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Dear members of SABER,

The Executive Committee (EC) would like to provide an update about the 2023 National SABER Conference. As we shared in our letter to the membership dated September 16, the EC had decided to hold the 2023 National Conference in Memphis, TN. Unfortunately, the conference organizing committee encountered insurmountable organizational barriers to planning the conference in Memphis. While conference planning typically needs to be in place a year or more in advance, we were fortunate that our previous partner venues in Minneapolis were willing to accommodate us on a shortened timescale. In light of these developments, the EC and conference organizing committee have decided to **return the 2023 National SABER meeting to Minneapolis, MN on July 20-23, 2023.**

The EC and Conference Planning Committee are committed to ensuring that SABER conferences provide a supporting, safe and inclusive space for all members at an affordable price. We understand that no location is perfect, nor will it satisfy the needs of every member. Learning from our Memphis experience, we will continue to optimize the process by which the annual conference location is selected. Brian Sato and Mary Pat Wenderoth have agreed to lead a committee tasked with establishing this process, and we invite interested members to volunteer to contribute to this committee.

Moreover, the EC and Conference Planning Committee are committed to providing a robust hybrid conference format, which will enable members who are unable or choose not to attend in person to participate remotely. Members who are interested in contributing to improving this aspect of the annual meeting are encouraged to contact Jaime Sabel, Executive Director of the SABER National Conference at jslabel@memphis.edu.

As we grow as an organization, we hope our members will continue to actively participate in creating a National Conference that best serves our members' needs.

Sincerely,

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