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The America's Boating Club Fall Conference scheduled for September 8-13, 2020, is hereby cancelled.

The Board of Directors remains vigilant in monitoring the situation in North Carolina. The reasons stated below have factored into our decision:

- The Governor of North Carolina is not allowing the state to go to Phase III until August 30th. This dictates that only 10% of any room space be utilized. A room that normally holds 50 people will be permitted to have only 5; this impedes the possibility of having any type of social gathering.
- The Hilton Hotel corporate headquarters now will not allow any large events until after the end of the calendar year. This is a change from the expansions planned with Phase III. The North Hills Hilton hotel has thus downsized from 160 employees to 30.
- The North Carolina Humanities Council, our keynote speaker provider, has cancelled all existing speaking engagements until further notice.
- The hotel no longer has the capability to host any group meals; they only offer a 'snack bar'.

We regret any inconvenience this may have caused you. Due to the changing situation, and along with the fact we did not have any non-reimbursable financial commitments, we could afford to wait as long as we did to make this decision.

Be safe, smart, and healthy. We ask that you please stay in touch with as many members as possible; this is important for all of us.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

Mary Paige Abbott
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