My name is Vanessa al Rashida and I was the National Secretary of the AMWA Resident Division (AMWA RD) for the 2014-2015 academic year. I have been a national AMWA member since 2011. I have always wished to see the best in people and help those who have yet to realize their full potential. As a new physician and current officer, my main goal will always be to do everything in my power to encourage others to be the best they can be.

During this past year as National RD Secretary, I have led projects such as the AMWA Nutrition and Fitness Manual and the creation of the Dr. Susan Love Resident Writing Competition. As the Resident Chair of both the Diversity and Inclusion Section and Art Exhibition Committee, I have also led the creation of the Diversity and Inclusion Cultural Cookbook and helped create Studio AMWA, an online gallery where AMWA members and supporters can showcase their artwork. Without the help of such great women in the Resident Division, Diversity and Inclusion Section, and the Art Exhibition committee, I would not have been able to have the opportunity to lead. Thank you so much for bestowing me this award. I am truly honored. It is my hope that I continue to make AMWA proud.
Mariya E. Skube attended Franciscan University of Steubenville where she obtained her bachelor's degree in nursing. At Franciscan, she became involved in medical outreaches to Ecuador. She moved to Ecuador after graduation and volunteered for one year providing medical care to children living at a local foundation as well as teaching public health classes in surrounding villages. She returned to the U.S. to attend medical school at the University of Minnesota where she is now in her second year of general surgery residency. Mariya continues to dedicate time to foreign outreaches, including trips to Ecuador, Papua New Guinea, Uganda, and Zambia. She remains involved in the recruitment and mentoring of medical volunteers to the Ecuadorian foundation. She intends to use her surgical training to bring care to those most in need, both domestically and abroad.
Ricki Carroll is a 3rd year general pediatrics resident at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She will complete her training this July and looks forward to a position with Nemours at Bryn Mawr Hospital as a pediatric hospitalist. She completed her undergraduate training at Emory University and her medical education at The University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine. She also obtained a Masters in Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania during her medical training. Ricki is interested in global health and is currently doing a pediatric rotation in Botswana. She is also dedicated to medical education and mentorship, and has been involved in mentorship programs both during medical school and residency. She looks forward to continuing to contribute to this cause in the coming years.

Women in Science Awards
1st Place: To be determined
2nd Place: To be determined
3rd Place: To be determined
SUSAN LOVE RESIDENT WRITING COMPETITION
FIRST PLACE WINNER
Preethi Raghu, MD

SUSAN LOVE RESIDENT WRITING COMPETITION
SECOND PLACE WINNER
Regina Toto, MD