Updates on refunds for cancellation of SWCOLT due to COVID-19 - September 2020

The deadline has passed to receive a full refund for SWCOLT/CLTA 2020 that was to have been held at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, California on April 2-5, 2020. SWCOLT offered a 50% refund until May 1, 2020. It is no longer possible to receive a refund for conference registration for SWCOLT/CLTA 2020.

If your district paid for your SWCOLT/CLTA registration, please contact your administrative office and alert them of this information.

We greatly appreciate all donations of registration fees to SWCOLT, which helped to offset the financial impact to the SWCOLT organization.

All registrants who did not request a refund have been listed as 2020 members of SWCOLT and have access to our 2020 series of webinars.

Please visit https://www.swcolt.org to view the SWCOLT/CLTA 2020 printed program and the SCHED conference agenda for information about our presenters, award and scholarship winners, exhibitors, sponsors, and advertisers.

Thank you for understanding the difficulties of this situation, and for your support of SWCOLT.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn Raught SWCOLT Executive Director

March 14, 2020 Conference Update - SWCOLT/CLTA 2020 Conference Cancelled

It is with very deep regret that we must announce that the 2020 SWCOLT/CLTA conference on April 2-5, 2020 in Anaheim, CA has been cancelled due to the current situation with COVID-19. Although we had hoped to continue with the conference as previously planned, events this week have forced the SWCOLT Board to reconsider. Many teachers, presenters, and exhibitors are unable to attend due to institutional and state travel bans, and we do not want to risk spreading or exposing anyone to the Coronavirus. The health and safety of all attendees is our top priority. This is an unprecedented situation which none of us could have predicted.

The Board of Directors of SWCOLT appreciates the hard work and dedication that have been put into planning for this conference. Our CLTA partners have been wonderful to work with, and we know that our workshop and session presenters have put great deal of time and effort into their preparations.

We are appreciative of the generosity and support of our exhibitors and sponsors. We will post the SWCOLT/CLTA 2020 program and ads on the SWCOLT website, and the Sched conference site will remain live so that everyone can access information regarding the products and services that are available.

SWCOLT will honor refund requests through Sunday, March 29, 2020. Please understand that the refund process is a complex undertaking, and it will require some time to work through all of the details. We ask that you consider donating your registration fee to SWCOLT to help offset the financial impact to the organization. In addition, if you have made a reservation at the Disneyland Hotel or the Paradise Pier Hotel, you will need to cancel your room reservation.

Thank you for understanding the complexities of this situation and for your support of SWCOLT and CLTA. We hope that you will make plans attend the SWCOLT 2021 virtual conference on March 26 & 27, 2021 and the SWCOLT conference to be held in Reno, Nevada on March 24-26, 2022 in conjunction with the Professional Language Association of Nevada (PLAN).

Sincerely, Jody Klopp, SWCOLT Executive Director Susan Dworaczyk, SWCOLT 2020 President