PRIORITY

AMWA is a nonprofit professional society, founded in 1940 to promote high standards in medical writing.

With this mission in mind, the New England Chapter of AMWA sponsors an awards program once every two years to recognize outstanding work in medical, biomedical, and health communication by New England writers.

This independent, regional recognition program was initiated in 1990 and was named to honor the memory of Wilfred G. Solimene, an esteemed colleague who died of cancer in 1989 at age 59.

ELIGIBILITY

Any writer who is currently residing in New England may submit original work published since January 1, 2012.

For collaborative work, only one of the writers need be a New England resident.

Membership in AMWA is not a requirement.

A publication may be submitted on behalf of a New England writer on behalf of a collaborative team that includes at least one New England writer, provided permission has been obtained from the writer(s).

ENTRY CATEGORIES

An entry in this competition may be a publication for a professional audience, a publication for healthcare consumers, or a publication of general interest.

The work may be in any medium—print, electronic, or audiovisual.

TYPES OF PUBLICATIONS

Examples of appropriate entries are:

- books and monographs
- book chapters
- articles in newspapers, magazines, or newsletters
- articles in professional journals or trade publications
- descriptive or informational brochures
- training or explanatory manuals
- public relations materials, marketing collateral, white papers
- opinion pieces

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Print Publications

A print entry must be submitted as published.
An article in a periodical should be submitted, if possible, with the issue in which it appeared so as to provide context.

Electronic Publications

A CD-ROM or DVD entry must be labeled with the complete title of the publication.
In the case of a website or blog, the entry must include a printout of representative pages. At the top of the first page, please give the URL and indicate which sections of the website or blog are being submitted.

Audiovisual Production Scripts

An AV entry may be the script of a television or radio program, or the script of a video or audio publication.

The entry must be accompanied by the appropriate videotape, DVD, audiocassette, or URL.

Transcripts of unscripted productions will not be considered.
Writers may enter in more than one category and may submit multiple entries in any category.

Multiple entries may be sent in one package, and payment for multiple entries may be by a single check, but a separate entry form must be filled out in its entirety for each entry.

Note that a limited and well-defined series of articles, with clearly sequential components, may be submitted as one entry and will be judged accordingly. Similarly, a press kit or a series of clearly related blog posts may be submitted as a single entry.

Only if it is dedicated to a single topic will a whole issue of a periodical be considered a single entry.

An entry must be submitted with the understanding that it cannot be returned.

The fee for members is $25.00 per entry. The fee for nonmembers is $145.00 per entry. Payment (checks only, no credit cards) must be included with the entry form and submission.

To become a member of AMWA before submitting an entry, go to www.amwa.org/assoc_subscribe.asp.

Every entry will be considered on its own merits and will be judged on accuracy and adequacy of content, the quality and style of writing, originality, achievement of purpose, and overall impact. The complexity of the subject matter will be taken into account.

To eliminate unfair or inappropriate comparisons, entries may be judged within subcategories determined by the Awards Committee and the judging panels.

Because this is a writing competition, illustrations and other graphic components will be considered only if they are integral to the work. Decorative artwork, publication design, and technical production values will not be considered.

Any entry that fails to meet the basic rules and requirements of this competition will automatically be disqualified.

The decisions of the Awards Committee and the judging panels are final.

One or more awards may be given in each of the entry categories, or awards may be withheld in any of the categories if no entry is deemed worthy of recognition.

For every entry that is deemed meritorious, the New England Chapter of AMWA will provide a plaque designated as a Will Solimene Award for Excellence in Medical Communication.

One plaque will be awarded per winning entry. For team-written winning entries, duplicate plaques will be available at nominal cost to individual collaborators who wish to have one of their own.

Special awards, such as the Neil Duane Award for Distinction in Medical Communication, may be given at the discretion of the Awards Committee.

Authors of the entries selected to receive awards will be notified in writing on or about April 15, 2014.

Because of the anticipated volume of entries, the Awards Committee is unable to notify nonwinners.

Awards will be presented to the authors of the winning entries (or to their representatives) at the 15th New England Chapter Awards ceremonies at a special luncheon on a Saturday in June.

All competition entrants will be notified by email of the exact time and location of the luncheon well in advance.

As at all New England Chapter events, prospective members and guests will be welcome.

If you have any questions about these awards, please contact Jill Shuman, New England Chapter Awards Director, at writersgroup@comcast.net.

To verify your AMWA membership status or that of an author on whose behalf you are submitting materials, contact Judy Linn, New England Chapter Membership Director, at judylinn@aol.com.
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2014 Will Solimene Awards
for Excellence in Medical Communication

ENTRY FORM

1. READ THE PRECEDING INFORMATION BEFORE YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM.
2. FILL OUT BOTH PAGES OF THE FORM COMPLETELY.
3. USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH ENTRY.

COMPLETE TITLE OF ENTRY ________________________________________________________

PUBLISHER ______________________________ PUBLICATION DATE ________________

WRITER(S)

1  Name __________________________________ Degrees/Credentials __________________
    Address
    _____________________________________________________________
    _____________________________________________________________
    _____________________________________________________________
    _____________________________________________________________
    Daytime Phone __________________________ Email _______________________

2  Name __________________________________ Degrees/Credentials __________________
    Address
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    Daytime Phone __________________________ Email _______________________

3  Name __________________________________ Degrees/Credentials __________________
    Address
    _____________________________________________________________
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    _____________________________________________________________
    _____________________________________________________________
    Daytime Phone __________________________ Email _______________________

4  Name __________________________________ Degrees/Credentials __________________
    Address
    _____________________________________________________________
    _____________________________________________________________
    _____________________________________________________________
    _____________________________________________________________
    Daytime Phone __________________________ Email _______________________

Additional names and addresses may be listed on a separate sheet of paper.
COMPLETE TITLE OF ENTRY

AUDIENCE CATEGORY
( ) Professionals     ( ) Healthcare Consumers     ( ) General Interest
( ) Other (please specify) _________________________

MEDIUM IN WHICH ENTRY WAS ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED
( ) Print     ( ) Electronic     ( ) Audiovisual

WHAT WAS THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS PUBLICATION?
________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

ENTRY SUBMITTED BY
Name ________________________________________________
Title __________________________________________________
Business Address ________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Daytime Phone _________________________________________
Email ________________________________________________

I understand the rules of this competition, and I am submitting this work on my own behalf, or I have been authorized by all named parties to enter this work.

_______________________________________________ (signature)

PAID BY CHECK NO. ________ DRAWN ON THE ACCOUNT OF ____________________________________________________________

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO “New England AMWA Chapter” (FED EIN 04-3301179).

YOUR ENTRY MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THIS FORM AND THE APPROPRIATE FEE.

THE PACKAGE MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 28, 2014.

MAIL OR SHIP TO:     Jill Shuman
                        71 Hammond Place
                        Woburn MA 01801

(If using overnight mail, please mark package “No signature required.”)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ENTRY
Receipt of your entry will be acknowledged by email.