

2021 Legal Education Conference (LEC) Changed to Virtual Event

Dear Members,

Since the beginning of 2021, the NAPPA Executive Board has been monitoring the COVID-19 situation very closely and continues to follow the advice of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) to reduce the risk of spreading the disease.

Considering the continuing threat level in Colorado and across the U.S., the Executive Board has decided to change the in-person LEC (scheduled to be held in Denver) to a virtual conference. While we are all eager for a full return to face-to-face meetings, there are too many variables outside our control that could impact the safety and welfare of our members, if we were to move forward with an in-person conference.

Large events like the LEC require months of planning and up-front preparation especially when providing CLE credit to members. Given that most states are in the very early stages of the vaccination rollout, and there are still existing travel restrictions enforced on many of our public retirement system employees, the Board felt that cancelling the in-person conference was the best possible solution to keep our members safe, at this juncture. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, however, please know our main goal is to ensure the safety of our members while continuing to provide superior educational programming and peer-to-peer support for our members.

In lieu of our normal in-person conference, the Board has made the decision to host a virtual conference on June 23-25, 2021.

- Staff will be applying for CLE credit for all sessions as permitted by each state's CLE rules and regulations.
- The conference will include a total of 12 hours of programming over three days.
- The cost to attend the virtual conference will be \$499.
- The informational conference brochure which describes the sessions and speakers should arrive in your mail and email boxes in early April.

The Winter Seminar/Section Meetings are still scheduled for October 5-7, 2021, at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel in Tempe, Arizona. The Board is cautiously optimistic that an October in-person meeting is possible.

We appreciate your continued support of NAPPA. If you have thoughts regarding how NAPPA can assist you and your organization during this time, please feel free to reach out to President Mary Beth Foley or Susie Dahl, Executive Director. The website and list-serve are always at your disposal. Should you have questions or need assistance anytime, our staff are available to help. Our office in Jefferson City is open and our staff are diligently working to keep the organization moving forward. As is our practice, we will publish the latest edition of *The NAPPA Report* at the end of April. Stay Safe.

Susie Dahl
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