Our Organization

Overview

The American Medical Writers Association Empire State Metropolitan New York Chapter (AMWA-NY) is an IRS 501c6 tax-exempt non-profit organization incorporated in the State of New York.

Chapter leaders and volunteers

All chapter leaders are volunteers. Chapter leaders include Chapter Officers (President, President-Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary) and Chapter Board of Directors. A Programs Committee leads the planning of our educational and networking events, and a Membership Committee manages membership communication and outreach. We also have other volunteers who help with managing the chapter website, planning a networking event, or other tasks.

How to get involved:

- Help plan an educational program or a networking event
- Attend any chapter event. Talk to current chapter leaders to learn about volunteering opportunities. Everyone is invited to help plan events and offer input.

We always welcome volunteers who can help in roles big or small. You will get to know a small but diverse set of medical writers really well and will be able to draw on their expertise.

Chapter bylaws

In late 2018, all AMWA chapters started to create new chapter bylaws, an effort coordinated by the national organization. This was part of the initiatives by the national AMWA to modernize the organization’s governance. The need for new chapter bylaws stems from the fact that, for most chapters, the existing chapter bylaws were antiquated and inconsistent with the new bylaws of the national organization and AMWA Chapter License & Affiliation Agreement. The national AMWA created model chapter bylaws for each chapter to use to fit specific requirements of a chapter and its own state of incorporation.

Working with the national organization closely, AMWA-NY chapter leaders adapted the model chapter bylaws to our chapter. In September 2019, the final version of the AMWA-NY chapter
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bylaws was reviewed by the national AMWA’s Constitution & Bylaws Committee and approved by national AMWA’s Board of Directors. The AMWA-NY Chapter Board of Directors intend to formally approve the new bylaws in late April or early May of 2020.

New chapter bylaws