

COTA Monthly Meeting  
Monday, Nov. 15, 2021  
2-3:30 p.m.  
Meeting Minutes

Present: Brooke Lockhart, David Jones, Sue Bateman, Roberto Koch, Gavin O'Connor, Helen Hale, Katelyn Wilson, Lacey, Roger McMillian, Christy Seawall, Ross Hawkins, Erik Anderson, Sam Bezzak, Sarah Salmons

1. Conference planning:

- a. Date and time  
Feb 17, 2022: COTA date  
NISTS: Feb. 2-4 2022.
- b. Keynote options  
Tom Grites, will present at NISTS in STL in February. Concerned the speeches will be too similar.  
Ross reached out to last year's keynote for a recommendation, and she recommended Toyia Younger, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs at Iowa State University  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I2iyjc3XK40>
- c. NISTS update
  - i. Ross spoke to Emily Kittrell. She said it is possible to put info about COTA on NISTS website and share information at a table during NISTS. They would be willing to arrange a meeting space for COTA folks to meet at NISTS and do a meet and greet with executive officers. Conference is Feb. 2-4 at the Hyatt Regency at the Arch. Registration opens Nov. 17. \$375 for registration fee. Covers the in-person and virtual conference.
- d. Sarah gave an update on the strategic plan
- e. Announcements: Ryan Myzak has resigned from the committee. Sarah Salmons has accepted a new position outside of the department. This is her last meeting.
- f. AAT: Convening a statewide taskforce. Erik said they will reach out to taskforce by the end of this year. Helen suggested having someone from DESE on the AAT taskforce.
- g. Erik also asked if COTA would help with determining how CTE credits are articulated.
- h. For December: AAT, MRT, Conference Proposals, Finalize the conference agenda, theme, etc. Sarah and/or Samantha will ask legal counsel for updated MRT language.

Upcoming meetings:

Dec. 9, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Jefferson City)

Jan. 24, 2-3:30 p.m. (virtual)

Feb. 2-4 TBD Meet at NISTS?

Feb. 10, TBD (virtual; COTA Conference Rehearsal)

Feb. 17, TBD COTA Conference