



Dear Colleagues,

Good day to each of you. I hope you, your loved ones, and peers are safe and healthy in the midst of the COVID 19 pandemic. Although we are practicing social distancing, the Board of Directors and I wanted each of you to know we are thinking of you, your continued good health, and effective social distancing.

As you are all aware, the Board of Directors made the difficult decision to cancel the March educational meeting. This was a difficult decision for the Board; however, the safety of our members was and continues to be paramount. The Education Committee had arranged for Keri Marmorek, Claims Focus Group Leader for Miscellaneous Medical and Life Sciences, Beasley Insurance to speak on navigating the ever changing claims market.

I wish I could say we would be together in June, but it is uncertain when we can be together in person. The Board of Directors and the Education Committee feel strongly that the Chapter needs to continue educational offerings for our membership. The Education Committee has relayed that Keri Marmorek had graciously agreed to provide the presentation planned for the March meeting at a future meeting in a webinar format. The Education Committee has contacted Ms. Marmorek for availability for our June educational session. Once finalized, the details will be sent to the membership. CEUs will provided for the webinar.

The Board of Directors would like to announce the Margaret Garrett Scholarship. The scholarship was created to honor of the significant contributions Ms. Garrett has made to the field of Risk Management, ASHRM, and MD-DC SHRM over the course of her career. The scholarship is available to a MD-DC SHRM member who desires to attend the annual conference but may not have the means to attend. The fund will cover the conference registration, lodging at a conference hotel, and economy airfare to the conference. The applicant must complete the application and have one letter of recommendation (see attached). Both items would need to be submitted to the President by May 15, 2020 for consideration. The winner will be announced at the June educational offering.

We are continuing to accept nominations for our Mentorship Program. We are seeking to partner with those new to our profession and demonstrate the value that MD-DC SHRM provides. Please nominate a colleague with 5 years or less experience to participate. The Nomination Form is attached.

Please stay well and take some time away from COVID to appreciate the beauty of spring. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

Regards,

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