Dear Members,

Recently, I sent you an email regarding the Society's response to COVID-19. I promised to get back to you with updates regarding the status of the Sahyun Library and scheduled classes and meetings. As you know, the situation is very fluid. It has been a challenge to keep ahead of it or, at the very least, keep abreast of it.

In the past two days, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department declared a state of emergency, mandated cancellation large events and social distancing for smaller events. The local elementary and high school districts have now cancelled classes through April 3 and the City of Santa Barbara closed all public libraries through April 5.

We have reevaluated our activities and have decided to take the following actions in the interest of the health of our volunteers, members, and visitors. We will reassess these actions at the end of March based on the most current information from the local, state, and federal public health agencies.

The Sahyun Library will be closed until April 7.

Classes, user groups, lunch & learn are cancelled until further notice.

Monthly Meeting (March 21) is cancelled.

The New Member Orientation (March 28) is cancelled.

All-Day Seminar (April 4) is cancelled.

If you registered for the Seminar you will receive another email with information about your registration fee and when the seminar will be rescheduled.

I will update you on any changes to the Library closure and future monthly meetings. Another source of information is the Society's website sbgen.org.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to seeing you at the Library, monthly meetings, and classes soon.

Best regards,
Karen Ramsdell

President