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President's Page

Amy was right when she said that President is the easiest job at CAHSLA. It's the work of the Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President that keep CAHSLA together and alive. Thank you Lisa for taking notes and effectively maintaining our structure and history. Thank you Emily for pulling double duty as Treasurer and Vice President this past association year. You managed our bank accounts, arranged meetings, coordinated dinners, and most importantly, brought the plates (inside joke!). Thank you to Barbrie and Lisa for continuing to publish the Chronicle, for your reminders for articles, and for being nice to me even when I'm late.



I'd like to thank everybody who was able to come to the summer picnic at Mt. Storm Park. Like last year, it was a beautiful, windy day with great company. Thank you to Emily for all of your work in planning the event, and to everybody who brought all of the food!

It's been a joy to serve as CAHSLA President for the last year. Please join me in welcoming the new CAHSLA officers: Emily Kean (President), Lynn Warner (Vice President), Emily Kean (Treasurer (she really likes it!)), and Matthew Cooper (Secretary). I'm excited to see what's in store for the new association year!

Secretary Report

Date: April 27, 2023
 Time: 5:30-6:30 p.m.
 Location: Walnut Hills Branch Library, Cincinnati, Ohio
 In Attendance: Alex Herrlein, Jim DaMico, Lynn Warner, Matthew Cooper, Lisa McCormick, Emily Kean, Alex Temple, Edith Starbuck



The annual CAHSLA business meeting was held at the newly renovated Walnut Hills Branch of the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library.

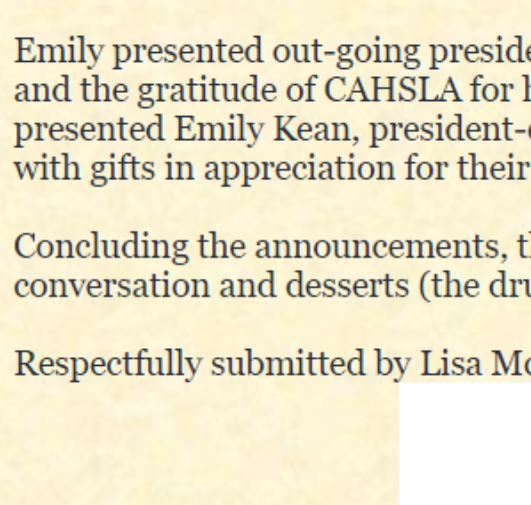
Attendees enjoyed 'create your own' Chipotle burrito/bowl bar courtesy of CAHSLA.

A brief business meeting was led by Emily Kean. As treasurer, Emily is concerned about the fee we incur from PayPal to process membership dues. The fee will begin to cut into the treasury in the next 1-2 years. Several alternative payment options were discussed, as well as, increasing the convenience fee we charge members to use PayPal. No decision was arrived at after the discussion.

Emily announced that the election for 2023-2024 officers would be conducted within the next month. Emily described the responsibilities for each office. In addition, it was stated that holding a leadership position has benefited those seeking AHIP certification and academic promotions. Those interested in running for office are encouraged to contact Emily.

Lisa McCormick invited contributions to the Chronicle and announced the deadline date will be June 26, 2023.

A round-robin commenced with those in attendance sharing information about programs and activities at their libraries.



Date: June 15, 2023
 Time: 4:30-6:30 p.m.
 Location: Mt. Storm Park, Cincinnati, Ohio
 In Attendance: Jennifer Pettigrew and guest, Abrams Park, Regina Hartman, Edith Starbuck, Sharon Bressert, Barbara Slavinski, Lisa McCormick, Alex Temple, Emily Kean, Lisa Raney

The annual CAHSLA end-of-the-year pot luck picnic was held at beautiful Mt. Storm shelter.

After enjoying fried chicken courtesy of CAHSLA and a variety of side dishes and desserts, we addressed business items. Emily Kean announced the results of the election. Lynn Warner (UC Libraries) is president-elect and Matthew Cooper (CCDD) is secretary.

Emily presented out-going president Alex Temple with a gift certificate and the gratitude of CAHSLA for his leadership and service. Alex presented Emily Kean, president-elect, and Lisa McCormick, secretary, with gifts in appreciation for their support and service.

Concluding the announcements, those in attendance enjoyed more conversation and desserts (the drumsticks and popsicles were a huge hit!)

Respectfully submitted by Lisa McCormick, Secretary



Treasurer Report

2023-06-16 CAHSLA Treasurer Report

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| CHECKING BALANCE | as of 04/10/2023: | \$1,947.51 |
| CHECKING DEPOSITS | 1 Membership | \$25.09 |
| CHECKING DEPOSIT | | \$0.00 |
| TOTALS | | |
| CHECKING WITHDRAWALS | | \$0.00 |
| CHECKING WITHDRAWAL | | \$0.00 |
| TOTALS | | |
| CHECKING BALANCE | as of 06/16/2023: | \$1,972.60 |
| CASH BALANCE | as of 04/10/2023: | \$115.00 |
| CASH DEPOSITS | | \$0.00 |
| CASH WITHDRAWALS | | \$0.00 |
| CASH BALANCE | as of 06/16/2023: | \$115.00 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | as of 06/16/2023: | \$2,087.60 |

MEMBERS:
 14 Regular (Paid)
 0 Student (Paid)
 14 Life Members
28 TOTAL

Respectfully submitted by Emily Kean, Treasurer

CAHSLA Colleagues

Congratulations

The end is in sight to the years of classwork and research for Emily Kean, President-elect and Treasurer for CAHSLA. Emily's dissertation defense occurred in late June. Congratulations on persevering through the arduous work for a Doctorate (PhD) in Nursing Research.

