

AMWA Mid-America Chapter Meeting of May 10, 2022

Call to order: 2:04 pm

Attendees (alphabetical): , Dana Delibovi, Liz Leight, , Heather McNeill, , Matt Sandbulte

Approval of minutes

Minutes from 2022 January approved.

Events in St. Louis

Reporting: Liz Leight for Joanne McAndrews and Lisa Balbes

Upcoming events in St. Louis:

- May 18—Writing/editing tips, presented by Ruth Thaler-Carter; 9 attending so far
- July 14—Health Care Options for Freelancers, presented by Veronika Redmann
- September 15—Dinner meeting with editors, organized by Jo Seltzer and Ruth Thaler-Carter
- November—Best and Worst Books of 2022, led by Leslie Neistadt

Joanne McAndrews is coordinating a Mid-America Chapter Dinner with Leslie Neistadt on November 3rd during the AMWA national conference in Denver, Colorado.

Lisa Balbes has requested a reimbursement for the cost of AMWA meetings at the Scout shelter in Kirkwood Park (~\$55/meeting * 2 meetings). (See Treasurer's report below) Members are not yet comfortable meeting indoors, and outdoor meeting locations that are protected from weather incur a cost.

Events in Kansas City

No report this meeting. Raesa Gupta did not renew her membership in AMWA and Crystal Austin[Last Name] has moved. Liz will post something on Linked in to help locate KC members interested in helping with KC events. We need to fill Raesa's position.

Events in Nebraska

Reporting: Matt Sandbulte

May 19 lunch: A few of members got together for lunch in the fall, and networked in person; Nebraska members are going to do something similar on Thursday, May 19, 2022. There are 6 Nebraskans on the AMWA membership rolls, with 3 in the Omaha area coming to the lunch. Matt has checked on Iowans; they are very far away, so they won't be coming to the lunch. But overall, this is good news to have something on the calendar, that we can build on.

Liz Leight made the suggestion that a hybrid lunch meeting (Zoom + in person) might help people far away. Matt said that the venue for lunch—a high class cafeteria setting in a food hall, would not be conducive to a hybrid meeting

Chapter-wide events

Reporting: Liz Leight

Diane Morton has agreed to do an AMWA Mid-America Webinar in June or July, with the topic of copyright.

Treasurer's Report

Reporting: Leslie Neistadt (via email)

Account balances were provided by Leslie:

Leslie is approved to reimburse Lisa for the cost of the shelter for two AMWA meetings in St. Louis (May 18th and July 14th)

CAC Update

Reporting: Leslie Neistadt (via email)

Leslie has not yet received the CAC minutes; she will give a report once they arrive.

[Note: The materials did arrive and will be provided with the minutes FYI.]

Membership

Reporting: Heather McNeill

Last report, we added 3 new members, including one in Kansas City; 104 members total. The latest membership list shows 2 new members in April; 101 members total.

Newsletter/Communications

Reporting: Liz Leight

Susan Sunderman has stepped down and will no longer prepare the newsletter. We may want to consider targeted emails. Sunali Wadehra has expressed interest.

Old Business

Matt and Liz discussed Iowa outreach; Liz will reach out directly to members. Matt lived for a time in Ames Iowa; Iowa members are widely dispersed so it's challenging to get them together.

He's asking if they want to have a coordinator, and trying to get them to join Linked In group. He's prompted one or two to join Linked in

Dana suggested that it's hard to get people connected on Linked In if they don't know you in other ways—emails can help. She also suggested we all try to create Linked In posts; she will send Matt a post for him to put up. Dana is not sure who has rights to post on our Linked in page.

Matt followed up (via email):

- In our meeting on the 10th there was some discussion of who has "rights" to make posts to the AMWA LinkedIn group. Actually, it is simply open for all of us who join the group (there are 44 now) to share content. [Dana has made 2 posts already]
- I hope you all will feel inspired to share something from time to time.

Heather asked whether AMWA has resources on its site to help with local event coordination; example:

- https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.amwa.org/resource/resmgr/membership/chapter_leader_tools/lncs.pdf

This can help people who want to be local event coordinators.

Next Chapter Meeting

July 12, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.