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ACDA Statement on Cancellation of Biennial Conference

April 1, 2020

After careful consideration of the ongoing spread of COVID-19 (corona virus) in the US and the adverse effects on many of our already restrained budgets, the <u>ACDA</u> <u>Executive Board and Program Committee has decided not to conduct our 2020</u> <u>Biennial Conference in person at St. Mary's on the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, IL (scheduled for July 13-17).</u>

ACDA leadership has been monitoring the COVID-19 (corona virus) progression with the health, safety, and well-being of our membership in mind. We arrived at this difficult decision after consultation with membership, the Program Committee, ACDA Executive Board, and by gathering information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Illinois Department of Public Health. We are very disappointed that we will not be meeting this year in person. We were encouraged to see Scholarship Applications already being completed and invite those who applied this year to reapply in 2022.

ACDA leadership has decided to offer web access to our annual business meeting and some of the education topics planned for this year's cancelled conference.

The Program Committee is still working out the details and will update membership

We will miss seeing you and look forward to regrouping for our 2021 Joint Meeting with SAA, July 31-August 7 in Anaheim, CA.

If you have any additional questions, please contact our Education Officer, Katie Oubre (koubre@dio.org or 217-321-1171) or our President, Katy Lockard (klockard@diosav.org or 912-201-4078).

with a schedule and sessions soon.