

## **AMWA Meeting 14 May 2019**

### **Call to order: 2:00 pm**

Rebecca, Natalie, Leslie (lost connection mid-way), Raeesa, Susan (absent), Lisa, Swarna, Heather, Joanne

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

### **Events in St. Louis**

Update by Joanne:

Last week, the third event of 2019 was held. There were 12 attendees at the Speed Networking event (including one from Decatur, IL and one from Arkansas).

Three more events are planned for the year.

Monday, Jul 15, Susan (the attendee from Decatur, IL) will talk about desktop publishing software. To be held in a private meeting room with TV screens and wi-fi that can support demos. Invitations were sent out yesterday and twelve people have already signed up to attend!

Friday, Sept 6, Annual dinner. Susan Sunderman has arranged a speaker to talk about medical journalism.

Wednesday, Nov 13, Third Annual Best and Worst Books of the Year will be moderated by Leslie Neistadt

### **Events in Kansas City**

Update by Swarna: The final webinar which was originally to be held in May will now be held on June 12<sup>th</sup> from noon to 1 pm.

Rebecca suggested the webinar information be posted on the Chapter website.

Heather: Met Swarna recently at an event on science communication organized by postdoctoral researchers in the area. Suggested partnering with them for future Kansas City events.

### **Events in Nebraska**

Update by Rebecca: Tried to plan something with people in Lincoln but did not work due to conflicting schedules. May plan something in summer or early Fall.

### **Events in Iowa**

Update by Natalie: Event organized at Des Moines Botanical Garden had low attendance. The only other person who attended is moving out of the area soon. Karry Smith did not renew her membership. May try to organize something in Iowa City to see if there may be better response.

Joanne mentioned that the St. Louis group is a joint venture between the Society of Technical Communication (STC) and the AMWA Chapter. Suggested reaching out to the Eastern Iowa Chapter of STC and the Iowa State Chapter for a joint event.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Lost contact with Leslie

### **Newsletter**

Susan asked Rebecca to convey that materials for the newsletter should be sent to her by mid-June. The next newsletter will be out by the end of June.

### **New Member Report**

Heather: No new members

### **CAC Update**

Contact could not be established with Leslie

### **Other Business**

Joanne's update on Chapter Dinner: She has been organizing the Mid-America Chapter dinner at the Annual AMWA conference each year since 2005. She will be doing so again this year and needs a co-organizer. The dinner is scheduled for Thursday, Nov 7. There is currently a discount for AMWA volunteers and Chapter leaders attending the annual conference.

Natalie and Rebecca are not sure if they are going to the conference, but can help if they attend. Leslie may attend since she is giving a talk at the conference.

### **Next Chapter Meeting**

July 9 at 2 pm is tentatively planned. Natalie and Joanne may not be able to attend. Ok for everyone else?

**Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.**