

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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### **What was your first job and your current position?**

My first job was with a small biotech company, developing molecular probe-based diagnostic assays for detecting various microorganisms. Most recently I spent nineteen years at a large life sciences company where I held several roles. I started as a research scientist developing products and processes for mammalian cell culture applications. Over the years, I also led customer collaboration projects for cell therapy process development and provided technical support to customers for biopharmaceutical manufacturing. My diverse experience spans both research and customer-facing roles, allowing me to work across the entire product lifecycle.

### **Why did you decide to join MWLSN?**

I began exploring new opportunities, and quickly realized that, despite the wealth of technology available to job seekers today, there is no substitute for face-to-face interactions, which were a key part of my job search process earlier in my career. Whether engaging with hiring managers, talent acquisition specialists, fellow scientists, or professionals from other industries, in-person meetings offer valuable nuances and insights that virtual interactions can't replicate. MWLSN hosts a variety of in-person events for scientists and business professionals in the west suburban area of Boston, MA, and attending these events has significantly enriched my job search process. They provide a unique opportunity to connect directly with people in the industry and gain fresh perspectives, which has been instrumental in advancing my search.

### **Why would you recommend this group to colleagues?**

I would highly recommend MWLSN to colleagues because of the great value I've found in being part of the group. As I mentioned earlier, it has provided opportunities to connect with a wide range of professionals who offer valuable leads, advice, and suggestions for my job search. Beyond that, it's a great way to step away from the computer and engage in meaningful, in-depth conversations with fellow scientists about our work and the interesting technologies in development.