

The Illinois Association of Blood Banks



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Dear ILABB Members,

After monitoring the evolving pandemic of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and thoughtful consideration of the notices of institutional travel bans, the ILABB Board has made the difficult but necessary decision to cancel the 2020 Spring meeting in Skokie (4/17/2020). We know the ILABB meetings represent a valuable educational and socializing event for our membership, and we did not make this decision in haste. The health and safety of our membership, speakers, vendors, and our communities are our top priorities. The ILABB website will be updated shortly to reflect this information.

Any registration fees already paid for the Spring meeting will be refunded.

The board is investigating alternative ways to provide membership with the planned Spring meeting presentations. We will also electronically communicate the ILABB Treasurer's annual presentation of our organization's financial status as well as the proposed 2020-21 ILABB Board slate in the coming months. If you would like to nominate yourself or others for ILABB Board membership, please submit the nomination to ilabinfo@gmail.com.

The ILABB Board is discussing the timing of the next all-day meeting. We had planned to transition to one all-day meeting per year, in the spring (so as not to conflict with the AABB Annual Meeting). However, based on the cancellation, we will discuss holding our next meeting in the fall. Further details will be communicated shortly.

As always, thank you for your continued support of this organization.

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