



American Medical Women's Association  
Empowering Women & Improving Health Care Since 1915

# AMWA Committee List 2016

## Advocacy Committee

This committee is getting a fresh start so if you're looking for a great way to get involved in AMWA and have leadership opportunities, consider joining us! Student involvement includes creating AMWA position statements, assisting local chapters in advocacy engagements, and planning the National Advocacy Day in Washington D.C.! To join the committee, please click [HERE](#). For more information, please contact Student Advocacy Chair Rachel Ruderman at [advocacy@amwa-student.org](mailto:advocacy@amwa-student.org).

## American Women's Hospital Services

American Women's Hospital Services (AWHS) sponsors clinics throughout the world that provide care, advancement, and empowerment of women and children in underserved areas. AWHS also offers travel grants to medical students to promote education, outreach, and exposure to global health in the next generation of physicians. Keep an eye out for our travel award deadlines (quarterly) or reach out to the committee to help us empower women in the U.S. and abroad! For more information, please contact Kimberly Breglio at [kimberly.breglio@gmail.com](mailto:kimberly.breglio@gmail.com).

## Conference Committee

AMWA's Interim meeting will be held September 16-18, 2016 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Annual Meeting is to be held in the beautiful San Francisco in March 30 – April 2, 2017--and we want to see you there! Present a poster, apply for our student travel grants, get involved, and make lifelong friends at this memorable meeting. Want to get in on the behind-the-scenes action? The National Student Conference Chairs, medical students Laura & Swathi, need help planning AMWA's 102nd Annual Meeting! Please send an email to [conference@amwa-student.org](mailto:conference@amwa-student.org) ASAP if you are interested in joining our monthly planning calls.

## Gun Violence Prevention Task Force

The AMWA Gun Violence Prevention Task Force is actively recruiting members from schools across the country! We recognize the significant impact of gun violence on communities throughout the country and the considerable repercussions of gun violence on the medical system. The missions of our task force are:

- To create and deliver content for medical student education on gun violence as a public health and medical issue

- To encourage the treatment of gun violence as a public health issue, including support of increased funding for research into gun violence and prevention strategies
- To defend the right of physicians to discuss gun violence with patients and to educate physicians in discussing this issue
- To uphold the right of medical schools and teaching hospitals to restrict weapons on campus and in sensitive areas
- To represent AMWA in national gun violence coalitions

As a future physician, please consider joining us to add your voice to this important issue. Specifically, we are looking for medical and undergraduate students who are interested in recruiting members and organizing events on the topic of gun violence as a public health issue at their schools. Additionally, students interested in developing educational content on issues related to gun violence would be welcome to join the task force in the capacity of content and curriculum creation. We also have opportunities within other sub-committees, including social media and communications.

We currently have student and faculty members at several medical schools and undergraduate campuses, including Florida State University, Florida Atlantic University, Emory University, Indiana University, UC Davis, Washington University in St. Louis, and Rutgers University. If you are at one of these schools and interesting in joining our efforts, or if you would like to start work on this issue at your own school, email [amwagunviolencetaskforce@gmail.com](mailto:amwagunviolencetaskforce@gmail.com). Follow our social media channels: @amwagvtf (Twitter) and AMWA Gun Violence Prevention Task Force on Facebook"

## Membership Committee

The AMWA Membership Committee currently consists of physicians, residents, and medical students passionate about growing AMWA as an organization and encouraging membership participation on both a national and local level. We are responsible for recruitment and retention programs, reviewing member benefits, and working with AMWA Headquarters to monitor the membership process. One of our current projects is ensuring that each region has their leadership positions filled with enthusiastic members who are eager to promote the goals of AMWA including empowering women in medicine and improving women's health. We are always looking for new members to join our committee and share new ideas! For more information, email Kristin Totoraitis [ketotora@oakland.edu](mailto:ketotora@oakland.edu).

## Physicians Against the Trafficking of Humans (PATH)

Physicians Against the Trafficking of Humans (PATH) is an AMWA initiative dedicated to engaging physicians and medical students in ending human trafficking. Click [HERE](#) to

access our PATH Welcome Packet that includes more information about PATH and on how you can get involved.

## Preventive Medicine Task Force

AMWA's Preventive Medicine Task Force, founded by past AMWA president Dr. Farzanna Haffizulla, centers on disease prevention, in addition to health and wellness initiatives supported by the Surgeon General's National Prevention Strategy. Currently, the task force is targeting universities across the country to implement wellness programs and increase access to healthy food. Our new mobile based app, AMWA Preventive Services, compiles preventive health care programs for both patients and physicians into one easy location. New initiatives include a cookbook featuring inexpensive, healthy recipes targeted towards low-income households, presentations on obesity research developments with our resident Obesity Expert, Dr. Connie Newman, and wellness events at local AMWA chapters around the country. For more information on the Preventive Medicine Task Force, and how you can be involved, please email our Secretary, Victoria Silverman, at [vms42@cornell.edu](mailto:vms42@cornell.edu) or visit <https://www.amwa-doc.org/preventive-medicine-task-force>.

## Social Media Committee

The social media committee is responsible for keeping people around the world connected to AMWA through Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and the AMWA Blog. If you are interested in joining the committee, please email Laura Gardner at [socialmedia@amwa-doc.org](mailto:socialmedia@amwa-doc.org)

## Studio AMWA

Studio AMWA is an initiative that promotes women who practice the art and science of medicine. Studio AMWA celebrates medical students and medical practitioners who seek creativity, notice perspectives, and transform the system through new modes of artistic expression. Studio AMWA currently has an online gallery of visual art and accepts submissions on a continual basis. There is also a one-year Artist-in-Residence who creates new dynamic art projects related to the work of women in medicine. Applications for this appointment are open from October to December each year. Studio AMWA, in partnership with Doctors Who Create, invites all students to participate in annual interactive art projects that give a new medium within which we share our stories. Artists and art-lovers are welcome to join Studio AMWA! Please email the committee chair at <http://studioamwa@gmail.com> if you are interested in joining. Also be on the lookout for our interactive projects this year!

## Women's Health Working Group

The Women's Health Working Group is dedicated to raising awareness about Women's Health issues. Particularly, the group has made education and healthcare delivery in Women's Health a priority. Currently, the group is on the following initiatives:

- The development of educational slide sets that can be easily integrated into medical school lectures, the focus of these slides being Sex and Gender Based Medicine. At this time, the group is developing slides focused on concussions, rheumatoid arthritis, and pain medication. This initiative is a collaborative effort with Texas Tech University and various faculty experts in each field.
- The development of educational materials focused on the relationship between domestic violence and sex and gender medicine.
- Assessing whether there are ongoing initiatives to increase women's involvement in clinical trials and subsequently determining how the Women's Health Working Group can help with these efforts.

The Women's Health Working Group is a very active committee and we would be very happy to have you join us at this busy time! For more information, contact Amanda Tashjian [TashjiA@mail.amc.edu](mailto:TashjiA@mail.amc.edu) or Alyssa Herrmann [HerrmaA@mail.amc.edu](mailto:HerrmaA@mail.amc.edu).