

Outgoing President's Message

Passing the torch: Reflections on my tenure as president



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Dear EMWA Colleagues,

As I prepare to step down from my role as President of our medical writing association, I do so with a deep sense of gratitude and pride. It has been a genuine privilege to serve this extraordinary community—one rooted in friendship, purpose, and a shared commitment to clarity in healthcare communication.

When I began my tenure, I expected challenges, opportunities, and learning. What I did not anticipate was the sheer scale of collective progress we would achieve together. Over the past few years, we have navigated a rapidly evolving profession—from the integration of recent technologies to shifting regulatory landscapes and the changing role of medical communication.

Among the milestones I am most proud of are two key achievements that mark a new era for EMWA: the successful transition to a new Head Office, CJ Association Management, and the launch of our redesigned, future-ready website. Both initiatives reflect not only operational

progress but a commitment to improving how we serve and connect with our members. These were significant undertakings that were only made possible by the collaboration, vision, and hard work of many.

Beyond these projects, we have continued to champion professional development, extend our reach globally, and elevate the visibility of medical writing as a profession. Whether supporting early-career writers or advocating for ethical standards across the industry, EMWA has demonstrated time and again what a resolute community can accomplish.

Medical communicators are often invisible architects of clarity—transforming complex medical and scientific data into clear, impactful communication that drives better health outcomes. It is demanding work and being part of a network that values and uplifts our role has been both humbling and energising.

Of course, nothing we have achieved would have been possible without the outstanding commitment of the Executive Committee, our tireless volunteers, and the wider membership. You have challenged, supported, and inspired me every step of the way.

Leadership is not a destination but a transition. I am delighted to be handing over the presidency to Martin Delahunty, whose experience, integrity, and passion for the field will guide the association into its next exciting chapter. With Martin at the helm, I have every confidence that our momentum will continue to build.

Thank you for the honour of serving as your President. It has been one of the most fulfilling roles of my professional life.

