

Request for all MCOTA Regular and Senior Leadership Meetings to include ASL and CART

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Current Situation

- MCOTA currently meets ADA minimum requirements
- MCOTA will provide ASL and/or CART services upon requests for accessibility accommodations; in the past two years there have been no requests
- Accommodation requests must be submitted two weeks in advance of each meeting. Agendas are posted one week in advance of the meeting.
- The website gives notice of all the MCOTA meetings dates and times and the request for ADA accommodations is a part of that notice.
- In 2020, 2021 and 2022 there have been no requests for accessibility accommodations nor added costs.

Request: Provide ASL interpretation and CART services for MCOTA Meetings

The MCOTA Accessibility & Olmstead Work Team requests that MCOTA offers ASL interpretation and CART services for MCOTA Regular and Senior Leadership Meetings. Providing ASL interpretation and CART services as a rule rather than only following accommodation requests sends a message to the disability community that they are included.

- Providing ASL and CART services is about \$900 for a two-hour meeting.
- The approximate annual cost for both ASL and CART is: \$6,300.00 (\$900 * 7 meetings)

Other Options

Option 1: Provide ASL Interpretation with Automated Captioning

- MCOTA could continue with Zoom's automated captioning, as it performs at 80-90% accuracy compared with 90-95% accuracy for CART. The cost for automated captioning is included in the subscription cost.
- This option eliminates the cost of CART by depending on Zoom's Auto Caption and ASL.
- This option will still have to provide CART upon request and the two-week advance notice is required.

- The approximate annual cost for just ASL is: \$2,800.00 ($\$400 * 7$ meetings)

Option 2: Only Provide CART Services

- This option eliminates the cost of ASL by depending on CART.
- This option will still have to provide ASL upon request and two-week advance notice is required.
- The approximate annual cost for CART Services is: \$3,500.00 ($\$500 * 7$ meetings)