

## AMWA Mid-America Chapter Fall Newsletter

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Dear Mid-America Chapter,

I hope everyone had a wonderful time at the annual conference and has started to settle back into non-conference life! October is somehow nearly over, the year is winding down, and the holiday season is in full swing. Time for chapter updates:

- Don't forget about the upcoming Virtual Chapter Meeting on November 12th at 4:30-6 pm.
- . As always, make sure to check the chapter LinkedIn group and website for important information (like upcoming events). If

you have an event that you would like posted to the website, contact lisa@balbes.com.

- Chapter LinkedIn group: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12517224/
- Chapter website: https://www.amwa-midamerica.org/index.html
- The last TechWriteSTL event of 2024 is coming up on November 13: Best and Worst Books of 2024. Even if you can't attend, you can send in your suggestions and/or benefit from the list that will be posted at a later date.
- Speaking of TechWriteSTL, the summary for the September luncheon is below:

## September 2024 luncheon (15 attendees, including 11 AMWA members)

Lisa Balbes presented "Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Scientific Writing" on Wednesday September 11th. She started by discussing the history of AI, dating back to the first spell checker in 1961. The definition of AI and generative AI were presented, as well as the pros and cons of the latter in drafting documents. She circulated copies of several books and articles about AI to the audience, including one about using AI to assist with job searches. Attendees discussed scientific and medical journal guidelines for using AI, which is a moving target. The potential for fraud with AI, including text, image, and sound generation, was discussed and was concerning to many of the attendees. The slides from the meeting are available on the Mid-America chapter website, in the "History" tab.

I hope this has been informative, and that you have a wonderful end to 2024.

Sincerely,

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