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Over the past several weeks, we have all been working to adjust to new realities presented by the coronavirus pandemic, including the associated social distancing, containment, and mitigation efforts. While these measures have been uncomfortable and difficult, we recognize the value to our families, communities, and colleagues in limiting the spread of this devastating illness.

Across our industry, companies and employees have stood up to do their part, checking in on neighbors, supporting the communities where we live and work, and helping our most vulnerable citizens meet basic needs. Even in the midst of historic challenges to our business and unthinkable challenges to our economy, we continue to meet these challenges head-on and the actions and deeds of this entire industry should make all of us proud.

While I am certain that we will recover and emerge strong once again, the timeline and pace of our recovery must guide our decisions today. In any normal year, planning would be underway for our annual meeting in October and we would be on the cusp of registering guests and making travel arrangements. But, this is no normal year, and conditions here and around the country are forcing us to reevaluate existing plans to ensure we do our part to recover stronger. At this point in time, no end date is in sight for social and physical distancing measures and it is apparent that some level of restriction, including prohibiting mass gatherings, will remain for weeks, months, or possibly through the end of the year. Many members have shared that companies are actively evaluating how employees gather, travel, and work, in an effort to mitigate risks and limit exposure.

That is why today, NMOGA's Board of Directors decided to cancel the 2020 Annual Meeting. This is not a decision that was made lightly, nor do we believe is premature. Planning during this time has not been easy, and many hotels, speakers, and vendors are simply unreachable or temporarily out of work. While we are fully committed to hosting an Annual Meeting in October 2021, we are also considering a policy-focused event for members and other industry partners in January 2021 ahead of the Legislative Session. More details around this event will be shared in the months ahead.

We are beyond grateful for your continued support for our association, it is honor to work with and represent each of you. Please feel free to reach out to me or the NMOGA team if you have any questions.

Yours truly,  
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