



COAT News

October 2020

A Letter from 2020 COAT President, Heather Duncan

As you are probably already aware the COAT Board voted in September to cancel the COAT Conference for this year. The conference was scheduled to be held on November 16-18 at the Westin in Chattanooga.



Coffee County Circuit Court Clerk,
Heather Duncan

Although the COAT staff was in the process of finalizing plans for what would have been a great conference, I, along with the Board, felt it was in the best interest of our organization and its members to abandon those plans effective immediately with no negative economic impact to our organization. For those who have pre-registered, you will be receiving full refunds in the coming weeks.

Though extremely disappointed about having to cancel the conference this year, I have urged all four affiliate presidents to plan a meeting for your affiliate groups during that time in November. (It was discussed at the Board meeting that all spring/summer affiliate meetings had been previously canceled this year). Hopefully, this can be a productive, educational, fun opportunity for everyone to get together in smaller groups and benefit from the time that you had set aside for our COAT conference. I also urge each of you, as COAT members, to support your affiliate president and do your best to attend that meeting with energy, enthusiasm, and gladness.

This has been a challenging year for all of us. I know we all long for days of "normalcy" and being together again. I suppose we shall all remember 2020 in one way or another.

Thank you for allowing me to be your president this year. I appreciate your dedication to this organization and the jobs you do in your counties. I will carry the friendships I have made far beyond 2020 and I will never forget your kindness and your words of encouragement.

- Heather Duncan, COAT President 2020

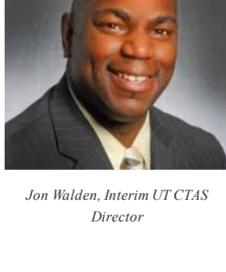
A Special Thanks to our Premier COAT Partners!

Your continued support and partnership during this time does not go unnoticed! We are grateful to continue working with each of our vendors at every level, but we would like to express a special thanks to our premier partners: Business Information Systems (BIS), UT County Technical Assistance Services (CTAS), and Granicus.



Welcome to the New UT CTAS Interim Director, Jon Walden & New Staff

As of May 1st, Jon Walden has stepped in to serve as Interim Director of UT CTAS. Walden has been with UT CTAS for 27 years.

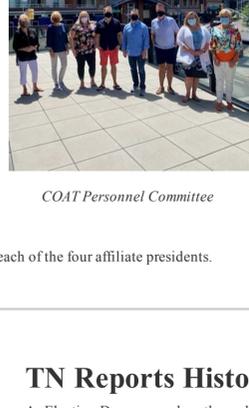


Jon Walden, Interim UT CTAS Director

UT CTAS has also acquired several new employees we would like to recognize (in no specific order):

- Eileen McCormick - Administrative Coordinator
- Bruce Sherry Lockett - Budget Consultant
- Layla Smith - Attorney

Welcome to the team! We look forward to continue working in tandem with Jon and his staff as we finish out this year!



COAT Personnel Committee

Affiliate's Annual Business Meeting Details

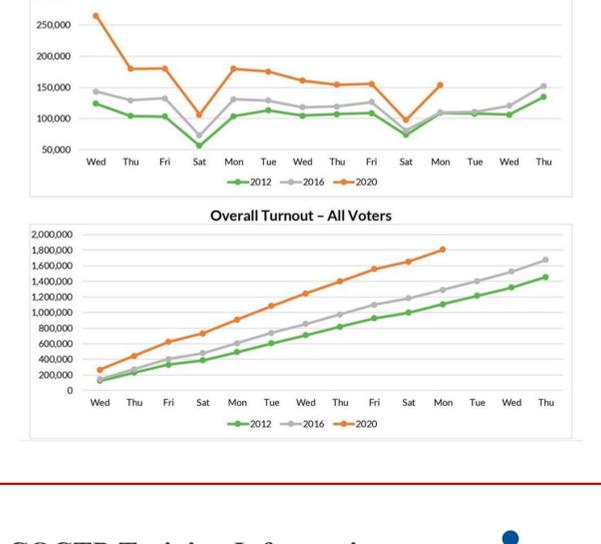
Meetings and large gatherings have obviously looked a bit different this year as everyone navigates COVID-19. In lieu of having conferences, each affiliate has designated a time and a place to conduct their own association's annual business meeting.

- Registers Association - Crowne Plaza Hotel, Knoxville (Nov. 16-18)
- County Clerks Association - Embassy Suites, Cool Springs (Nov. 16-18)
- State Court Clerks Association - Montgomery Bell State Park (Nov. 16-18)
- County Trustees Association - Hilton Garden Inn, Murfreesboro (Dec. 2-3)

More information will be made available as it is decided by each of the four affiliate presidents.

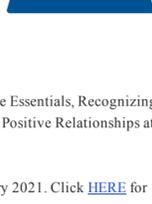
TN Reports Historic Early Voting Numbers

As Election Day approaches, the early voting numbers are a strong indication that we will continue to see record voter turnout. According to the Chattanooga Times Free Press, Hamilton County, for instance, saw a 39.84% increase in people who voted early in the first 10 days in 2020 when compared to 2016. According to Secretary of State, Tre Hargett, as of October 27, more than 1,808,546 voters cast their ballot, breaking the previous record by over 100,000 votes (see diagram below).



COCTP Training Information

The CTAS training department understands everyone is worried about earning enough credits for recertification in fiscal year 2020-2021.



Here are the options that we have available right now. Please remember, you cannot take classes you have passed previously for credit.

CTAS Live Online Virtual Classes

These are generally 1 hour classes. Upcoming classes include Finance Essentials, Recognizing Our Own Blind Spots, Managing a Multigenerational Workforce, and Positive Relationships at Work.

We are working on scheduling more Virtual classes to begin in January 2021. Click [HERE](#) for info on upcoming classes.

COCTP Core Online Classes

These are the first four Core classes offered online. Each one is worth 4 credits for recertification. Currently all participants must complete the course exam for credit, but the knowledge in these classes is worth it. Please click [HERE](#) for more information on COCTP Core Online Classes.

- The County Government Environment - 4 credits
- HR Overview: How to Recruit 'em and Retain 'em - 4 credits
- Preparing a County Operating Budget - 4 credits
- Property Assessment & Taxation - 4 credits

County Government Online Classes

There are 24 classes and each of these is worth 1 credit. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

LinkedIn Learning

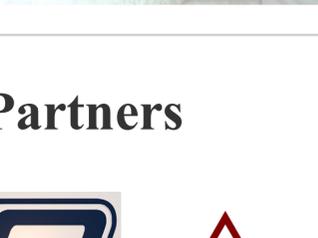
These classes are offered by CTAS to help keep your skills up to date. There are currently more than 60 credits available. Please use this [HERE](#) for more information on LinkedIn Learning.

Rollover Credits

Participants may request rollover credits on the CTAS webpage. Please click [HERE](#) to request any rollover credits that may be available.

2020 Not All Bad!

We would be remiss if we failed to congratulate our Executive Director, Rodney Archer and his wife Callie, on the birth of their new baby boy, Cruz Forest Archer! They welcomed him into the world on August 27, 2020 in Knoxville, TN. We know you will all join us in welcoming Cruz into the COAT family!

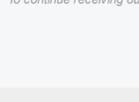


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