

Statement for Conference and Society Web Sites

Some states have banned the use of state funds to travel to states that do not afford legal protection from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

The leadership of the six partner societies that host the annual BOTANY conference agreed not to hold our joint annual meeting in those states. Because the list of banned states may change over time and conference venues are selected 3-4 years in advance, it is possible that a conference may be scheduled to occur in a newly banned state. If a state is added to the list after contracts have been signed, the partner societies agree that we must honor those contracts, as breaking them would be financially devastating to each participating society and significantly affect our abilities to carry out other activities related to our missions.