



Meet Our New President and President-elect

President

Tracey Fine's diverse professional background spans 12 years and encompasses writing for major pharmaceutical companies, governmental and non-profit public health agencies, and academia. Ms. Fine has a master's degree in biology from Southern Illinois University and a medical writing and editing certificate from the American Medical Writers Association.

Tracey Fine recently left GlaxoSmithKline to start a freelance business: Fine Biomedical Publications, Inc. finemedpubs@earthlink.net Tracey is hosting a monthly networking lunch in Durham. Dates and locations will be announced.

President-elect

Terry Paul, PhD, obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in applied biology from Brunel University, England in 1983. In 1988 he obtained his doctorate in infectious diseases from the University of Aston, England. His thesis was on the influence of iron deprivation and subinhibitory concentrations of antifungal antibiotics on surface antigens of *Candida albicans*. Dr. Paul left England in 1989 to become a research associate in the Department of Microbiology, University of Guelph, Canada. During his 5 years in Canada he developed high-resolution electron microscopy techniques to visualize

and identify the location of heavy metal-labeled penicillin in gram-negative and gram-positive pathogenic bacteria. In 1994, Dr. Paul took his new found electron microscopy skills to the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the University of North

Carolina School of Medicine to facilitate the localization of chlamydial antigens in human epithelial cells infected with *Chlamydia trachomatis*. Dr. Paul has experience in the HIV, antivirals, infectious diseases, respiratory, and oncology therapeutic areas. In 2002, Dr. Paul left GlaxoSmithKline to become a freelance medical writer paulmedwriting@mindspring.com. Dr. Paul has been a member of AMWA since 1999.



The AMWA Journal is looking for items for the "Member



News" section.

Please send me anything you think might be of interest about individual chapter members, along with contact information for the member. We KNOW there are a lot of people out there doing great and interesting things!

Spring Conference Update

The spring conference is set for May 2nd at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill. Classes will fill early so please send in registration as soon as possible. Tracey Fine has received confirmation from workshop leaders on the following classes:

Jill Shuman (Writing about health and medicine for consumer publications)
Jennifer Fissketis (Investigational New Drug Applications)
Joan N. Nilson (Bibliographic resources for medical communicators)
Art Gertel (Strategies for improving document quality for pharmaceutical communication)

Chapter Website

We are developing our own chapter website to provide local information on our medical writing community. This endeavor will enhance the national organization and we hope to provide a freelance, editing, writing, pharmaceutical, internet, and general topics forum.

A Message from the Editor

We are having difficulty finding a venue for our quarterly meetings as a result of the increased security precautions following 9/11. Our objective is to retain the flexibility in attendance that we have enjoyed previously as we realize many of our members have commitments that prevent advance planning. Please forward any suggestions or solutions to an executive board member.

The success of our organization depends on the time and efforts of our members. I would like to invite an open forum for discussion and learning through our newsletter. Please consider writing an article for the chapter newsletter. I can be reached by phone or email and I will be happy to discuss any ideas that you may have in greater detail. Bonnymcclain@earthlink.net