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Dear AAPT Member:

I hope you're staying safe and well. I know we're all looking forward to a return to normalcy, even if there is a new normal to which we must adapt. Much has happened in the week since we last communicated by e-mail announcing the postponement of the Annual Meeting – not the least of which has been California Governor Newsom issuing a statewide stay-at-home executive order. Our last e-mail communication was brief, as it needed to be. This one is longer so that we can share a few items that we wanted to communicate with you.

2020 Annual Meeting

Your Board of Directors has discussed moving the 2020 Annual Meeting to September 13-16. Currently, we expect the format and location to be the same but are also exploring options.

If you registered for the meeting already and anticipate attending in September, then there is no need to cancel. Consider it a really early-bird registration. We'd prefer that you did not cancel in this instance as cancelling now and re-registering later takes additional effort by Eileen and Charlena and every credit card transaction incurs a transaction fee. However, it is absolutely your money so please do what you feel that you need to do.

If you know that you cannot attend in September for whatever reason and would like a refund, please let Eileen know and we'll get that processed for you as promptly as we can. We just ask your patience as that could take a little time.

Note that I used the phrase "if you would like a refund." Before asking for a full refund, we would ask that you consider donating a portion to AAPT to help defray costs associated with our operations. Before the announced postponement some of our attendees who decided to cancel offered to donate all or part of their registration fees for that purpose.

Why do we ask for your consideration? Our two biggest income streams throughout the year are membership dues and the Annual Meeting. With the prepaid costs and uncertainty regarding the number of attendees in September, the lack of a normal, positive income stream from the Annual Meeting could have a significant impact on our operations. However, as stated earlier, it is absolutely your money so please do what you feel that you need to do.

Board of Directors

We normally would announce this at the Business Meeting, but the two incoming Directors-at-Large for 2020-2021 are Ben Bowers and Jean-Pascal Planche. Both are actively engaged with the current Board as we work through the many details of moving a meeting by six months. Congratulations to Ben and JP and thanks to all who volunteered to be on the ballot.

Speaking of Board members – we are in the unusual position (a phrase I shouldn't even use as everything is unusual this year) of having new members elected but not yet seated. Our By-Laws state that the terms of service for the Board begins at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, which normally would have been this coming Wednesday at noon. But, with the Annual Meeting postponed we can't yet seat the new Board. For now, we are continuing with the current Board structure and adding Ben and JP to deliberations while recognizing that they do not yet have a formal vote. The Board is as follows until our Annual Business Meeting is held in September:

Adam Hand, President
 Phil Blankenship, First Vice-President
 Jo Sias, Second Vice-President
 Amy Epps Martin, Director-at-Large
 Audrey Copeland, Past President
 Gaylon Baumgardner, Past President

Ben Bowers, Incoming Director-at-Large
 Jean-Pascal Planche, Incoming Director-at-Large

Emmons Award and Runner-Up

Another bit of business that we normally announce at the Annual Meeting is the Emmons Award Winner and Runner(s)-Up from the previous Meeting. In 2019, the Board of Directors approved the recommendations of the Emmons Committee that the following papers be recognized:

Emmons Award Winner – “Balanced Mix Design Sensitivity to Production Tolerance Limits and Binder Source” by Walaa S. Mogawer, Alexander J. Austerman, Kevin D. Stuart, Fujie Zhou, and Pedro Romero

Emmons Award Runner-Up – “Evaluation of Newly Developed Performance Grading Systems for Emulsion Residues” by Andrew Hanz, Michael Anderson, Codrin Daranga, Brett Lambden, and Mary Ryan.

We’ll recognize both papers (and authors) at the next Annual Meeting. Please join us in thanking the Emmons Committee for their work and in congratulating the authors.

By-Laws and Constitution

Because we haven’t yet held the Business Meeting, we have to postpone the vote on the proposed changes to the By-Laws and Constitution. The good news is that if you see any other changes that you think should be made, please get those to us as soon as you can. We now have time to make revisions before the meeting. Thanks to the thorough review of Jim Scherocman and Stacey Diefenderfer, I’ll be likely making a few more edits to the By-Laws for your consideration.

Volunteers

We had a great response to our volunteer survey! Thanks to all of you who responded by volunteering and offering suggestions. The Board will be reviewing the list and slating committees in the coming weeks. We’ll keep you posted on that.

Continuing Education

With many of you working at home – whether by choice or mandate – it is a good time to get caught up on professional development. Just a reminder that you can still watch the AAPT Fall Webinar Series from the last four years:

[2019 – Durable Asphalt Pavements](#)

[2018 – Additives in Asphalt](#)

[2017 – Balanced Mix Design](#)

[2016 – Fatigue Cracking of Asphalt Pavements](#)

Information is on our website as well as the Asphalt Institute’s website. Just let us know if you need help registering.

We should also soon have the 2019 Journal available online so you can get caught up on papers from last year.

As someone said, just remember when you are at home working that at 9:00 PM you need to swap your daytime pajamas for your nighttime pajamas.

Final Thoughts

This Sunday was to be our Icebreaker Reception, the signature event for our Silver Sponsors. I'd like to take a moment to recognize them as well as all our sponsors:

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Wherever you are, if you were originally planning on attending the Icebreaker Reception on Sunday at 5:30-7:00 PM PDT (I'll let you do the math for your time zone), we'd suggest you fix a beverage of your choice, have some crudité, cheese and crackers, or a piece of meat on a stick, and send us a shoutout on Twitter ([@AsphaltTech](https://twitter.com/AsphaltTech)) or Facebook ([Facebook.com/AsphaltTech](https://www.facebook.com/AsphaltTech)) using the hashtag #AAPT 2020. You can also e-mail us at aapt@asphalttechnology.org.

Please let us know if you have any questions. On behalf of your Board of Directors and staff, thanks for your continued membership.

Sincerely,
Mike Anderson
Executive Director