

Cancellation of the 2020 APA Seminar

Greeting my fellow APA Members,

Amidst rising safety concerns about COVID-19, the Board of Director's have made the decision to cancel the 2020 seminar that was scheduled for August 30th to September 4th, 2020 in New Orleans, LA. The safety of our membership is paramount to the Board of Director's and the current conditions related to the spread of COVID-19 warrant canceling this year's seminar.

About mid-March, when concerns related to COVID-19 originally surfaced, the APA Seminar Committee began monitoring state and local news briefings, health department statistics and had numerous meetings with Hilton management to modify the original seminar plans, all with the hope that conditions in New Orleans would significantly improve before August 30th and allow us to safely hold the seminar. In anticipation of that, elections were held, and award selections were made. However, COVID-19 conditions in New Orleans have not improved and required safety modifications would drastically alter what we have become accustomed to from an APA seminar. As a result, the decision was made to cancel this year's seminar.

Refunds - Full refunds will be made to those members who have already paid the registration fee for the 2020 seminar. Please contact the APA National Office regarding registration refunds.

Awards – 2020 award recipients will be announced in the next issue of the APA Magazine.

Installation of Officers – Newly elected officers will be installed on the same date that we would have held the Awards Banquet.

APA Room Reservations – Hilton Riverside has agreed to "automatically cancel" all APA Seminar reservations. If you booked a room under the APA Seminar, you will receive a confirmation of automatic cancellation via email. Please contact Hilton Riverside directly if you do not receive a confirmation number in a timely fashion.

While we have cancelled the 2020 APA seminar, plans are already being made for the 2021 APA Seminar in Chicago, IL and we have rebooked the New Orleans Riverfront Hilton for 2024. In addition, the APA Board of Director's continue to work diligently on behalf of you and the polygraph profession.

Finally, I'd like to thank APA Seminar Chairman Mike Gougler, APA General Counsel Gordon Vaughan, National Office Manager Lisa Jacocks and the entire seminar committee for the many hours of hard work they devoted to the original planning, subsequent modifications and eventual penalty free cancellation of the seminar.

We will miss seeing you in New Orleans this year, but safety comes first. Please stay safe, stay informed and we look forward to seeing you all next year at the 2021 APA Seminar in Chicago, IL!

Sincerely,

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