

Dear ASC members,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as the ASC leadership has been dealing with events surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. We have heard from a number of you and appreciate the feedback.

After careful thought and consideration of all foreseeable contingencies, we have decided to cancel the 2020 Annual meetings scheduled for this coming November 18-21 in Washington, D.C. This decision is not lightly taken. Your safety and health are of primary concern.

If you booked a hotel room, please cancel your reservation as soon as possible. The Washington, D.C. Marriott is closed at the moment and is not scheduled to open until May 28, so you may have to wait until then. Unfortunately, the ASC office cannot cancel hotel reservations on your behalf and will not be responsible for those room cancellations, airfare and other travel arrangement cancellations and expense you may have incurred.

We extend sincere appreciation and thanks to all those who helped put together the program to date, especially Annual Meeting co-chairs Carole Gibbs and Lee Ann Slocum, as well as to the Columbus office staff. Discussions are underway regarding how to best handle the 2020 awards ceremonies and other events that would have taken place in Washington. Additional details will be provided as soon as possible.

I know this news is disappointing. Thank you for your involvement with ASC, and we look forward to seeing you in Chicago in 2021.

Sally S. Simpson, President