

2020 NEBA Conference Cancelled

With the unprecedented COVID-19/coronavirus altering how we meet, gather, and interact with groups and each other during fall 2020, and the fact we were notified by representatives from the Omaha Federal Reserve Bank that they were unable to host our October 30, 2020, NEBA Conference, the Board of Directors made the decision to cancel this year's NEBA Conference.

This was not an easy decision to make. The planning committee looked into hosting the conference on the campus of Bellevue University in Omaha; then we looked at holding a virtual conference via Bellevue University. However, if BU goes to a complete all-remote learning, it was uncertain if the availability of IT persons could be guaranteed, and whether BU would allow visitors on campus. Unfortunately, each day for BU is a fluid situation and it is hard to predict what resources would be available. Bellevue University is continuing to urge staff and faculty to work from home as much as possible to reduce the amount of time on campus.

I want to thank everyone for all their time and energy as we have navigated through this very uncertain time. I wish to thank Janet Scott for her help in securing one of the speakers, and her regular consultation and guidance during this planning process. After visiting with many of you, as well as my Dean and my audio/visual contact at Bellevue University, it was concluded that we should cancel the 2020 NEBA Conference.

It looks favorable that the Omaha Federal Reserve Bank would consider hosting our conference in 2021. I will reach out to them and ask them to host the 2021 NEBA Conference.

Papers and articles may still be submitted for publication in the on-line Journal by those who wish to do so. Please see a separate post giving detailed instructions.

Faculty/Guests submit to John W Tiner at: econ@kinwick.com

The call for student papers has been cancelled for 2020 because there is no presentation opportunity or prize money.

Best regards,

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2020 Conference Chair