Dear members and friends of the Paleopathology Association,

In a normal year, following a meeting, we receive bills from the audio-visual company and the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, among others, for the banquet, coffee stations, room use, and all necessary equipment required to put on the conference. At present however, we do not know if we will owe a payment to these entities, and if we do, we do not know how much the payment(s) will be, for cancelling the various contracts of engagement. As this information becomes available, we will share with you what we learn. I am happy to say however, that before the recent events unfolded, the organization was doing well financially, so I am optimistic that the association will emerge from this unfortunate circumstance in a healthy financial condition.

We realize that many of you paid registration costs and offered sponsorship for Let’s Do Lunch, and we would like to offer you several options for these funds:

1) Receive a full refund, minus a $5.00 transaction fee. This refund can be sent to you in one of two ways:
   a. a check in US$ (please let me know your mailing address)
   b. via PayPal (please let me know the email address to direct the payment)

2) Let the PPA keep your payment as credit for future use. The amount will appear as a credit balance in your account on the Paleopathology Website. You can draw from it to renew your membership or pay next year’s registration fees. (Note: Please know that at this time we do not know what next year’s registration fees will be).

3) Donate your registration and/or Let’s Do Lunch fees to the organization.

Please contact me at treasurer.ppa@gmail.com and let me know what you would like to do with your registration payment, or if you have any questions or comments. Thank you all very much for your patience and professionalism during this time. May we all emerge unscathed from the present circumstances, so that we can have a big nerdy celebration in Baltimore, Maryland in 2021!

Best regards,

Anne Titelbaum