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TO: ASPCRO Members

Dear Member;

The Board of Directors met via a Zoom conference on May 6, 2020, to determine whether the association should move forward with plans to hold our annual conference in August in light of events transpiring from the COVID-19 pandemic. Regrettably, the Board decided the best course of action would be to postpone our annual conference until August 2021.

Although a number of states have begun cautiously lifting their shelter-in-place executive orders, there are a number of member states maintaining their orders or extending them into June 2020. A similar situation exists with state travel permissions. Moreover, concerns related to the virus itself remain given the lack of understanding related to virus transmission by medical professionals and the multiple ways the virus potentially manifests debilitating symptoms. Consequently, the Board unanimously felt the health and safety of ASPCRO's members, our industry partners and all attendees became the primary factor in deciding to postpone the conference to next year.

Plans are currently underway to honor our commitment with the Graduate Hotel in Minneapolis, MN, in 2021. We have tentatively agreed to hold the conference during the week of **August 9-13, 2021**. Plans to maintain the usual number of room/facility requests and amenities are being finalized. Please mark your calendars accordingly!

The Board also decided to host its regularly scheduled Annual Report to the membership, which is historically held on the second day of the annual conference. The meeting will be held on **August 18, 2020 at 1:00PM EDT** utilizing Zoom video conferencing. Meeting login information is forthcoming. Please plan to join us!

Finally, the Board wishes to acknowledge the continued and unwavering support it has received from our members. Although the coronavirus pandemic has impacted all of us, it is through your continued support that we will overcome these trying times and better prepare for a stronger future together.

Sincerely,

Ryan Okey
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