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2023 Annual Business Meeting for AMWA Members

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Kimberly M. Korwek, PhD / 2022-2023 AMWA Secretary

The 2023 Annual Business Meeting was called to order on October 28 by Dr Elise Eller, President. Dr Eller provided a highlight of the accomplishments of the organization over the past year. Membership in AMWA continues to grow. The organization met its strategic goals thorough various accomplishments such as the Value of Medical Writing initiatives; diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives; establishment of the Health Communication Curriculum Development Task Force; and initiation of the Apprenticeship Program Framework initiative. Dr Eller also expressed her gratitude to the Board of Directors (BOD), committee and task force members, volunteer leaders, and staff for their dedication and service to AMWA over the past year.

Dr Julie Phelan, treasurer, presented the financial report for the fiscal period of July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023. The organization continues to be in an excellent financial position.

Dr Eller presented the slate of officers for the 2023-2024 AMWA BOD. In accordance with AMWA bylaws, this slate of officers was presented by the Nominating Committee to the AMWA BOD for approval. Membership was notified of this slate 60 days before the annual meeting. The AMWA bylaws contain a provision for additional nominations to be made in writing; no additional nominations were received. Nominees who are unopposed are elected automatically at the annual business meeting. Dr Eller declared the following slate to be the elected officers for 2023-2024, led by R. Michelle Sauer Gehring, PhD, who as President-Elect automatically assumes the office of President:

- President-Elect: Shawn Watson, PharmD, PhD, BCPS
- Secretary: Kimberly Korwek, PhD
- Treasurer: Julie Phelan, MD, MBA

Dr Eller passed the gavel to Dr Sauer Gehring to assume the office of President. Dr Sauer Gehring thanked Dr Eller for her leadership over the past year and provided highlights

of her inaugural address. Dr Sauer Gehring introduced the 2023-2024 AMWA BOD:

Officers

- Immediate Past President: Elise Eller, PhD
- President-Elect: Shawn Watson, PharmD, PhD, BCPS
- Secretary: Kim Korwek, PhD
- Treasurer: Julie Phelan, MD, MBA

Chapter Advisory Council Chair

- Erik MacLaren, PhD

At-Large Directors

- Joan Affleck, MA, MBA
- Katrina Burton, BS
- J. Kelly Byram, MS, MBA, ELS
- Sarah Dobney, MPH
- Jen Minarcik, MS
- JoAnna Pendergrass, DVM
- Genevieve Walker, PhD
- Qing Zhou, PhD



2023-2024 Executive Committee. From left: Elise Eller, Julie Phelan, Shawn Watson, Susan Krug, Kimberly M. Korwek, and R. Michelle Sauer Gehring.