

January 18, 2024

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

Not Present:

Primary Agenda Items

- VHEAP **Lunch& Learn** Series
 - November Session Follow-Up
 - **Registered:** 60+ attendees
 - **Feedback:**
 - 20 responses to form
 - Interested in presenting in future session: (0 – *need to reword the question – “wrote ‘participating’ as opposed to ‘presenting’”*)
 - Comments:

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	Great topic and speaker!
2	anonymous	Thank you for what you are doing. I appreciate learning more as I am a new-ish TVI in PWCS. I love learning about accessibility! Things are always changing.
3	anonymous	Great session today!
4	anonymous	Thank you for making slide materials (and referenced links) available and accessible!
5	anonymous	Lunch hour is a great opportunity and time to catch us as a group. Thank you for sharing information related to hot topics in our area of disability.
6	anonymous	Great presentation. I really learned a lot!
7	anonymous	I'd love a session on credentialing for disability services professionals.
8	anonymous	This had just the right amount of new information to spark discussion and inspire reflection. I appreciate the invite. Thank you for organizing this!
9	anonymous	It was a good overview of chat. GPT, but it would be useful to have more substantive information about accessing and using AI for accommodations and accommodations for those unable to use AI like their peers.

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10	anonymous	This is such a consequential, emergent technology. I suggest that AHEAD in Virginia and VHEAP should join forces to explore and disseminate its potential benefits and downsides.

- January Session
 - **Date:** Jan. 30th, 11:30am – 12:30pm
 - **Topic:** Exploring Faculty’s and Instructional Designers’ Perspectives on an Inclusive OSCQR Rubric
 - **Registered: 7**
 - K-12 (0)
 - State (3)
 - Unaffiliated (1)
 - Vendor (1)
 - Higher Ed in VA (3)
 - **Outreach?**
 - CTFE, Instructors, Teaching Faculty, TTAC/TTAC Online, VCCS Peer Group
 - **Speaker?**
 - Pearl Xie, VT
 - **Accommodation Requests?**
 - **Housekeeping Slide? –**
 - *We will use the same housekeeping slide from the Oct/Nov sessions.*
 - **Vendor Inclusion?**
 - Clare Cawley, Ai-Media
- Potential topics, speakers, and dates for 2024 sessions
 - Dates: 2/27, 3/26, 4/23 or 4/30
 - We need speakers lined up for future sessions.
 - Speakers?
 - Legislative Efforts – sometime Feb/Mar
 - FCPS/LCPS
 - Brittany/Sarahbeth – April
 - Kristine Neuber (*potential*)

- Subcommittee Updates
 - Captioning
 - Legislative & Governance
 - HB 1355
 - SB 21
 - Membership
 - SCHEV

- Awards
 - QR Code in next L&L
 - Awards form – Jamie
- New Subcommittees?
 - Documents - Follow-up from initial outreach
- ACCS Interest
 - **Speaker:** Kristine Neuber
 - **Topic:** Leveraging Chat GPT for Enhanced Web Accessibility Remediation
 - This presentation will explore the utilization of Chat GPT, an advanced AI language model, in enhancing web accessibility at George Mason University. Focused on aligning with the WCAG 2.1 Level AA standards, required to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This session will reveal how Chat GPT aids in making digital content more inclusive for individuals with disabilities. Discover how Chat GPT is integrated into the university's web and application review processes, improving awareness of issues and adherence to Web Accessibility Standards.
 - Key highlights include Chat GPT's ability to generate code snippets adhering to accessibility guidelines, such as HTML with ARIA labels, accessible data tables, forms, and alternative texts for images. Additionally, its ability to review code and pinpoint areas in existing code that may fall short of accessibility requirements will be discussed, including checks for alt attributes and proper labeling of form elements.
 - Attendees will observe prompts that assist in generating effective descriptions and code, showcased through a live demonstration. The session will also cover the challenges, considerations, and limitations of employing Chat GPT in web accessibility contexts. This presentation is essential for those interested in leveraging AI to foster a more accessible digital environment.

***Note:** Kristine is open to offering this as an L&L session, but would like to present at ACCS in March first before rolling it out to VHEAP membership.*

- VHEAP UnConference
 - **Date:** May 31st
 - **Location:** UVA
 - **Anticipated Costs:** \$6,000
 - **Food** - \$3,500
 - **Parking** - \$200
 - **Accommodation** - \$2,000
 - **Awards** - \$200
 - **Sponsorship Outreach?**
 - Mark – In process of creating a sponsorship doc that can be sent around to solicit participation from vendors.
 - Vendors
 - 3Play
 - Verbit

- Texthelp
- Freedom Scientific
- Allyant
- Continual Engine

▪ **Attendee Fees?**

- We still need to factor in potential costs for attendees as vendor fees may not cover all of the costs.
- Potential Fees:
 - Fee (W&M) = \$25+
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