

## **AMWA Mid-America Chapter Meeting of March 9, 2021**

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

Attendees: Rebecca, Joanne, Leslie, Crystal, Susan, Liz, and Raeesa

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

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

March 3, 2021: "Members' Favorite Tools for Writing and Editing" presented by Ginger Peschke. No. of attendees: 14

May 11, 2021: "Contract Writing and Negotiations" to be presented by Veronika Redmann

July: "Publishing Your Book" presented by Louise Noeth

September: 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner. Virtual or in-person dinner event. Ruth Thaler-Carter will be talking about public speaking tips

November: 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Best and Worst Books of 2021 led by Leslie Neistadt based on input from TechWriteSTL members

### **Events in Kansas City**

Update provided by Crystal:

January 28, 2021: Roundtable-style webinar led by Gretchen Griffin of Trilogy Medical Writing on "Emotional Intelligence". No. of attendees: 19

### **Events in Nebraska**

Update by Rebecca: Asked Liz Leight whether she would like to talk about her career path as a medical writer from freelance to Pharma. The webinar with Q&A is likely to be held in April (date TBD) around 2 – 3 pm CST.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Leslie provided checking and savings account balances.

### **Newsletter**

Update by Susan: Please send your materials by end of March. Next newsletter will be released in early April.

## **New Member Report**

Heather was unavailable.

## **CAC Update**

CAC is putting together a document on best practices for virtual meetings and evaluating the survey sent out after the 2021 conference. There is no decision yet on whether the conference will be virtual or in-person.

## **Other Business**

### **Chapter LinkedIn Group:**

Rebecca suggested we need a LinkedIn page for our Chapter and need to designate a manager. Matt Sandbulte accepted the responsibility.

### **Chapter Funds:**

Crystal asked whether Chapter funds could be used for members' career development. Joanne said this hasn't been done in the past. Chapter funds are mainly used to pay for website hosting fees, speaker honorariums, and travel expenses to send Chapter delegate to AMWA's Annual Conference.

## **Next Chapter Meeting**

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.**