



## COAT News

### 2019 COAT Conference Recap

Our "Under the Big Top" themed 51st Annual COAT Conference in Sevier County, Tennessee was a great success! We said goodbye to our outgoing 2019 COAT President, Jimmy Byrd of Scott County, and welcomed in our new 2020 COAT President, Heather Duncan of Coffee County.

Continuing education was of top priority all while still managing to throw in a little fun. We heard from multiple speakers, were blown away by a magician, and even got to see a traditional Native American dance routine. All that to say, we learned a lot and had a good time doing it!



51st Annual COAT Awards Reception



### Christmas COAT Board Meeting

Your newly appointed 2020 COAT Board held its first Board meeting in December at Morton's Steakhouse in Davidson County. The meeting was led by our new COAT President, Heather Duncan. Members were given the chance to learn a little more about each other all while being serenaded by the one and only, *Rocking Around the Christmas Tree* songstress, Ms. Brenda Lee. Board members also heard a budget report from Finance Committee Chair, Mr. Sonny Howse. The next board meeting is scheduled to take place during our board retreat on January 14-15, 2020 at the Sewanee Inn.



### Meet our Newest COAT Team Member

Introducing our newest COAT team member, Brice Hobby! Brice will be joining our team as a Legislative Liaison for COAT. After graduating from MTSU with a degree in Political Science and Public Relations, he worked as a Government Affairs Associate with a prominent Nashville contract lobbying firm for three years. Needless to say, he's very familiar the Hill and we are elated that he has become a part of our COAT family.

### 2020 Dates to Remember:

- COAT Board Retreat, January 14-15, 2020 at Sewanne Inn
- County Government Day, March 2-3, 2020 in Davidson County
- West Regional Meeting, March 10-11, 2020 in Obion County
- Middle Regional Meeting, March 24-25, 2020 in Rutherford County
- East Regional Meeting, April 7-8, 2020 in Anderson County



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