

## Introducing the 2023–2024 Board of Directors

R. Michelle Sauer, PhD, ELS / 2023–2024 AMWA President

Article III of the [American Medical Writers Association’s bylaws](#) states that a Board of Directors (BOD) will manage and control the affairs, property, and business of the organization. The BOD is responsible for approving the budget, the slate of nominees for elected office, and any proposed amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws. It also approves committees, work groups, and task forces and fulfills such other duties as are specifically mentioned in the Constitution and Bylaws and as required by law. Thus, the members of the BOD carry considerable responsibility.

In alignment with AMWA Bylaws, the BOD includes elected officers (President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President), an executive director, a chair of the chapter advisory council, and at least 5 appointed at-large directors. The number of members on the BOD during the governance year shall be no less than 12 and no more than 17.

I am pleased to introduce the 2023–2024 BOD. This group of professionals reflects characteristics of the member population and has volunteered their time and talent to meet, discuss, and take action on items as they pertain to the organization.

At its September 2023 meeting, the BOD approved the following individuals to serve as at-large directors for the 2023-2024 term:

- Joan Affleck, MBA, ELS
- Sarah Dobney, MPH
- JoAnna Pendergrass, DVM
- Genevieve Walker, PhD
- Jennifer Minarcik, MS
- Katrina R. Burton, BS
- J. Kelly Byram, MS, MBA, ELS
- Qing Zhou, PhD, ELS

The BOD also approved Erik MacLaren, PhD, as the chair of the chapter advisory council (a voting member of the BOD).

AMWA 2023–2024 Officers:

- **President:** R. Michelle Sauer, PhD, ELS
- **President-Elect:** Shawn Watson, PharmD, PhD, BCPS, RPh, BSPharm
- **Secretary:** Kimberly Korwek, PhD
- **Treasurer:** Julie Phelan, MD, MBA
- **Immediate Past President:** Elise Eller, PhD
- **AMWA Executive Director:** Susan Krug, MS, CAE (ex officio, nonvoting)

The 2023–2024 BOD began its service on October 28, 2023, at the conclusion of the 2023 Annual Business Meeting at the 2023 Medical Writing & Communication Conference in Baltimore, Maryland.

*The American Medical Writers Association bylaws can be read at the following link: [https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.amwa.org/resource/resmgr/about\\_amwa/Bylaws/AMWA\\_Bylaws\\_November\\_2017.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.amwa.org/resource/resmgr/about_amwa/Bylaws/AMWA_Bylaws_November_2017.pdf)*