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37th Annual Meeting  
July 22-25, 2020  
The Greenbrier  
White Sulphur Springs, WV

Dear SOA Member,

It is with regret, but also with a sense of inevitability, that I must announce the cancellation of our 37th Annual Meeting, July 22-25 at The Greenbrier. With the Covid-19 pandemic still with us, the Board and I have elected to cancel the in-person meeting this year, and use our website as a forum to publish video presentations of the accepted abstracts and posters. We had a record number of abstracts submitted (371), and are sure that this virtual presentation will be valuable for our Members. Acceptances for these abstracts will be going out shortly.

After conferring with the other upcoming meeting sites and the Greenbrier, our schedule will now be as follows:

**2021 Meeting:** Wild Dunes in Charleston, South Carolina on July 21-24. To explore this inviting setting, please visit <https://www.destinationhotels.com/wild-dunes>. Dr. Jeffrey Guy will be our President for this meeting, and he promises that it will be an unrivaled academic and family experience.

**2022 Meeting:** The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia dates TBD. In case you had not signed up for this year, you can see why you want to be here in 2022 at <https://www.greenbrier.com/>. I will be President again for this meeting, and will marshal the same resources to produce an excellent program in this spectacular setting.

We offer abundant gratitude to all who have worked hard to make the 2020 meeting a success, and hope to build on this momentum to make 2021 and 2022 as great as 2020 promised to be.

For those who already booked their room at the Greenbrier this year, we have some good news to report. The Greenbrier has generously offered to allow you to stay at the resort for the dates of our former meeting at the room rates for which you signed up for the meeting. Why not make the Greenbrier the destination for your well-deserved summer vacation this year? The number to call to arrange this is **855-283-4884**. Be sure to mention you are a part of SOA to ensure you receive the discounted meeting rates. We also suggest that you look at their current rates as they may be lower than our designated room block due to the pandemic.

And, for some more good news from the Greenbrier: We have accepted their offer to host us for our 2026 meeting. When you come in 2022 (or if you were with us there in 2012), you will certainly want to enjoy this resort again with your family.

Please let us know how you are doing during these times at our website at <https://www.soaassn.org/covid-19-stories2>. We pray that all of our Members are staying safe during this pandemic and look forward to seeing you in person in Wild Dunes in 2021, and the Greenbrier in 2022.

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