

Council on Leadership and Advocacy | Full COLA Meeting Notes

August 8, 2019 | 200:EST – 3:30 pm EST
Zoom Meeting: <https://vcu.zoom.us/j/442444537>

Introductions:

Members: Susan Koller (Ohio), Keisha Willer (California), Katrina Simmons (Minnesota), Stephanie Bellatoni (New York), Stephanie Meredith (Kentucky), Stephanie Coleman (Kansas), Stuart Simon (Louisiana), Richelle Tierney (Idaho), Christine Brown (Ohio State), Jim Thompson (Kansas), Maria Nogeuron (Wisconsin), Maribel Hernandez (California), Linda Russo (Alabama), Angela Martin (Michigan), Jack Brandt (Virginia), Mark Smith (Nebraska)

Welcome & Agenda Approval:

Susan made a motion to approve the agenda. Keisha seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes and Secretary Report

April meeting minutes Keisha made a motion to approve the minutes. Katrina seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COLA Co-Chair Report

- Summary of AUCD Board Summer Retreat - the meeting was in June at the University of Montana in Missoula, MN. Councils met to align their work and to collaborate on promoting various opportunities.
- Nominations for COLA Person with Disability as Co-Chair - have time to accept nominations for a co-chair position. Sent out last week - requirements photo, short biography. All board positions will be elected at one time. Need nominations by end of August so they can be on the ballot.
- Update on *Tuesdays with Liz* - Angela and Jack were fortunate to tape a Tuesday with Liz session and they talked about the role of COLA and it will be out this fall. To promote and encourage people to join COLA. Share with you CAC, UCEDD and LEND.
<https://youtu.be/1-Xk0Ld7RkM>

Emerging Leaders Liaison

- Application - Angela told you that the councils met at the AUCD Board Summer retreat. There will be an emerging leader in each AUCD council (5) over the next year from January to December 2020. They will gain a deeper understanding of the councils. Emerging leaders will complete an application. There will be a webinar and information at the AUCD conference. Mentors will help guide trainees on their projects and to learn about the council on a different level.
- Webinar to provide information about the role - provide information about the process to become an emerging leader trainee to be held this fall. COLA will send out information to listserv.
- Who can be an emerging leader? UCEDD and LEND trainees are eligible for this opportunity and COLA will most likely get a LEND trainee because they are more plugged into the network. It can be a past or present trainee and can be a crossover into other councils to develop leadership skills within that group.

COLA's Strategic Map: Current Progress Collaborations/Inclusion

- *IDDRC, COLA Work Group* - updates Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and Research Centers, they are the research part of the centers. About a year ago, we started communicating with IDDRC directors and we really saw an issue around disability advocates and science because the communication is being misinterpreted. Wanted to be sure that IDDRSs remembered the human side of research. We formed a workgroup and agreed that we would write an oped to educate people of this hard issue on science and disability identity. There will be a driving change session at the AUCD conference to learn about this issue. Historically, people with disabilities were more likely to be the study of research and not leading the research. Where will this collaboration lead COLA to enhance the work of the IDDRCs and what they are trying to accomplish?
- *LEND People with disabilities Work Group* - no report from this group. Christine shared feedback on proposals to conference and legislative issues. I am glad that there are so much interest and robust discussion.

AUCD 2019 Annual Conference & Meeting

- Gordon Richins Award was renamed from the COLA award and the criteria were revised to reflect Gordon's outstanding leadership and dedication to COLA and leadership. The application for this award is open right now and is due the 15th of August, we encourage COLA members to nominate someone for this award. We opened the award up to staff, faculty, CACs, and others connected to our network. The application can be found on the conference website under "Registration".

Discuss Parking Lot: Important Issues

- COLA Regional Representative Position Description - Will be discussed at the fall full COLA council meeting at the conference. Steering Committee will work on and provide more details. We have three regional representatives to interact within the network.
- AUCD "Healthcare Transition 4ALL! - Taking Action Together" National Learning Group (Sign-up: <https://bit.ly/2FQCpwL>) This is a way for council members to take a more active role in this workgroup. In February, Adriene Griffin presented to COLA and we have a summary of this presentation. They are looking for people who want to contribute to join this initiative, having lived experience will enhance the role for all members of this group.
- Open up for other questions:
 - Susan how to get on the COLA listserv? Go to Council website, Click on COLA listserv and add your name, email address, and your center name.
 - When will registration be available? COLA will notify listserv when available.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28

Upcoming Meetings (2019)

Next full council meeting at AUCD conference. Encourage people to attend the COLA full council meeting. If anyone has any questions please contact Angela or Jack.

Steering Committee:

Thursday, September 12th: 2:00 – 3:30 pm Eastern Time

Thursday, October 10th: 2:00 – 3:30 pm Eastern Time

Thursday, December 12th: 2:00 – 3:30 pm Eastern Time

Full Council:

Thursday, August 8th: 2:00 – 3:30 pm Eastern Time

Sunday, November 17th: COLA Annual Meeting - time to be determined

Call times: 2 p.m. Eastern Time, 1 p.m. Central Time, 12 p.m. Mountain Time, 11 a.m. Pacific Time