



Dear RMACRAO Members,

The RMACRAO Board of Directors have been monitoring updates and recommendations related to the COVID-19 situation. We recently discussed these and additional considerations such as AACRAO's decision to cancel the Technology & Transfer Conference which was to be held the days leading into our meeting timeframe, continued travel restrictions at a significant number of member institutions, and the increased demand on time and resources to effectively navigate the ramifications of COVID-19. We recognize that the curve across all three of our states is not equal and while conversations of strategic re-opening may be swirling, it will continue to draw on our membership's time, attention and resources as well. Therefore, the Board of Directors has decided it is in the best interest of everyone to transition the 2020 RMACRAO Annual Meeting to a virtual event.

We are committed to continuing to serve you, our members, through this extraordinary time and are pleased to be in a financial position to be able to offer free registration to our virtual event this year. We will greatly miss seeing you and the valuable hallway conversations and natural networking opportunities our traditional Annual Meeting provides, however we are looking forward to engaging in online sessions centered on topics essential in our functions of Admissions, Records & Registration, and Professional Development. We have re-envisioned the event to spread out the time commitment to give members the opportunity to attend as many sessions of interest as possible leading up to our Annual Business Meeting on Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Your participation in our Annual Business Meeting is an essential piece of guiding RMACRAO forward – we will continue to use this time to review and approve key items such as the proposed budget (including adjustments stemming from our COVID-19 response), new member application, and new officer elections. Our upcoming Summer newsletter will include advanced copies of those items to be voted on during our Business Meeting as well. So mark your calendars now to attend **Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>** starting at 11:30am (MT)!

We have updated information about our 2020 Annual Meeting online at <http://www.rmacrao.org/annual-meetings/rmacrao-annual-meeting-2020/> and look forward to opening registration in mid-May. Stay tuned for further details and communications in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

RMACRAO Board of Directors