Moving On

We wish the best of luck to Amy Hughes, Library Program Manager, The Jewish Hospital Mercy Health, as she relocates to the Columbus area.

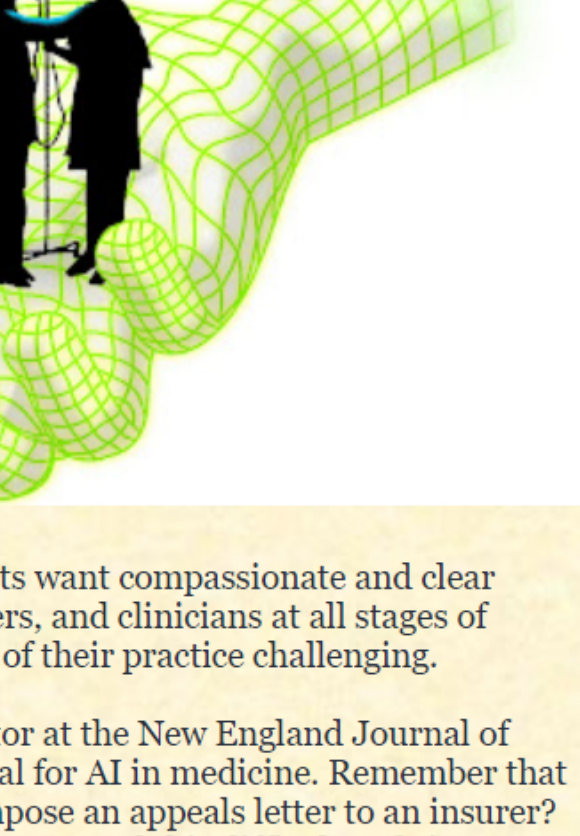
News You Can Use

Can AI ChatGPT "Script" Compassionate Communication?

A recent New York Times article by Gina Kolata, detailed an unexpected way physicians are using AI ChatGPT to communicate with patients. When facing difficult news to share or challenging conversations with a patient, physicians are turning to ChatGPT.

One example in the article described how ChatGPT helped a physician have a difficult conversation with a patient regarding their drinking. The physician asked for a script that they could use to effectively communicate to the patient that the patient needed help to stop drinking.

Some individuals in the AI-field speculated that AI-driven chatbots could help clinicians with mundane tasks – from writing chart notes to appeals letters to insurers – and had not considered that physicians would want help with the challenges of communicating empathetically with patients. Patients want compassionate and clear communications from their caregivers, and clinicians at all stages of practice continue to find this aspect of their practice challenging.



Mentioned in the article that an editor at the New England Journal of Medicine wants to start a new journal for AI in medicine. Remember that routine task of having ChatGPT compose an appeals letter to an insurer? According to the article, one physician turned this difficult and time consuming task over to ChatGPT. The appeals letter ChatGPT crafted – in a few minutes – succeeded in advocating for the patient in its first attempt, and the insurer ruled in favor of covering the off-label medication the physician prescribed.

The article contains some discussion on the ethics and physician dilemma the usage of this technology poses in the patient-physician relationship. It also talks about the concerns some in the medical profession have about mis-usage of the technology and potential errors that could harm patients. It is really worth the read.

[When Doctors Use a Chatbot to Improve Their Bedside Manner. Gina Kolata. New York Times. Published online: June 12, 2023. Here is the link to the gifted NY Times article]

The Risk of Bias in AI

AI in medicine needs to be carefully deployed to counter bias – and not entrench it. Ryan Levi and Dan Gorenstein. June 6, 2023. NPR – National Public Radio. <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2023/06/06/1180314219/artificial-intelligence-racial-bias-health-care>

According to a recent report on NPR, racial inequities and health disparities could become more entrenched if AI developers do not root out biases in the data that are the underpinning of algorithms they develop. Instead of helping advance the care of, for example, pediatric patients at risk for developing sepsis, clinical algorithms could mislead clinicians and result in harm. The example given in this article described how the data sets did not account for a factor in the developers only uncovered once they began to examine all the factors that impacted the care and outcomes of minority patients. According to the article, using poor data sets to develop care algorithms would further risk the health of minority children rather than improve it.

"The data these algorithms are built on, however, often reflect inequities and bias that have long plagued U.S. health care. Research shows clinicians often provide different care to white patients and patients of color. Those differences in how patients are treated get immortalized in data, which are then used to train algorithms. People of color are also often underrepresented in those training data sets"

I would encourage you to read the full article for its reporting on the need for structural and policy level guardrails to help regulate this emerging technology and for the cautions the authors raise about adopting AI generated guidelines without transparency regarding the data sets used to develop the care algorithm.

ALA 2023
 Judy Blume Offers a Rousing Defense of the Freedom to Read By Andrew Albanese and Claire Kirch | 06/26/2023 @ 09:00AM
 Keynoting a resurgent ALA Annual Conference, the author talked about her experiences with book banning in the 1980s and thanked librarians for their ardent defense of banned books.

Experts and Allies Supply Librarians with Information and Tools to Fight Censorship By Claire Kirch | 06/27/2023 @ 10:00AM
 The professional program at the 2023 ALA Annual Conference was packed with information to help librarians and advocates battle book bans and other challenges to the freedom to read.

