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Dear Mid-America Chapter,

Happy Spring! Various things are awakening from their wintry slumber, including perhaps our work and personal lives. Below and attached are some helpful items to keep you in the know for your local AMWA chapter activities.

- Attached is a short introductory message from our chapter President, Matt Sandbulte. Please give it a read to find out a bit more about him and the year ahead.
- See what our chapter regions are up to [here](#). If you would like to help organize a local (or virtual) event, contact the event coordinator for the area (you can find them [here](#)).
- Important links:
 - Chapter LinkedIn group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12517224/>
 - Chapter website: <https://www.amwa-midamerica.org/index.html>

Enjoy the season!

Sincerely,

Jessica Kiser, PharmD

2024 Communications Chair, Mid-America Chapter

Greetings Mid-America Chapter,

I hope the first four months of 2024 have been fruitful for you in your work, and life in general. January 1 was the beginning of my term as Chapter President, and this seems like a good time to invite you all to articulate ideas and hopes for our little slice of the AMWA organization.

My career as a researcher and medical writer has prompted me to move around a lot. That includes years spent in Iowa, the Kansas City area, the Omaha area (until just a year ago), and now Wichita, which is near my small hometown in southern Kansas. I still work for the University of Nebraska Medical Center as a grants and scientific writer. Maybe one of my strengths as a leader in this chapter is that I know the geography, and I can picture where you all are.

Signs of new growth for the chapter in the past few years include the increase in local networking meet-ups for members in a few of our metro areas. I enjoyed being part of that in Omaha. Now, I'm living in an area where membership is very sparse, making it tricky to find those opportunities – and I know some of you have the same situation.

With these things in mind, I wonder what you all think about the activity level of our chapter. I wonder if some members are wishing for more connection, or if the general satisfaction is already high. Maybe we should facilitate more opportunities to engage virtually. Maybe we could explore having an in-person chapter conference. Or, maybe there is a creative way we could link up for an act of service in our communities. Truthfully, I don't have strong opinions or very concrete ideas. But it would be great to have a better sense of your priorities. The Board is working on a survey that we aim to send out in the next several weeks. When it comes to your inbox, we hope you'll give it some thought and respond. Thank you in advance!

Matt