

**KANSAS DIVISION OF THE  
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**EMERGENCY DECLARATION  
2020 Educational Conference**

An Emergency Declaration has been declared by the KDIAI Board of Directors as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ever-changing circumstances that surround the virus. This declaration allows the Board of Directors the ability to deviate from the KDIAI Constitution in order to maintain the safety of our membership. Outlined below are the deviations which the Board of Directors have implemented moving forward.

Article IV, Section 1 of the KDIAI Constitution states, "The annual conference and business meeting of this division shall be held at any time in the following year, but not exceeding 14 months from the last meeting; the date and place to be determined by the Board of Directors." The 2019 educational conference was held on April 9-10, 2019 in Junction City, KS. The 2020 educational conference was intended to be held April 7-8, 2020 in Manhattan, KS. Under the Emergency Declaration, the Board will deviate from the Constitutional requirement of holding the annual educational conference within 14 months of the previous conference. At this time, the next educational conference has been tentatively scheduled for April 13-14, 2021. The hope is to maintain the schedule, topic, and speakers which would have been presented during the 2020 Educational Conference.

Moving forward, all current members serving on the Board of Directors will remain in their current position till a proper vote can take place at our next educational conference. David Klamm, who currently serves in the position of Editor, has chosen not to return to the board. His position will be filled on an interim bases by Wade Chermis, who currently holds the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Member. Robert Jacobs has recently accepted a new position within his agency and will be stepping down from his position as 1<sup>st</sup> board member. Wade Chermis will also assume the position of interim 1<sup>st</sup> Board Member. As President, and in accordance with our constitution (Article VII, Section 1), I have appointed KDIAI member Kelsey Lynch (Johnson Country Sheriff's Office Criminalists Laboratory – Forensic Scientist) to the position of interim 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Member. Lastly, Brad Ricke, who currently serves in the position of Chairman of the Board, has chosen not to return to the board; therefore, I have appointed KDIAI member Jack Campbell (KDIAI President – 2016) to the position.

The interim appointments to the positions of Editor and 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Member will be voted on by the membership during our next annual educational conference.

For additional information regarding this Emergency Declaration, please do not hesitate to reach out to any member of the Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Andrea Reed  
President, Kansas Division of the IAI