

Indiana AMWA Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM OUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Dr. Leslie Hodge, Chapter President

We are living in a world that has undergone significant changes in a short amount of time. The changes have created an urgency to adapt quickly, while still managing both professional and personal responsibilities.

The devastating impacts of COVID-19 and the recent nationwide and global protests over systemic racism and blatant injustices that run rampant in our communities and country – specifically against black people, have ignited an awareness that the change we want to see begins with us –individually and collectively.

Yes, we are medical writers, but we are more than just writers, we are communicators of health information that serves as a catalyst for change – change in ideas, practices, protocols, and policies.

Our chapter executive board is planning a series of virtual events this summer that we hope will not only support you as medical writers, but help with the dialogues about creating and implementing solutions to eradicate racism, injustice and health disparities.

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”

–Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



CHAPTER NEWS

Virtual Educational Events this Summer: June 15 & July 23

This summer, we are offering 2 virtual educational events on medical writing and style. These will be followed by a live discussion of the material. Please be on the lookout for an invitation from Barbara Lightfoot.

Medical Writing & Style, pt 1

Monday, June 15, 7pm - 9pm
Speaker: Abe L. Fingerhut

Medical Writing & Style, pt 2

Thursday, July 23, 7pm - 9pm
Speaker: Abe L. Fingerhut

Virtual Social Event: June 30

Please save the date for our first virtual happy hour! We hope many of you will be able to join us, especially our members across the state. We are looking into discussion points and games to keep the conversation lively. Bring your own drink and snacks and join us at your computer! An invitation will be sent out soon, but please hold the date. This will be a great opportunity to connect with chapter members and talk to club officers and committee chairs.

Indiana Chapter Happy Hour

Tuesday, June 30, 5pm-6:30pm

Get Involved With Indiana AMWA: Chapter Nominations Upcoming

It's nearly that time of year again...time for chapter officer nominations! The nominating committee will be forming soon to put together officer nominations, so it's time to start thinking about what role you might want to take on next year.

Serving as an officer is a great way to get involved with AMWA. You do NOT need prior experience in these roles, and new members can absolutely step into any of these roles.

Please take a look at descriptions of officer and committee chair responsibilities on our website here: <http://www.hoosieramwa.org/officers>

This year, please reach out to our president-elect, Uzma Nisar, at President-elect@hoosieramwa.org to express your interest in any role or ask questions.

Indiana Chapter Annual Conference Postponed

Due to the pandemic, our annual chapter conference was postponed -- please keep an eye out for future updates about when that will be and what form it will take.

MAXIMIZE YOUR MEMBERSHIP

AMWA Online Learning

There are many learning opportunities in [AMWA Online Learning](#). Do you know that there are a whole category of webinars that are complimentary to all members? Check out the [Member Complimentary](#) learnings in AMWA Online Learning.

Additionally, this month AMWA is offering a live webinar on June 28 -- [Ask the Experts: How to be Successful Working Remotely](#). This is \$20 for members, \$75 for nonmembers.

Read the Summer 2020 Issue of the AMWA Journal

The Summer 2020 AMWA Journal, [Volume 35 Number 1](#), is now available to AMWA members online.

