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See You in Sunny San Diego!

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SOON ACCT AND PBSN WILL BE CONVERGING UPON SAN DIEGO!

As an assistant to a community college board of directors or a chancellor/president, you are a member of the Professional Board Staff Network (PBSN). Your membership in PBSN is automatic once you identify your role with ACCT. The PBSN gets together in community at the annual ACCT Leadership Congress hosted by ACCT, to be held this year in San Diego.

While we are still living in uncertain times, one thing is certain — connecting will be exciting and a welcome encounter! First and foremost, we want to assure attendees that we are planning a safe and sensible conference. We want everyone to feel comfortable attending our sessions. Your PBSN Leadership Team has been busy for the past few months planning a thoughtful and meaningful gathering for us all. We are taking our lead from ACCT and will be moving forward with planning an in-person gathering, with the ability to pivot to remote if the need arises. We are also making a few changes this year to accommodate for physical distancing at our gatherings.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, October 13, we will host a meet and greet. This is a casual gathering for folks arriving to town a little early. We are being thoughtful about the location and hope to find a venue that will accommodate us coming together to visit with each other safely. The meet and greet is a pre-conference gathering to get to know your PBSN leadership and to meet others in the group. It is a great opportunity to learn about the group, to meet new folks, or to reconnect with old friends.

During each ACCT Leadership Congress, PBSN hosts an informational workshop for the membership. This year's workshop will be held on Thursday, October 14, from 2-5 p.m. We have a great topic this year: succession planning. While our roles at our institutions vary, in most cases we are usually the only ones at our colleges who do what we do. We will explore this topic in more detail and offer tips for having a succession plan in place. We will, as usual, have our traditional roundtables conversations, although they will look different this year.

On Friday, October 15, at 9 a.m., we will hold the annual PBSN Business Meeting. We have a lot to consider for the meeting, including a review of our bylaws and proposed changes. Current officers will ascend into their new roles, with elections taking place for vacant positions. Please consider getting involved with PBSN and running for one of the vacant positions or a Regional Member at Large.

While travel plans may look uncertain for us all, it will be great to be able to gather in person. If it comes to not being able to gather in person, we will make the most of meeting remotely.

Serving as your president for the past two years during these unprecedented times has been a true learning experience. I am thankful for my executive committee and all of their support. Having their support to help organize and plan our sessions has made my two-year term sail by. I am looking forward to turning the presidency over to Benita Duncan from Lansing Community College. I know that with her at the helm, next year will be amazing. I look forward to supporting her as your 2021-2022 PBSN President.

Please travel safely and be sure to connect when you are in San Diego!