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2024 Golden Apple Award Recipient Kathy Spiegel, PhD, MWC

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The Golden Apple Award is given to an AMWA member in recognition of their consistent and outstanding excellence in leading AMWA workshops.

The 2024 Member Awards Committee is pleased to recognize a Golden Apple honoree. The Golden Apple Award is presented to a member of AMWA to honor consistent outstanding workshop leadership. The committee's selection for the Golden Apple Award is Kathy Spiegel.

Kathy Spiegel, PhD, MWC, received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Duke University and a doctorate in pharmacology from Cornell University Medical College. After 11 years of basic bench research in Alzheimer disease at Parke-Davis, Kathy transitioned into medical writing, and then into clinical research in epilepsy and neuro-pathic pain, for a total of 18 years at Parke-Davis and Pfizer. She then spent 6 years as a freelancer, working at both clinical trial consulting and regulatory writing. In 2012, she accepted a full-time position as a Regulatory Writing Senior Manager at Amgen Inc, and in 2022 she spent a year as the Director of Medical Writing at Organon. Kathy's initial attempts at retiring failed, and she began consulting again in May 2023. She insists that she is now fully retired from medical writing and keeps busy working her small farm in Sharon Township, Michigan, as well as running a baking business and serving as her township's supervisor. She is also kept busy by her three dogs, four cats, one horse, her chickens (currently numbering only six), and four beehives. In selecting Kathy as this year's honoree, the Member Awards Committee and the AMWA Board of Directors were impressed with her long-term commitment to leading workshops for AMWA and her ability to keep her workshops engaging and her material timely and relevant. Kathy also served AMWA at the chapter level from 2008 to 2013 and at the national level on the Board of Directors from 2012 to 2019, including as President in 2017 to 2018. Kathy says that AMWA has been her home and family through all these years.

