**Speaker Biographies**

1. **John Costello, MA, CCC-SLP**  
   John has been a speech language pathologist specializing in Augmentative Communication at Boston Children’s Hospital for 32 years. He is the director of the Augmentative Communication Program and the ALS Augmentative Communication Program. In the early 90’s John developed a model for message banking which has been modified and expanded for people with ALS. John has presented nationally and internationally on topics related to AAC and AAC and ALS.

2. **Trinity Deibert, MS, CCC-SLP**  
   Trinity is a home health speech pathologist. She was recently awarded the Oregon Association for Home Care 2016 Therapist of the Year award for her work with PALS. Trinity specializes in AAC serving a large number of the PALS living throughout the Portland metro and surrounding areas. She is an incredibly active provider of SGDs, is highly proficient at personalizing and programming communication software and is a master at customizing access methods. She is a tremendous resource and advocate for many of the people and families living with ALS.

3. **Kendra McInturf, MS, CCC-SLP**  
   Kendra served as the Assistive Technology Services Coordinator at The ALS Association Oregon and SW Washington Chapter from 2015 to 2017. In that role, she staffed multidisciplinary clinics at two Portland-area ALS Centers and offered communication support for people and families living with ALS. Support included provision of AAC/AT equipment and home visits to discuss communication changes and ALS, voice banking, quick access communication tools, speech-generating devices, computer and phone access, and more. Currently, Kendra specializes in AAC as a Home Health Speech Therapist with Providence Health Systems.

4. **Alisa Brownlee, ATP, CAPS**  
   Alisa Brownlee is a RESNA Certified Assistive Technology Professional and is also a Certified Aging in Place Specialist in Home Modifications. She is a 20 year staff member the ALS Association working for both the Greater Philadelphia Chapter and the National Office. Alisa speaks, blogs, writes articles and uses social media to increase awareness of ALS and the use of assistive technology. Her specialty areas are communication, computer access, and electronic aids for daily living. She is a strong advocate for patient rights with elected officials, insurance companies, and other healthcare providers.

5. **Megan Farrell, MS, CCC-SLP**  
   Megan (Swartz) Farrell is a ‘99 Illinois State University graduate. In her first decade of practice, Megan served as SLP and AT Specialist in school and clinic settings in IL, MI and IA. In 2008, Megan joined Talk To Me Technologies, a leading AAC manufacturer and provided consultative services to SLPs, school and clinic teams across the Midwest. In May 2016, Megan retired from TTMT as their VP of Business Development & Sales. Today, Megan is the Farrell Family Chief Operating Officer, moonlights as an Independent AAC Consultant and is the President of the Iowa Speech-Language-Hearing Association.