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Date and Time: Thursday, May 16, 2024, 12:00-1:00 pm CDT

Location: Virtual webinar (Zoom)

Title: Three Little Letters: Understanding the ELS and MWC Credentials and What’s Involved in Attaining Them

Description:
Certification is a means of demonstrating a level of competence through familiarity with the knowledge, skills, and abilities considered essential within a profession. By passing a certification examination, individuals generally are granted credentials to use on their professional CVs, as well as in signatures, business cards, etc. Several credentials exist in the medical communication space, including Editor in the Life Sciences (ELS), which was created over 30 years ago, and Medical Writer Certified (MWC), which launched about a decade ago. While there is some overlap in the topical scope of these programs, they differ in several important ways. In this webinar, we will review each of these certification programs, including key requirements to apply for the ELS and MWC, what’s involved in the examinations and what areas they cover, and how to maintain the credential once it’s been attained. Please bring your questions and an appetite for professional development!

Biosketch:
Thomas Gegeny
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Tom Gegeny has been a member of AMWA since 1998 and has 25 years of experience in medical communications. He holds a master’s degree in biomedical sciences (neuroscience) from The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center UTHHealth
Houston Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS). Tom is a past president (2009–2010) and fellow of AMWA; he was honored with AMWA’s Golden Apple Award in 2015. He is employed with Prime, a global medical communications agency, as a Director of Scientific Strategy & Partnerships. At the start of his career, Tom was Publications Specialist with the Houston Academy of Medicine–Texas Medical Center Library from 1998 to 2000.

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After breaking possibly every piece of glass (and more) in her graduate lab, Kim decided that maybe lab science wasn’t for her. She transitioned into medical and scientific communication after earning her PhD in Biophysics/Biochemistry at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center UTHealth Houston Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in 2008. She joined AMWA in 2008 and became active at the chapter level in 2015. In addition to her 15 years of medical writing and editing experience, Kim is currently the Chapter Advisory Council Representative and Communications Chair for the AMWA Southwest Chapter. She has led sessions on a variety of topics for the Southwest Chapter and at the National Conference. Kim is also a member of and takes an active role volunteering for the Board of Editors in the Life Sciences (BELS), Scientific Editors Network (ScENe), and National Organization of Research Development Professionals (NORDP).