

ASSOCIATION OF ATTORNEY-MEDIATORS

March 14, 2020

Dear AAM Members and Annual Meeting Registrants,

I'm writing you today to share important news about our Annual Meeting and CLE Seminar currently scheduled for April 3-4, 2020 in St. Louis, Missouri.

We will be postponing our Spring 2020 Annual Meeting and CLE Seminar and rescheduling for April 2021 in St. Louis.

Some of you have been wondering why it has taken the Board of Directors as long as it has to make a decision about the meeting and communicate to you. First, you should know we have been working on the situation and our plan for about a week now, and our greatest concern was to work with Hotel St. Louis to minimize or eliminate any financial penalties prior to communicating a final decision to our attendees. We just received this confirmation in writing on March 13th. We also felt we needed to poll the membership to understand how the members felt about cancellation and other options available. We didn't realize at the time of sending out the poll that the COVID-19 situation would move as quickly as it has, thus making the poll essentially meaningless because actions of the national and local governments along with many of our/your law firms made it clear we would not be able to hold the meeting as planned.

We are pleased to report that Hotel St. Louis has agreed to *not* penalize us as long as we reschedule our meeting, and we are looking at booking for late April, 2021. We will send out "Save The Date" information as soon as it is available so that you can plan accordingly to attend next year. Furthermore, the hotel has notified us that anyone who has reserved a hotel room within our group block can cancel without penalty. Please reach out to the hotel directly to cancel your reservation (314.241.4300 or see your reservation confirmation email for cancellation instructions). If you need assistance, please contact Allison Ellis at the AAM National Office at aam@attorney-mediators.org or 1-800-280-1368/972-669-8101.

We would be happy to refund your Annual Meeting 2020 registration fee or credit your account for use toward future seminar registration. Allison will reach out to every registrant to confirm their preferences regarding the refund options.

Each year at the Annual Meeting, the incoming Board Members are presented and welcomed, along with a changing of Officers. The AAM Bylaws allow for this to be done via email so please be on the lookout within the next few weeks for an email with the new Officer and Board of Directors information.

Thank you for your understanding as the AAM Board of Directors takes the precaution to ensure the health and well-being of our AAM Members and CLE Seminar attendees. We apologize for any inconvenience you may experience as a result of our cancellation. Please reach out directly to your travel providers to change airfare reservations. Our understanding is that airlines are being helpful with cancellations. For any questions, please email aam@attorney-mediators.org or call 1-800-280-1368/972-669-8101.

We are saddened that we have to cancel our time to be together this Spring, and hope you will "Save the Date" to join us for our Fall CLE, the one-day "fly-in/fly-out" seminar in Dallas on September 11, 2020.

Thank you,

John Trimble

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