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Dear Angle Members and Affiliates,

It is the purpose of Angle Midwest meetings:

- To provide a forum for continuing education,
- To encourage the ethic of excellence by requiring periodic participation of individuals in the demonstration of clinical skills and involvement in research projects,
- To bridge the gap between the post graduate clinical practice and the education of practicing orthodontists,
- To provide a collegial setting for the exchange of thoughts,
- To continually recruit new members, and provide an incentive for members at all levels to remain at the "cutting edge" of our specialty, and finally
- To provide a setting for the conductance of the business of our organization.

It is with those purposes in mind and with the results of our membership survey in hand, that the Angle Midwest Board of Directors has decided to hold an abbreviated virtual meeting on Saturday, January 30, 2021. The framework and format for the program is under development, but it will probably be a ½ day. Our program chair, Lana Helms, will soon be soliciting speaker presentations. Affiliates who are prepared to present their research paper requirement will be given first preference. We recognize that given the uniqueness of this situation, there will be challenges. It won't be perfect, but it will be worthwhile.

In addition, Tony Puntillo, Admissions Committee Chair, and Pam Hanson, Study Committee Chair, will soon be hosting an online meeting for all of the Candidates and Affiliates to facilitate the continuity of the Admissions process. Both Tony and Pam will soon be contacting those involved with the meeting times and dates.

The Covid-19 pandemic may have derailed our ability to meet face-to-face as is our custom and preference. However, it will not deter our obligation to our profession and our membership. The BOD is fully cognizant that a virtual format is a weak substitute for the experience of professional interaction at our customary meetings. We all enjoy these personal relationships that we have developed via Angle Midwest, and we are planning to continue these encounters in 2022. Our challenge now as an organization is to respond to the fear and uncertainty imposed by this disease with the courage and determination to adapt.

Please be looking for an announcement very soon from Lana soliciting your participation for our first virtual Angle Midwest meeting. Thank you for informing the BOD of your desires by responding to our survey. Thank you for making Angle Midwest so special.

Most sincerely,  
Chip