

AMWA Chapter 14 Officers Meeting

Minutes

May 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by chapter president, Laura Long. Six members were present, including Linda Landon, Heather McNeill, Lisa Balbes, Rebecca Bigelow, and Magdalena Berry.

Events in St. Louis

The St. Louis TechWriteSTL Freelance group is continuing to organize the St. Louis-area Freelance Luncheon Series every other month to discuss topics of interest to freelance medical/technical writers in the St. Louis, MO area. Alice Fugate presented the March 2018 meeting on “Fun Thing for Nerds to Do in St. Louis”. The May 2018 meeting is a field trip to St. Louis Art Museum with a curated tour of the Native American exhibit. The July meeting topic will be “Medical Communication Companies”. The annual dinner meeting is September 6. Joanne McAndrews and Lisa Balbes continue to organize the TechWriteSTL events. For information on luncheon dates and speakers and other TechWriteSTL activities, please visit <http://www.amwa-midamerica.org/>.

Events in Kansas City

Heather McNeill reported on that a Kansas City co-chair has not been identified. Please contact Heather (hmcneill@kumc.edu) if you or someone you know is interested in the position. For information on upcoming activities in Kansas City, please visit <http://www.amwa-midamerica.org/>.

Events in Nebraska

Rebecca Bigelow reported that two members attended the Thursday March 22, 2018 networking event in Ashland, NE. An evening event is planned for June 14 at a restaurant in Omaha, NE. Rebecca may contact local colleges and universities to attract graduate students to the Nebraska meetings. Please contact Rebecca (rebecca@epionmedcom.com) if you are interested in attending.

President's Report

Laura discussed the chapter handbook. Members can review the handbook at <https://bit.ly/2IreSpt>. Rebecca Bigelow discussed National's efforts to redo the entire handbook and are seeking input from chapters. Members should contact Sharon Ruckdeschel, sharon@amwa.org, with suggestions.

Laura Long is retiring and will not renew her AMWA membership. She will not be able to continue as president. A new president will be required to fill the remainder of her term.

Treasurer's update

There was no treasury update.

Chapter Advisory Council

Heather McNeill distributed Chapter Advisory Council documents to the chapter officers. The next Chapter Advisory Council meeting is May 23, 2018.

Newsletter

Magdalena Berry discussed sending copies of the chapter newsletter to national and other chapters. Please submit articles to Magdalena by the last week of June for the next issue.

New Members

Heather O'Neill reported no new members have joined this month. Heather discussed ways to communicate with members whose memberships are lapsing.

Housekeeping

Chapter Officer Meetings—The next regular Chapter Officers Call will be Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 2 pm.

Chapter Officers—Laura Long has taken over as the new Chapter president. Rebecca Bigelow has taken over as president elect.

Minutes—The March 2018 minutes were approved.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 pm.

Signed,

Linda A. Landon, PhD. ELS

Secretary, AMWA Chapter 14