. He served as business manager of his wife’s feline veterinary practice in Dover, N.H. And he was publisher and CEO of ReadersPlays.com, a distributor of short plays written by his late mother for reading aloud, mainly in senior living facilities.

Jerome joined AMWA in 2004, and from 2008 to 2010 was our chapter secretary.

—Judy Linn
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. We are also happy to welcome AMWA members from outside of New England who are planning to move here in the near future or have personal or professional ties here.

Sayura Aoyagi, PhD
Salem, Massachusetts

Swetha Arikatla, PhD
Tufts Medical Center
Boston, Massachusetts

Tracy Aurigemma, MS
Revere, Massachusetts

Amy Baker, PhD

Matthew Balanda, BE, MA, MSN
Griffin Faculty Physicians
Darby, Connecticut

Ashley Bauer
New Haven, Connecticut

Lisa Berlin, MD
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Kate Roche
Waitsfield, Vermont

Emily Sandahl
Westborough, Massachusetts

Augusta Shackford

Alice Shao
Boston, Massachusetts

Arpana Sood, PhD
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Tracey Tucker, PhD
Boston, Massachusetts

Sofia Vidal-Cardenas, PhD
Wakefield, Massachusetts
EBSCO Information Services

Amy Walsh, BA
Wallingford, Connecticut
Chapter Officers
New England Chapter’s officers for the 2017-18 year will be introduced at the last meeting of the 2016-17 year on June 11. Their one-year term begins at that time.

Officers (Automatic)
In accordance with our bylaws, the President is elected a year ahead of time to ensure continuity. During the year as President-Elect, he or she serves as Program Director. Then, after a year as President, he or she serves for still another year as Immediate Past President. In the coming year, Shawn Watson will be President and Olivier Morteau will be Immediate Past President.

**PRESIDENT: Shawn Watson**
Shawn is a licensed pharmacist and holds a PhD in pharmaceutical sciences from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a PharmD from St. Louis College of Pharmacy. He is an associate director of medical writing at Alexion Pharmaceuticals, where he authors and oversees the development of study- and submission-level regulatory documents across four clinical development programs. Prior to Alexion, he was a medical writer at PRA International and before that, an associate principal regulatory writer at Synchrogenix Information Strategies. He has been an AMWA member since 2012 and joined the Executive Council as a member-at-large in 2014-15.

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Olivier Morteau**
Olivier has a PhD in pharmacology from the University of Toulouse, France. Before entering the medical communications field in 2011, he was a research scientist for over 10 years at Boston Children’s Hospital, Oxford University, MediGene Ltd in the UK, and elsewhere. He has worked as a medical writer at Vertex Pharmaceuticals and Lumleian and as a medical publication manager at EMD Serono, and in 2015 he joined TESARO as a senior manager, medical communications. Olivier has been an AMWA member since 2011. He has served on the New England Chapter’s Executive Council since 2012-13.

Nominees for Office
The Nominating Committee, chaired by President-Elect Shawn Watson, has presented the following slate of officers to serve along with him and Olivier in the coming year.

**PRESIDENT-ELECT: Debbie Ferguson**
Debbie has a PhD in experimental medicine from McGill University. Following postdoctoral studies at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, she joined a start-up company, Reata Pharmaceuticals, as a scientist. Her responsibilities grew along with the company and she eventually held the position of associate vice president, discovery biology. In 2013, she began working as an independent scientific consultant and medical writer. Debbie joined AMWA in 2004 and has been a member of the New England Chapter since 2009. She hosted the chapter’s dinner meeting at the last three AMWA national conferences. In 2015-16 she served on the chapter’s Executive Council as a member-at-large and was Secretary in 2016-17.

**VICE PRESIDENT/CONNECTICUT: Margaret Burke**
Margaret is nominated for a second term in this position. She received a BS in pharmacy and a PharmD from the State University of New York at Buffalo, followed by a pediatric specialty residency and a pediatric pharmacotherapy fellowship at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She is a board certified pediatric pharmacotherapy specialist, with a certificate in core public health competency from the University of Connecticut and an essential skills certificate from AMWA. She was a pediatric clinical pharmacy specialist at Hartford Hospital and Connecticut Children’s Medical Center for a combined total of 19 years and continues to serve as a member of CT Children’s IRB. In 2013, she started Precision Medical Writing LLC, which provides medical writing services to a variety of clients. She has been a member of AMWA since 2012.

