

**AMWA NEWS**

## 2021 Annual Business Meeting for AMWA Members November 12, 2021, 12:30-1:00 PM EST

R. Michelle Sauer Gehring, PhD, ELS / 2020-2021 AMWA Secretary

AMWA President Gail V. Flores, PhD, called the meeting to order and provided a report about the accomplishments of the organization over the past year. She expressed gratitude to the 2020-2021 Board of Directors (BOD), committee and task force members, and volunteer leaders, who devoted their time and energy to lead AMWA during a challenging year.

Julie Phelan, MD, MBA presented a [financial report](#) for the period of July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021.

Dr Flores announced that in accordance with the AMWA bylaws, the nominating committee presented the following slate of officers for 2021-2022 to the AMWA BOD:

- President-Elect: Elise Eller, PhD
- Secretary: Michelle Sauer-Gehring, PhD, ELS
- Treasurer: Julie Phelan, MD, MBA

The AMWA BOD approved the slate, and the 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 and no additional nominations were received. Nominees who are unopposed are elected automatically at the annual business meeting.

Dr Flores declared the slate to be the elected officers for 2021-2022 led by Katrina R. Burton, who as President-Elect automatically assumes the office of President.

Dr Flores passed the gavel to AMWA's incoming President, Katrina R. Burton, and Ms Burton thanked the former for her leadership during continued challenging times. Ms Burton introduced the 2021-2022 AMWA BOD and shared highlights from her inaugural address scheduled for publication in the *AMWA Journal*. Ms Burton announced the launch of a new Diversity and Inclusion Task Force, the organization's plans to transition the *AMWA Journal* to a digital platform, and the continuance of efforts in place to elevate the value of medical communicators.

**Officers:**

- Immediate Past President: Gail V. Flores, PhD
- President: Katrina R. Burton, BS
- President-Elect: Elise Eller, PhD
- Secretary: R. Michelle Sauer Gehring, PhD, ELS
- Treasurer: Julie Phelan, MD, MBA
- Executive Director: Susan Krug, MS, CAE

**At Large Directors:**

- Joan Affleck, MBA, ELS
- Brian Bass, MWC
- Loretta Bohn, BA, ELS
- Sarah Dobney, MPH
- Elise Eller, PhD
- Kim Korwek, PhD
- Lynne Munno, MA, MS
- Joanna Pendergrass
- Laura Sheppard, MBA, MA
- Shawn Watson, PharmD, PhD, BCPS

**CAC Chair:**

- Jennifer Minarcik, MS



### Passing of the AMWA Gavel

