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Greetings to the members of KADCCA,

I hope this letter finds everyone well and safe. I am writing today to let you there has been a decision made regarding the KADCCA 2020 Fall Conference. The Conference has been cancelled for 2020.

Please let me explain. On April 21, 2020, an emergency meeting of the Board of Directors was held. The Board was tasked with making what seemed to be an impossible decision. They were presented with the information listed below:

Reasons *for* having a KADCCA Fall Conference 2020:

1. Training for Clerk's and Administrator's is vital to our jobs especially in light of the Covid 19 pandemic. We have to change every day to meet the needs of the Courts and the public.
2. Any training opportunities made available to the entire KADCCA membership would be a great asset.

Reasons *for not* having a KADCCA Conference 2020:

1. COVID 19 – we are unable to predict where we will be in October.
2. Hiring Freeze – OJA has enacted a hiring freeze (Which could make it difficult for all clerks to attend)
3. Budget Cuts – State and Local budget cuts are already happening
4. Kansas Judicial Branch – Freeze on non-essential funding
5. Conference can be rescheduled to next year with no penalties

Options:

1. Holding a Virtual Conference
2. Offering KADCCA Members monthly training through Webinars, Zoom, etc.
3. Suggestions - Our education committee will be taking suggestions that any of you may have for education opportunities.

Objectives:

1. Keep All Members and their employees safe, both physically and mentally
2. Provide needed training and support to everyone

The Board carefully considered and discussed each concern. A motion to cancel the conference was made and seconded. The motion passed.

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After the Board of Director's meeting, a couple of issues arose with the hotels for 2021 and 2022.(Cancellation fees and contract issues) Due to these issues, we will be having our 2021 fall conference in Manhattan at the Hilton Garden Inn, and our 2022 fall conference in Wichita at the Double Tree. We were very fortunate that the Double Tree in Wichita was so accommodating, and didn't impose a cancellation/rescheduling fee.

Because of the changes to the hotels, a second emergency Board of Directors meeting was held on May 21, 2020. The changes were explained to the Board members; a motion was made to adopt the hotel changes and seconded.
The motion passed.

We have all been challenged many times over this year and I am sorry. I will be in contact with you regarding new training options in the near future.

Stay Strong and Stay Safe,

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