May 19, 2020

Dear Friends of NASBO,

For the first time in NASBO’s 75-year history we regrettably must cancel our 2020 Annual Meeting scheduled for August 2-5 in Boston, Massachusetts. This decision was made in consultation with our host, the Massachusetts Executive Office for Administration & Finance, and with the approval of NASBO’s Executive Committee.

NASBO, as many other associations have done, determined that the health of our attendees is paramount and it would be impossible to hold substantive, content-driven, in-person meetings due to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines, state travel restrictions, and other factors outside of NASBO’s control.

The decision was not made quickly nor lightly as we know the opportunity for you to network and share information with state budget officers is vital. NASBO will begin renegotiating contracts to hold an Annual Meeting in Boston in the future.

While we may not be able to gather in person, NASBO is working on a plan to offer virtual sessions. Additional information will be shared in the future and I also hope you continue to utilize the wealth of information on our Coronavirus resource webpage. I would also call your attention to a recent blog we published entitled “State Budget Basics During an Economic Downturn” which you may find to be a good primer on current state budget issues.

We value your participation in NASBO and look forward to a time when we can once again meet in person, but until then, if you have any questions, please email me or Lauren Cummings.

Sincerely,

Shelby Kerns
Executive Director