

2020 Conference Planning Committee

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Activities since November:

When we developed the theme of Revival – Rebirth – Reinvention, we didn't mean it literally, yet that is exactly what has happened with the 2020 CALLACBD annual conference. After fully developing the program and plan for the conference, the COVID-19 pandemic completely changed everything. We were forced to cancel due to government stay-at-home directives, as well as orders not to travel. We are now in the midst of putting together a virtual conference. The goal is to support our members during this time of crisis with educational content, opportunities for professional development and (virtual) social events.

Ongoing activities/new special projects:

1. A draft schedule has been written. National Office is confirming speaker availability.
2. We are planning to use the Adobe webinar platform.
3. When the schedule is confirmed, National Office will seek sponsorship. Initial conversations with sponsors were positive.

Any considerations/questions for the executive board:

Not at this time.