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Dear SCDA Members and Annual Meeting Participants,

I hope you are doing well through these unique times, as all of us are experiencing the stress and disruption the COVID-19 pandemic is causing. Society was asked to “shelter at home,” which has thankfully slowed the rapid spread of the virus.

As the leadership of our organization, we, the SCDA Board, have long understood that we care for and represent populations that are considered some of the most vulnerable in society. Physically gathering to share in an educational experience may inadvertently result in harming the patients we all care for with great dedication. As such, the Board has voted to transition our August meeting to a virtual platform, in light of the anticipated second and third waves of COVID-19, which have historically occurred with pandemics and are predicted by experts.

The program will maintain its richness in content and value, which has been a tradition of the SCDA annual meetings. It will fulfill our mission of disseminating valuable and timely education for our members and individuals seeking to enhance the lives and well-being of our special care dental patients. We will still offer Keynote speakers, live lectures, and many recorded presentations that you will be able to view at your leisure. By attending the live virtual events, you will have the opportunity to earn ample continuing education credits based on your participation.

Though we are anticipating financial savings with the virtual platform, the final cost of the meeting is still unknown. More information concerning the structure and cost of meeting participation will be coming soon. Also, presenters will be contacted shortly to confirm participation in this virtual platform.

We look forward to sharing the impressive content of SCDA’s Annual Meeting and to exposing our unique organization to an even larger global audience.

Thank you for your continued support and patience. As mentioned above, more information will be available soon, but do reach out with any questions. We look forward to seeing you virtually.

Sincerely,

Stephen Beetstra, DDS MHSA
SCDA President