

Indiana AMWA Newsletter

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TOP AMWA NEWS

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A Note from President

I would like to begin by thanking all the members of AMWA Indiana for their constant support and willingness to adapt and keep moving forward. We have all been dealing with unprecedented circumstances for over a year now. No change is ever easy but at the same time change is the only way forward. That also means to be flexible and show perseverance. It is with these attributes that we have decided to host a virtual chapter conference this year. The theme of this year's conference is 'Navigating the New Normal: Adaptability, Flexibility and Perseverance'. While we have an interesting line-up of talks scheduled, this conference is also a celebration and reminder of the fact that we all have survived a very challenging time of our life and we have the capability of moving forward no matter how hard it gets.

I encourage you to register for the conference and extend the invitation to your friends and colleagues and help us make this event a truly successful one. April 2nd is the deadline for registration. Finally, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the current chapter officers and past leadership for their immense support to help organize this event. We have enjoyed putting this event together and we hope that you will join us and have a great time as well.

We look forward to the pleasure of your company at the conference!

“Adaptability is no imitation. It means power of resistance and assimilation” — Mahatma Gandhi


Meet Our Current Chapter Officers

Uzma Nisar, President

With a background in Human Cytogenetics and Genetic Counseling, experience in scientific editing and proofreading, Uzma is currently gaining skills and experience to break into freelance medical writing and is serving as president as well as publications chair in AMWA Indiana.

Cathi Harmon, President-elect

A senior medical writer at Whitsell Innovations, Inc. Cathi has over three decades experience in healthcare marketing and scientific writing. She has managed regulatory and clinical documents for various small and large pharmaceutical companies across North America and Europe.



Barbara O. Lightfoot, Treasurer and Secretary

Barbara is an Associate Consultant in Global Scientific Communications at Eli Lilly & Co. She is a member of the Society of Clinical Research Associates and the Drug Information Association. She is also a past president of AMWA Indiana and has been closely associated with the chapter through various roles over the years.

Catherine Martin, Secretary (September 2020-March 2021)

Catherine has been a full-time Latin teacher at Canterbury School of Northeast Indiana for over two decades now. She is interested in transitioning into medical writing and has successfully completed the AMWA Essential Skills Certificate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 9-10: Indiana Chapter Spring Conference

Please register by April 2.

Virtual Conference Schedule at Glance:

Friday, April 9

- 1:00: Conference begins
- 1:05: Keynote address
- 2:20 - 4:15: Conference talks
- 6:30 - 7:30: Roundtables

Saturday, April 10


- 9:15: Keynote address
- 10:20 - 12:25: Conference talks
- 12:45: Annual Chapter Membership Business Meeting

For more information, please see the [conference brochure](#)

Register for the conference online at [Eventbrite](#)

TBD: Virtual Educational Events

Keep an eye out for more virtual educational events invitations this summer. Thank you Barbara for organizing these events!



RECENT EVENTS

Feb 16: AMWA IN Virtual Chapter Educational Event

Barbara Lightfoot organized an event, *mRNA Vaccines: General Information and Clinical Guidance Update*, a Current Issues in Immunization Webinar by the CDC.

MAXIMIZE YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Free On-Demand Webinar for March

This month's complimentary webinar for AMWA members is [Clinical Study Report Development Pt 2](#). As a regulatory medical writer, you want to have a clear understanding of the ICH E3 guidelines in developing the CSRs. This webinar will help you to interpret the guidelines through real world practical experiences.

Access this webinar in [AMWA Online Learning](#) before the end of the month.

Read the AMWA Online Spring journal

The Spring 2021 AMWA Journal, [Volume 36 Number 1](#) is now available to members online.

STAY CONNECTED WITH AMWA INDIANA

Take advantage of your AMWA membership by staying connected with the chapter. Help us help you to benefit professionally. Attend our chapter events, join our LinkedIn Chapter group or talk to chapter officers or committee chairs to stay connected and updated on chapter offerings and opportunities.

