Dear SAFS, MAFS, and SWAFS Members,

The Presidents of the three participating regional forensic organizations held a teleconference recently to discuss the scheduled joint regional meeting to be held in Atlanta September 14-18, 2020. The Presidents then consulted with their respective Board of Directors and the decision was made to cancel this joint meeting. The ongoing concerns in the face of Covid-19 for the health and safety of our attendees, vendors, and presenters as well as the financial cutbacks and travel restrictions in this time of economic hardship were important factors in reaching this difficult decision.

We would like to thank the members of the various planning committees for their willingness to volunteer their time and effort already spent planning a meeting of this magnitude. We were looking forward to getting to know fellow brothers and sisters in the forensic community and regret that this year we will be unable to do so.

It is our sincere hope that another joint meeting can be coordinated in the future.

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