

AMWA Mid-America: Summer 2026



We hope you are having a wonderful summer! Check out our recent chapter events and updates below. We would also greatly appreciate your participation in the chapter survey (linked below) to help us align the chapter with your priorities!

Recent Events

TechWrite STL May Luncheon (12 attendees, including 7 AMWA members)

TechWrite STL member Veronika Redmann presented "Sales and Billing Advice/Etiquette" at the May 13th meeting. This session was geared towards those who work as freelance writers or editors, including those just getting started. She led attendees through topics including promotional materials, how to find clients, important contract terms and payment milestones, charging an hourly rate versus a per project fee, getting paid in a timely fashion, what to do if a client won't pay an invoice, and other sticky situations. Seasoned attendees contributed their frustrations, successes, and stories with respect to finding clients and getting paid. The slides are available on the History tab of the AMWA Mid-America website.

TechWrite STL July Hybrid Luncheon (20 attendees, including 14 AMWA members; 12 in-person and 8 virtual)

12 people gathered in person at Sunny Street Cafe to eat lunch and listen to Núria Waddington Negrão, PhD, Medical Writer & AI Consultant, present "The Editor's Edge: What AI Changes, What It Doesn't, and Where You Add the Most Value." In this 1.5 hour, interactive presentation, she covered the history of AI, how writers and editors can and should (and should not) use AI in their work, and how to demonstrate your real value in the medical writing process. The 5 main errors AI makes, and how to avoid them, were also discussed, and many questions from the audience were addressed afterwards. The slides from the presentation, as well as 2 handouts on "Hallucination Categories" and "How to

choose the right AI tools for medical writing," are available on the History tab of the AMWA Mid-America website.

Upcoming Events

September 16: TechWrite STL 20th Anniversary Dinner

TechWrite STL is celebrating the group's 20th anniversary! Lisa Balbes and Joanne McAndrews will present "Retrospective/History/Statistics of TechWrite STL." The chapter will pay for dinner for all AMWA members who attend. **Event info:** September 16, Walnut Grille in Sunset Hills.

November 11: TechWrite STL November Luncheon: Best and Worst Books of 2026

Leslie Neistadt and a guest speaker from a local bookstore will present the "Best and Worst Books of 2026." **Event info:** November 11, 11:30-1:00, Sunny Street Cafe in Des Peres.

Chapter Member Survey

The Mid-America leadership team is seeking your input on chapter goals. Please complete this 3-question survey to help identify the priorities that matter most to you.

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Chapter Links

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