**TREASURER: Ana Bozas**
Ana is nominated for a second term as Treasurer. After graduating from the University of Utah with a PhD in biochemistry, Ana conducted research in gene targeting at the Boston Biomedical Research Institute. Moving away from the bench, she spent 2 years as a social media manager at MASS AWIS in Cambridge, Mass. In 2013 she joined Analysis Group in Boston, where she worked as a medical writer focusing on HEOR publications. In the past year, Ana has been managing the publication needs of Akebia Therapeutics. She has been an AMWA member since 2014, when she received a Linn Membership Award from the New England Chapter. In 2016 she attained certification as a medical publication professional (CMPP).

**SECRETARY: TBA**
[Editor’s note: Because of an unforeseen situation, this position is not yet confirmed.]
How to Register for June 11 Meeting

You can register for this event either online or by mail, depending on how you wish to pay.

- **To pay by credit card**, use the electronic registration form on the chapter website (www.amwa-ne.org). Fill it out and continue to the PayPal form, where you can enter your credit card information. (You don’t need a PayPal account, and you will not be charged a fee for the transaction.)

- **To pay by check**, download the printable registration form from the chapter website (www.amwa-ne.org), print a copy, fill it out, and mail it with your check to the address on the form.

Directions to June 11 Meeting

**Hilton Garden Inn**

5 Wheeler Road
Burlington, Massachusetts

781-272-8800

The hotel is just off the Middlesex Turnpike, near Route 128/I-95.

From 128/I-95, heading north or south, take Exit 32B (Middlesex Turnpike). At the end of the ramp, at the traffic lights, turn left onto the Middlesex Turnpike. Then take the first left onto Wheeler Road. The hotel is less than a third of a mile ahead on the left.

There is ample free parking.

To get detailed driving directions from your location, go to: http://national.citysearch.com/profile/4653368/burlington_ma/hilton_garden_inn.html.

Need a ride to the meeting?

If you don’t have a car, ask Judy Linn (judyhlinn@aol.com) whether there is someone from your area who might be able to give you a lift.

You can also use the chapter’s LinkedIn page to ask for a ride (or offer one). If you haven't already signed up for the New England Chapter LinkedIn subgroup, you can do so at www.linkedin.com.

Executive Council Meeting

The Executive Council, which comprises the chapter’s officers, committee directors, and members-at-large, will meet on June 11, immediately following the roundtable brunch, to begin planning the next chapter year.

If there is something you would like to add to the agenda—a possible topic for a program, a meeting venue, a suggestion for new or improved services, or anything else that may be on your mind—please feel free to share your thoughts with incoming president Shawn Watson (watson900@hotmail.com).

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**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2016-17**

**OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT: Olivier Morteau
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Marisa Greenfield
PRESIDENT-ELECT: Shawn Watson
VICE PRESIDENT/CONNECTICUT: Margaret Burke
SECRETARY: Debbie Ferguson
TREASURER: Ana Bozas

**DIRECTORS / COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- PROGRAMS: Shawn Watson
- CONNECTICUT PROGRAMS: Margaret Burke, Agnella Matic, Jill Max
- MEMBERSHIP: Judy Linn
- MEMBERSHIP AWARDS: Nancy Knoblock Hunton, Francesca Coltrera, David Olle, Jill Shuman, Debbie von Rechenberg
- E-NEWS: Olivier Morteau
- NEWSLETTER: Judy Linn
- LINKEDIN SUBGROUP: Laurie MacDougall
- NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Shawn Watson
- WEB SITE: Aaron Federman, Judy Linn

**MEMBERS-AT-LARGE**

Susan Chow, Francesca Coltrera, Andrea Gwosdow, Laurie LaRusso, Shanna McClennen, Joann Merriman, Jill Shuman, Theresa Singleton, Debbie von Rechenberg

**DELEGATES TO AMWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Olivier Morteau, Shawn Watson

ALTERNATES: Marisa Greenfield, Margaret Burke