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Dear ALEA Members:

I am very happy to inform you that registration is now open for our forthcoming Annual Meeting, which as you know, will be held (virtually) on **Friday and Saturday**, October 22-23. Please note that the **deadline for registration for this year's meeting is October 16th** (more on registration below).

We are finalizing the schedule, and will be posting a preliminary program for the meeting on the Association's website within the next week or so. In addition, we plan to email the program, with abstracts and hyperlinks to the papers, *to all registered conference attendees* a week or so prior to the meeting (one of the advantages of registering right away!). In the meantime, please note that the formal conference sessions will begin at 11:00 a.m. (**Eastern time**) on Friday, and will conclude at 5:30 p.m. (**Eastern time**) on Saturday.

We have lots of exciting events planned for ALEA 2021. In addition to a strong lineup of papers, we're looking forward to the plenary session on Saturday, at which Roberta Romano, the 2020 Ronald H. Coase Medal Recipient, will give the Coase Prize address. On Friday, our new president, Bentley MacLeod, will announce the winners of the 2019 and 2020 *ALER* Best Paper Prizes, followed by my thus far postponed Presidential Address as ALEA president for 2020-21. Bentley's Presidential Address and Kathy Zeiler's Presidential Address are planned for ALEA 2022.

Following long tradition, the Association will hold a "cocktail reception" on Friday evening, following the last session. This event be virtual, but special, and will give us all a chance to finally gather together and catch up with one another. Attendees will be able to click a link to enter a room and mingle with each other, as they use their mouse/trackpad to "walk" around the room. We will use a separate platform for this event, but attendees will enter the reception as they would all the other sessions. Please grab a beverage, and join your friends and colleagues as we celebrate our first ALEA meeting since 2019!

Please see below for some important information with regard to meeting registration:

To register, please visit the following link:

https://editorialexpress.com/cgi-bin/conference/conference.cgi?action=login&db_name=ALEA2021

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: The deadline for registration for ALEA 2021 is **October 16^h**. The conference fee for this year's meeting will be \$300.00 (\$130.00 for students). (Those who already paid don't need to pay again--see note below) We have retained a company (Confex), who will assist with the virtual arrangements. **Confex has informed us that we must provide them with the names and email addresses of all registrants by October 17th. Thus, if you are planning on attending the meeting, it is very important that you register by October 16th.** It is likely that we will not be able to accept registration after October 16th. Once Confex receives the information from us, they will (within a day or so of receiving the info), send each registrant information on how to log in and participate in all conference events. Confex will use the email address you provided in the Conferencemaker database when you registered (which may be different from the email address at which you received this letter).

As a reminder: please be certain that you are current in your membership dues for 2021. These dues are separate from the conference fee. **The Conferencemaker database will not reflect that you are registered for ALEA 2021 unless you have paid your 2021 dues.** To pay your dues, please visit our website: https://editorialexpress.com/cgi-bin/alea_members.cgi

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE WHO REGISTERED FOR ALEA 2020: For those of you who registered and paid for ALEA's (cancelled) 2020 meeting, your conference fee will be applied to ALEA 2021—you needn't pay anything more, other than your ALEA 2021 membership dues (if you haven't already paid them). When you log onto Conferencemaker, you will see that it says you are already registered to attend. **However, we still ask that you log into your account at Conferencemaker account (no later than October 16th)**, to be sure the information we show for you is correct (especially, your email address in Conferencemaker, which again, may be different than the address where you received this letter). (After checking your email address and affiliation, please click "UPDATE," even if no changes were made to your entry.)

If you registered for ALEA 2020, but cannot attend ALEA 2021, then that money will be applied (as a small pool of funds) toward reducing the overall expenses for ALEA 2022, which will be held next August at Columbia Law School. While we won't be able to apply those fees to specific individuals for next year, it may help reduce the amount of next year's conference fee for all attendees. (We will only be able to provide a refund of last year's conference fee in cases of hardship due to the sizable transaction cost involved; please contact Karen Crocco at ALEA@yale.edu if this applies to you.) But we're hopeful that, because ALEA 2021 is virtual and doesn't involve travel, almost all of the people who registered for ALEA 2020 will be able to join all, or even part of, our meeting this year.

We are very much looking forward to "seeing" all of you at ALEA 2021!

Aaron Edlin
President Emeritus, 2020-21