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## **Selected Independent Funeral Homes Announces Virtual Annual Meeting**

LINCOLNSHIRE, Ill. — July 9, 2020 — [Selected Independent Funeral Homes](#) announces the move from an in-person [2020 Annual Meeting](#) in Montreal, Canada to the first-ever virtual Annual Meeting, September 30-October 2. The decision to alter the format for the meeting came after careful consideration from the Board of Directors of the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and for the well-being of members, Preferred Partners and friends of Selected. “This was a very difficult decision, but one that was made for the protection and safety of our members and communities,” said Selected Board President, Arthur Erickson.

“Of course, we will miss having everyone together in the same location, but the staff team is fully focused on turning this into a new opportunity,” said Selected Executive Director and CEO Rob Paterkiewicz.

Selected is dedicated to continuing to provide high-quality, compelling education and a chance to network with members and Preferred Partners as in years past. The 2020 Annual Meeting will offer an opportunity for all members, regardless of where they are, to connect in one place and time, while still adhering to state and local guidelines.

“Just as our members have creatively tapped into technology to serve their client families, Selected will utilize innovative technology to create and deliver an enjoyable and impactful Annual Meeting,” said Erickson.

The Boards decision was made from an abundance of caution for attendees, limitations with the host hotel and the consideration of current travel restrictions across the Canadian border. As Selected continues to make the format change, more information will be available in the coming weeks. Registration will reopen August 10 on the [2020 Annual Meeting](#) web page.

“While this important event will be delivered in a different way than any of us are accustomed to, the opportunities for learning and sharing amongst our members, Partners and staff will remain unchanged,” said Paterkiewicz.

For more information or questions about the virtual 2020 Annual Meeting, [email Amy Hunt](#), Director of Meetings and Education. For more information on Selected’s programs, becoming a member of Selected Independent Funeral Homes or to locate a member, visit [selectedfuneralhomes.org](http://selectedfuneralhomes.org) or call 800-323-4219.

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