October 19, 2023

Present: Jamie Chandler | SVU; Mark Nichols | VT; Joan Ehrlich | NVRC; Jason Heron | VT *(Chair Elect)*; Mollie Kropp | FCPS; Korey Singleton | GMU *(Chair)*; Stacy McBain | LCPS; Barbara Zunder | UVA *(Past Chair)*; Pearl Xie | VT

Not Present: Sarahbeth Dreis | SCHEV; Brittany Dioszeghy | JMU

Primary Agenda Items

- VHEAP *Lunch& Learn* Series

  o October Session

    ▪ **Date:** Oct. 24th, 11:30am – 12:30pm
    ▪ **Topic:** The Intersection of Assistive Technology and Information Technology
    ▪ **Registered:** 89
      - K-12 (9)
      - State (15)
      - Higher Ed in VA (52)
      - MD (13)
    ▪ **Panel Members?**
      - Joan Ehrlich – *Moderator*
      - Mark Nichols
      - Jason Heron
      - Maureen Madden
      - Chris Parthemos
    ▪ **Accommodations Requested?**
    ▪ **Housekeeping Slide? –**
      - *Check with Lori – Lori did not have anything.*
      - *Joan created a slide. Korey will add to it and use it to begin the session.*
      - *Korey will manage the tech and chat moderation during the session. Korey will also send a reminder out to participants early next week.*

  o Potential topics, speakers, and dates for future sessions

    ▪ **Artificial Intelligence – *We have an offer!***

Volunteer Speaker: Chris Parthemos, Assistant Director of Student Accessibility and Educational Opportunity at VCU

Title: *Chat GPT & Generative AI: What is it, How are our Students Using it, and What does it Mean for Accessibility?*

Description: It's hard to scroll through the news these days without hearing a new update or opinion piece about Artificial Intelligence and ChatGPT. In higher education, it is already becoming a hot topic around academic integrity, academic rigor, and more. But what does it mean for us as access professionals? Are there circumstances in which access to generative AI like Chat GPT could become an Accommodation?

The presenter will give an overview of what ChatGPT and similar programs are, what some of the risks associated with their use may be, how universities around the country are beginning to adjust to these tools, and how students are beginning to use them. With the remaining time, we will have an opportunity to open the floor to questions, discussion, and opportunities to share thoughts on this incredibly pressing topic in education.

NOTES: Korey will confirm with Chris if Nov. 28th at 11:30am works. If so, this session will be advertised at the close of Tuesday's *Lunch & Learn* session.

- SCHEV Accommodation Guidelines Updates – *No updates*
- Creating Accessible Documents (Word, PPT, and PDF)
- VHEAP Legislative Updates
- Practical Approaches to Access in K-12
  - *Mollie and Stacy would like to wait until next year. Will confirm a date during the Nov or Jan BOD meeting.*
- Universal Design for Learning
  - *Follow up with Mark and Pearl about a potential presentation.*

- Subcommittee Updates

  - **Captioning**
    - *Spending over course of year over $225k; Rev.com withdrew from contract. This leaves us with 7 vendors still participating. Largest spending going to Azur, Verbit, 3Play Media, and Cielo24.*
  - **Legislative & Governance**
    - *Problems with NFB participating in the next revision of IT Access Act. NFB is interested in keeping the 5% calculation as a part of the previous revision. VHEAP would like to remove that part based on pushback from higher ed procurement folks. NFB will be connecting directly with VASCUPP reps to see if a common solution could be worked out.*
  - Membership
    - *VHEAP membership is presently at 214.*
  - SCHEV – *No updates currently.*
  - **Awards**
    - *Jamie suggested we put together a slide to advertise for this at the end of L&L. Korey will pull something together and see input from Jamie.*
  - New subcommittees? (e.g., K-12, UDL) – *No updates.*

- VHEAP UnConference

  - **Settle on date and location**

- - *Barb mentioned that we have settled on a location: UVA and date: May 31st.*
    - *Korey will add this information to the Lunch & Learn advertisement as well.*
  - Investigate options for sustainability.
    - Nominal fee – *Barb mentions that using W&M for registration would come to $25 pp. It would also cost about $25 pp for food and parking. This cost might increase a bit if more individuals attend.*
    - Texthelp, PREP (3rd-party remediation), Captioning
  - Partnerships (e.g., Eudora Struble and NCHEDAC, MD-AHEAD, VITA)
    - *No follow-up from Eudora Struble just yet. Assuming she did not share this information with NCHEDAC membership.*

- Outreach to Membership?

  - Send Lunch & Learn details to registrants.
    - *Korey will send something to registrants early next week.*
  - Information for Nov. Outreach Email
    - *What should be included in the advertisements.*

- Upcoming Meetings

  - 11/16 – Next VHEAP BOD meeting, 3:30pm-4:30pm
  - 11/28 – Next Lunch & Learn session, 11:30am-12:30pm