

Program Chair Report
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Thank you's

- Thank you to our **executive** for putting in the extra hours to wrap our heads around this new reality.
- Thank you to our **entire board** for being here today at an extra meeting in your calendar year to help us with this new program design.
- Thank you to my program assistant **Veronica Doyle** for working on networking discussion sessions for our delegates.
- Super big thank you to **Bertha and Christine** who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure that this convention is awesome!!
- Thank you to **Chris Gonzalez and Danny Maas** for a ton of work at the ATA level to meet the needs of all our conventions!

Keynotes: Offered at 9am-10:45am on Thursday as either Live or pre-recorded and then all available for 48 hours! So, this year you can see all keynotes if you would like!

- **Mini-Jean Brown Trickey** – Human Rights Advocate
 - **Stuart Ellis Meyers** – Comedy and Mental Health should go together
 - **Anthony Johnson and Dr. James Makokis** – Amazing Race Canada 7 winners
 - **Marius Bourgeois** – (**Francophone speaker**) inspiring leadership
- We talked about a pre-recorded Introduction for the start of our conference, to play before our keynotes... who will do that?

Friday, February 19, 2021, 9am-10am – VERY Special Keynote

Thanks to Christine and Calgary Convention Board we are very excited to announce that we will be hosting a one-time only session of

DR. JANE GOODALL!!!

Any publicity on this need to approved by her people, so we cannot put on Social Media etc. until approvals are made. Word of mouth is fine, but anything on social media must be approved. We will have zero sessions officially up against this session. All delegates will be available to watch this pre-recorded session within this time slot only 9-10am. If folks are not interested in this, there are many sessions that will be available as carry over from Thursday's schedule. (recorded either live or pre-recorded).

Networking Discussion Sessions – very general groupings to allow teachers a chance to chat and discuss curriculum or issues relative to their specialization. We kept groupings general to allow for flexibility without having too many of these sessions in our program. We will use breakout rooms within the zoom session to collaborate even more specifically, meeting the needs of participants.

Session organization

We organized the sessions this year based on the speaker's needs for technology, moderator etc. Originally, we had talked about doing the sessions organized by subject/grades levels, but for this year's convention, it just makes more sense to organize the zoom rooms based on speaker needs.

Schedule

Thursday

Sessions run:
9-9:45
10-10:45
11-11:45
12-12:45 lunch + overflow
1-1:45
2-2:45
3-3:45

Friday

9-10 Dr. Jane Goodall
10-10:45
11-11:45
12-12:45 lunch + overflow
1-1:45