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My fellow self-Advocates,

As you know the current COVID 19 crisis has affected us all in many ways. As a result, SANYS has had to re-imagine how we support self-advocates and self-advocacy. We have been hosting meetings and information sessions online and have indefinitely canceled face to face meetings including our regional and statewide conference this year.

As you know, our board elections are held at our regional events. While we will be making efforts to host regional events online, we found that there were simply unable to offer an alternative online election format that we could be certain would be accessible, fair and as inclusive as our in-person elections have been.

As a result, I and my fellow board members have decided to postpone the 2020 board elections until our 2021 regional events are held. The current board members will continue to serve as your board representative until that time.

While we regret that you will be unable to participate an election this year, we believe it is most important that you participate in a process that you know will be fair to both the candidates and you the voters.

We appreciate your cooperation with this decision and wish you all health and happiness. As always, thank you for your ongoing commitment to self-advocacy,

BJ Stasio, President

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