



The EAM Board of Directors voted unanimously to hold the **2020 conference online from June 24-26, 2020**. The Program Chair, Track Chairs, and Board members will use every tool at our disposal to recreate the warm and welcoming atmosphere we typically enjoy at the face-to-face conference. In addition to the paper presentation sessions, the Program Committee, is planning several exciting keynote presentations, panel discussions, professional development workshops, and yes, even virtual coffee breaks and happy hours! Bring your own beverages, of course .

Given that hosting the program online will reduce our expenses, **registration fees will also be reduced** to \$100 regular and \$75 for graduate students & emeriti. If you have already paid at the old rate, you will be issued a refund for the difference. If you have not yet registered, we will be extending the “early bird” registration rate up to June 17th.

Tentatively, the annual Business meeting will be moved to Friday afternoon (**June 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.**). As a conference attendee you are officially a member of EAM, and therefore entitled to vote. We hope you will join us to review the status of the organization, make policy decisions, vote for by-laws changes (if any) and elect a new Board of Directors member-at-large.

We are also currently seeking nominations for several board positions, including Treasurer-elect and Director/Secretary. Please reach out to the members of the nominations committee, Yi Yang [Yi\\_Yang@uml.edu](mailto:Yi_Yang@uml.edu) or Ted Peters [tpeters@ubalt.edu](mailto:tpeters@ubalt.edu) if you are interested in serving on our all-volunteer Board of Directors.

The information available regarding the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic shifts nearly hour-by-hour. We appreciate your willingness to work with us as we navigate these difficult times. Be assured that the board is committed to providing innovative solutions to the challenges we are facing, so that we can remain, as always, the place “Where scholarship and collegiality meet.”

Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or suggestions at [Elizabeth.McCrea@shu.edu](mailto:Elizabeth.McCrea@shu.edu) .

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