

AMWA NEWS

Member Awards Committee Announces Honors

Loretta Bohn, BA, ELS / 2023-2024 Chair, Member Awards Recognition Committee

The 2024 Member Awards Committee is pleased to recognize 3 new AMWA fellows. AMWA Fellowships are given to members for significant contributions to the goals and activities of the association. Nominees must be current members of AMWA and have been consistently active in AMWA during at least the past 5 years. This year's fellows are Melissa L. Bogen, Kim Jochman, and Kimberly Korwek.

Melissa L. Bogen, ELS, has been a full-time freelance editor since 1997. Her expertise is in editing, fact checking, and proofreading pharmaceutical sales training materials, multimedia programs for health care professionals, and medical manuscripts in a wide range of therapeutic areas. Melissa has in-depth knowledge of American Medical Association style as well as editorial production processes. An AMWA member since May 2000, Melissa has regularly presented at local and national AMWA conferences on the scope of medical editing, Microsoft Word tips and tricks, the differences between editing and proofreading, and fact checking and annotating for medical, legal, and regulatory affairs reviews. She has also presented breakfast roundtables on various topics, as well as a coffee and dessert klatch on "Chickens in Your Backyard" in 2011. Melissa has contributed to the *AMWA Journal* since 2003, having written website and book reviews, and has been a regular columnist for the *Journal's* Freelance Forum since 2014. Melissa recently joined the Board of Directors of the Empire State–Metro New York Chapter as the Website Coordinator. She says, "I believe deeply in the mission of AMWA and have been a staunch supporter of AMWA initiatives. I owe my career in part to AMWA."



Kim Jochman, PhD, RAC, is a senior director for medical writing and disclosure at Merck. She has been a regulatory medical writer since 2007, with experience across a broad range of document types, development phases, and therapeutic areas. In her current role at Merck, Kim leads the early talent programs in the Medical Writing and Disclosure department, including the summer internship program and the entry-level associate medical writer program. She also

leads and supports department-level and Merck-wide process improvement initiatives that help the organization function more effectively and efficiently. For the Carolinas Chapter of AMWA, Kim has been President-Elect, 2-time President, and Conference Committee lead and member; her current role is as the chapter's Volunteer Coordinator. Kim has developed and presented workshops and been a committee member for AMWA national conferences, created Knowledge Builders and a webinar, and actively participated in the working group on medical writing apprenticeships. Hailing from Apex, North Carolina, Kim lives with her husband, 14-year-old child, and 3 cats. In her spare time, she enjoys reading (especially historical fiction!), traveling, and attending musical theater performances.



Kimberly Korwek, PhD, is the Manager of Scientific Communications in the Clinical Services Group of HCA Healthcare, where she has worked since 2009. In that role, she manages the development of scientific publications—manuscripts, abstracts, presentations, and white papers—to share research findings with internal and external audiences.



Kimberly also manages a portfolio of comparative effectiveness research projects that use data collected in the course of clinical care to improve health care delivery and patient outcomes. An AMWA member since 2010, she has been a leader for the Southeast chapter, including terms as President, Chapter Advisory Council representative, and Webmaster. Kimberly has chaired the Annual Conference Program Committee and the Chapter Advisory Council, and she was a section editor for the *AMWA Journal* for 4 years. She joined the national Board of Directors in 2019 and is now in her second term as secretary. "It is a privilege to be able to serve AMWA, as the organization has provided so much to me in professional and personal development," Kimberly says.