

March 12, 2020

The officers of the Kentucky Section of the MAA (KYMAA) have decided to cancel the 2020 Spring Meeting, which was to be held on March 27 and 28 at Asbury University. This decision was not made lightly or impulsively, but after much discussion and consideration of the consequences involved. We realize that the meeting site coordinator and others at Asbury University, the section officers, the invited speakers, and those who had submitted abstracts to give contributed talks have put in a significant amount of time and effort into the planning for this meeting. However, due to the current concerns involving the spread of COVID-19 and the policies that some of the post-secondary institutions in Kentucky have recently put into place suspending or strongly discouraging even domestic travel for business purposes, it seemed in the best interest of all involved to cancel this year's conference. Also, the national MAA sent a message today to the section officers via MAA Connect stating that "Many communities are being impacted by the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Since there is no way to predict when the impact of the virus will subside, based on the latest information from the [CDC](#), [NIH](#), and [WHO](#), we recommend that Sections cancel in-person meetings scheduled to occur during the Spring."

Those who have already registered for the 2020 KYMAA Spring Meeting and made online payments for the meeting registration fee, the banquet, and/or the luncheon will have their payments refunded to the credit cards that were used. Any checks that have already been sent as payments for those events will be destroyed.

We apologize for any inconvenience that the cancellation of this year's conference may cause. The section officer elections for the current year will be conducted online, and we are looking into the possibility of some method of online delivery of talks; we will provide further information after the details have been worked out. Questions regarding financial matters can be directed to the KYMAA Treasurer, Atilla Sit ([Atilla.Sit@eku.edu](mailto:Atilla.Sit@eku.edu)); all other questions can be directed to me at [k.lewis@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:k.lewis@moreheadstate.edu).

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