2021 CONFERENCE FORMAT

SER will take the following into consideration to determine whether we can hold an in-person conference:

Notice from the hotel property that they have capacity to hold a conference of roughly 1000 people in a manner that allows for the essential activities of the meeting, including speakers, posters and receptions, while at the same time protecting the safety of hotel employees and SER members and complying with all local and state ordinances.

Clearance from the state of California and the municipality of San Diego regarding arrival of travelers domestically and internationally and the permission to hold gatherings of roughly 1000 people in the indoor setting of a hotel conference.

Capacity to comply with advice from CDC and the State of California regarding best practices for meetings, travel and hotel stays that assure minimal risk to attendees and hotel staff, and do not interfere with essential meeting activities.

Availability and safety of travel options including airline flights, taxi and Uber service from the airport, and the functioning of restaurants and other essential services in the environment around the hotel.

General functioning of visa and consular services to allow participation of international members, including the absence of travel bans and the absence of burdensome quarantine requirements that would pose widespread interference with travel and participation.

A state of public order and calm that will allow a safe transit to California from other locations in the US and from international locations and will allow a safe stay in San Diego.