



Clinical and Translational Science Awards Program
**Coordination, Communication, &
Operations Support**

**CTSA Steering Committee Meeting Summary
January 26, 2026; 2:30-3:30 PM ET**

Steering Committee Attendees:

Mike Kurilla, Co-Chair
Grace McComsey, Co-Chair

Elmer Bernstam
Steven Bernstein
Andrea Carnegie
Daniel Ford

Mike Holinstat
Fasiha Kanwal
Mimi Kim
Manisha Desai
Grace McComsey
Gerry Moeller
Elizabeth Ofili
Rey Panettieri

Dominic Reeds
Joni Rutter
Mark Schleiss
Robert Toto
Sarah Wiehe
Karen Wilson
Theodore Wun

NCATS Attendees:

Heather Baker
Kristopher Bough
Patrick Brown
Dale Burwen
Soju Chang
Jennie Conroy
Pablo Cure Ramirez

Jamie Doyle
Stephanie Ezequiel
Stacie Fleisher
Christopher Hartshorn
Rebecca Katz
Irina Krasnova
Michael Kurilla

Carol Merchant
Joan Nagel
Thomas Radman
Erica Rosemond
Annica Wayman
Yanji Xu

Guest(s):

David Ingbar

CCOS: Kerry James, Amanda Scott

Welcome and Introductions (Slides 2-3)

Speakers: Mike Kurilla

Mike welcomed members to the call and announced the transition of Ruth O'Hara off of the SC as chair-emeritus before giving Karen Wilson an opportunity to introduce herself as an incoming SC member for 2026.

New Working Group Liaisons, Assignments and Topics (Slides 4-7)

Speakers: Amanda Scott



Presentation Summary:

Amanda reviewed the responsibilities of working group liaisons, discussed assignments for 2026 and addressed questions about potential conflicts and assignment preferences.

The group went through a review and ranking process for 2026 key topic areas of interest, with SC members voting on which topics to prioritize for the upcoming working group proposal cycles. The selected topics include:

- Translational science methods & best practices
- Artificial Intelligence
- Clinical and health research innovation
- Solution-oriented approaches in health disparities research
- National training curricula in CTS

ACTION: contact Amanda if you have a conflict with your working group liaison assignment.

Pod Feedback Site Instructions (Slides 8-13)

Speaker: Amanda Scott

Presentation Summary:

Amanda provided an overview of Pods, explained the responsibilities of pod leads and detailed the process for submitting pod feedback via the CCOS website, including access and delegation procedures.

Discussion on Hub Membership Models (Slides 14-21)

Speaker: Mimi Kim

Presentation Summary:

Mimi Kim led a comprehensive discussion the use of membership models at CTSA hubs, presenting pros and cons, sharing examples from various institutions, and facilitating an exchange of experiences and perspectives among SC members.

Adjourn (Slide 22)

The next SC meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 9. In the event of a government shutdown that continues through February 9, the meeting will be cancelled.