

## **AMWA Carolinas Chapter Annual Report 2005–2006**

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### **Membership**

This year our membership increased from 206 to 242 members.

### **Budget**

Current balance: \$12,154.00

### **Meetings and Programs**

This year we have enjoyed an increased attendance at our monthly networking meetings. Last year we had networking lunches only, but this year we are alternating lunches and dinners every other month. The dinners have a pre-established topic for discussion, and at each dinner, a member of the executive committee is responsible for leading discussion or finding a topic expert to lead the discussion.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
October 6, 2005	Cary, NC	Networking dinner Discussion topic: AMWA annual conference highlights	10
October 20, 2005	Durham, NC	Executive committee meeting	6
November 3, 2005	Durham, NC	President's networking luncheon	1
December 2, 2005	Cary, NC	Networking dinner Discussion topic: ghostwriting	9
December 9, 2005	Durham, NC	Executive committee meeting	6
January 5, 2006	Durham, NC	President's networking luncheon	10
February 2, 2006	Cary, NC	Networking dinner Discussion topic: literature searching	11
February 13, 2006	Durham, NC	Executive committee meeting	6
March 2, 2006	Durham, NC	President's networking luncheon	10
April 6, 2006	Cary, NC	Networking dinner Discussion topic: BELS certification	12
April 27, 2006	Chapel Hill, NC	Reception for the Spring Conference	15
April 28, 2006	Chapel Hill, NC	Spring Conference	60
May 12, 2006	Chapel Hill, NC	Visit to the NC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner	12 (attendance limited due to venue)
June 1, 2006	Cary, NC	Networking dinner Discussion topic: Medical publishing	13
June 15, 2006	Durham, NC	Night Out at the Durham Bulls	15
July 6, 2006	Durham, NC	President's networking luncheon	5
August 3, 2006	Cary, NC	Networking dinner Discussion topic: Writing CME materials	12
September 7, 2006	Durham, NC	President's networking luncheon	7
September 14, 2006	Chapel Hill, NC	OTC Readers Group	7

The visit to the NC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner turned out to be a very popular event. Because of space limitations at the office, we limited the number of visitors to 12, and we could not accommodate everyone who wanted to attend. Those who did attend found the tour very interesting. The trip was such a success that the Executive Committee is considering offering another tour in the spring of 2007.

A book club called the "OTC Readers Group" was recently created by Tracey Fine and Jenny Walker. At the first meeting, Carl Hiaasen's book *Basket Case* was discussed. Jenny Walker was even featured in a story about book clubs in *The Herald-Sun*, a local newspaper. In November, the OTC Readers plan to discuss Jody Picoult's *My Sister's Keeper*.

### **Spring Conference**

The Carolinas Chapter 2006 Spring Conference was held April 28, 2006, and included the following courses: Electronic Common Technical Document (PH) [#415], Organizing the Biomedical Paper (EW/FL) [#213], Advanced Writing (ADV) [#706], and Basic Grammar and Usage, Part 2 (G) [#113]. There were a record 60 attendees at the conference, and the courses were well-received.

### **Newsletter, Web Site, and Listserv**

We published 2 issues of our newsletter, *Carolina Connections*, and continued to keep our Web site, [amwacarolinas.org](http://amwacarolinas.org), current with announcements of upcoming events, a calendar, conference registration, the newsletter, and information about the chapter. We also maintain a listserv where we send reminder announcements of upcoming events to chapter members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer King