

Thank you to those of you who responded to the July ABCT convention survey. We sent the survey to approximately 4,000 of you and 2,079 responded – an incredible response! What is clear is that we all share in the belief that the safety and health of you and the ABCT staff is our primary concern. **The decision has been made by our Board of Directors to present the convention virtually this year.**

The ABCT convention will mostly be held from Thursday, November 19th through Sunday, November 22nd, from 7:30 am PST/10:30 am EST to 5:30 pm PST/8:30 pm EST. Recorded sessions will be available on demand after the convention dates for an extended period of time. Decisions are being discussed regarding what is live-streamed vs. prerecorded; how many concurrent sessions we can realistically offer on a daily basis; allowing presenters to opt out of virtual meeting; whether our presenters can meet our rescheduled time commitments; whether we will be able to meet attendees' pricing expectations for a virtual meeting; whether we can offer a range of registration bundle options; how we handle fully remote CE offerings; and the questions go on. We are mindful that ABCT has over 40 Special Interest Groups that have individual meetings and hold an annual SIG Expo-all of which will require SIG input and scheduling. Leadership and staff are working on the details to make this a meaningful and quality experience for all attendees.

I can ensure you that your leadership and staff have been preparing for both in-person and virtual options in recent months. Staff have been taking numerous webinars, engaging in on-line training, and consulting with colleagues who have recently completed a virtual meeting to get ready to transition to a new system. We understand the importance for students and new professionals to present this fall. Of course, "the devil is in details" and leadership and staff are immersed in the details.

We thank you for your active support and patience as we sort out the essential next steps. Please contact us at convention@abct.org with any feedback or suggestions. Our goal is to give you the best convention possible in an ever-changing environment. We hope we can count on your support and participation.

Thank you.



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