To help ensure attendees’ safety and enjoyment at the Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections (“SPNHC”) 2023 Annual Meeting, SPNHC and the 2023 Annual Meeting Host, the California Academy of Sciences (the “Academy”), will comply with the health and safety standards of our host venues and all applicable government guidelines. Our current on-site safety policies for the 2023 Annual Meeting are outlined below.

Everyone attending the SPNHC 2023 Annual Meeting and/or participating in any of its associated workshops, panels, fieldtrips, social events or other activities (collectively, the “Meeting”), all SPNHC members, speakers, staff, volunteers, exhibitors, and attendees of the Meeting (collectively “Participants”) are expected to monitor the state of their own health and to avoid attending in-person Meeting events, including presentations and meals, if they are not feeling well.

Participants should not attend the Meeting in-person if at the time of the Meeting or within the 7 days preceding the Meeting, Participant:

- Has experienced any COVID-19 (or COVID-19-like, or other flu-like) symptoms;
- Has traveled from an area under a travel health advisory;
- Has provided care for or had close contact with any person testing positive for or reasonably suspected of having COVID-19, or with any person who traveled outside of their home country or to an area under a travel health advisory.

By attending this in-person Meeting, Participants agree to the guidelines and conditions outlined above and voluntarily assume any potential risk of exposure through travel and participation in public indoor gatherings during the Meeting.

If a Participant has any one of the conditions listed above, suspect that they might, or at any time during the in-person course they begin to experience COVID-19 symptoms, or come into contact with someone testing positive for COVID-19 or experiencing symptoms, for the safety of others Participant will be required to leave the on-site program immediately and may transfer to the webcast. Any in-person attendee who does not comply with the guidelines and conditions above will also be required to leave the on-site program immediately and may transfer to the webcast.

For questions regarding these Health & Safety Guidelines, please email the Meeting Organizers at SPNHC2023questions@calacademy.org.