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Dear MAPCR Member,

As a result of increased and overwhelming concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19), the MAPCR Board of Directors has reluctantly made the decision to cancel the MAPCR Annual Convention this week on March 13-14, 2020. The MAPCR Board is working with our speakers and the DoubleTree Hotel while exploring all options to reschedule the convention. Unfortunately, the unfolding COVID-19 crisis has significantly affected the meetings industry. Rest assured we are not the only conference or event in Michigan or across the nation which has had to make this difficult decision.

Yesterday, Governor Whitmer declared a state of emergency to maximize efforts and assist local governments and officials to slow the spread of the virus. “We are taking every step we can to mitigate the spread of the virus and keep Michiganders safe,” said Governor Whitmer. “I have declared a state of emergency to harness all of our resources across state government to slow the spread of the virus and protect families. It’s crucial that all Michiganders continue to take preventative measures to lower their risk, and to share this information with their friends, family, and co-workers.”

As of March 11, it is reported that the global death toll from the virus is now around 4,300. COVID-19 has infected over 119,500 people across the world and spread to more than 80 countries and territories so far. There have been 30 reported deaths in the United States with over 1,000 reported cases. Two cases are now being reported in Michigan and that number is expected to grow.

We ask for your patience as we work through the logistics of this decision during such an unprecedented global situation. Our number one goal is to keep our Court Reporting family healthy and strong.

We will keep you informed on a reschedule date for the convention and any new information regarding this process as we get more details. The MAPCR Board will be meeting soon to discuss further.

Lastly, please remember to cancel your room reservation with the DoubleTree hotel. You can call (313) 336-3340. There should not be any penalty for canceling your room.

Best Regards,

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