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A Note from the Editor

Magdalena Berry, MA

Dear Chapter Members,

The past few months have seen a few changes in our chapter leadership. Rebecca Bigelow has stepped up to be President, after a pretty brief tenure as President-Elect. As of June, we have a new President-Elect, Natalie DeWitt, and a new Kansas City Events Coordinator, Swarna Mandall! A warm welcome to both of you, and our thanks for your willingness to contribute to the Mid-America Chapter!

Remember, everyone, to plan for the AMWA annual conference in D.C. this fall. We hope to see you there!

Regards,

Magdalena Berry

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St. Louis-area Freelance Luncheon Series: TechWrite STL

Joanne McAndrews, PhD
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The TechWrite STL group continues meet bi-monthly, to discuss topics of interest to freelance medical and technical writers. Usually over lunch, discussion is led by a member.

On May 9, in a departure from the usual format, 12 members met for a tour of the Native American galleries at the St. Louis Art Museum in May. The private tour was conducted by Amy Creasy Clark, Senior Research Assistant at the Museum and an anthropologist who specializes in Native American cultures. Not only did she share the artistic and archeological significance of the various installations, but a lively discussion was held about the “tombstones” holding written descriptions of each display piece, and how she creates them.

Upcoming meetings include “Medical Communication Companies” to be presented by Tom Wolf on July 18; a dinner with a panel discussion, “The Business of Freelancing” moderated by Elizabeth Leight and Pranali Pathare in September; and “Best and Worst Books of 2018” moderated by Leslie Neistadt in November.

Lisa Balbes and Joanne McAndrews have been co-organizing the group since September 2006, when it was formed as a merger of the local AMWA and STC-CIC groups. The full schedule of upcoming luncheons can be found at <http://www.amwa-midamerica.org/index.html>. Past topics and handouts are available on the History tab on that website.



Nebraska Networking Group

Rebecca Bigelow PhD

The Nebraska networking group meet on Thursday, June 14th for dinner in Omaha. The attendees had a great time networking and discussing issues for medical communicators. If anyone is interested in learning more about the group and joining us for our next get-together, please contact Rebecca Bigelow at: rebecca@epionmedcom.com

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