## **ABNM Carbon Footprint**

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During the pandemic many organizations including the ABNM quickly adopted virtual environment to conduct day-to-day tasks and scientific or business meetings. The need for adequate tools to function properly, started a boom in virtual meeting software development and provided creative tools and new options, which were not available before. This experience provided new opportunities for the post-pandemic era and led to a change in business practices to take advantage of the newly available virtual tools.

During the 108th ABNM winter meeting the Board of Directors decided to convert one of the two annual meetings to virtual to sustain the discounted MOC fee for our diplomates, beyond the pandemic relief period.

In addition to the intended cost savings, this change also provided additional opportunities for the ABNM to reduce its carbon footprint by eliminating travel, hotel stays, and other means needed during in-person meetings. The ABNM constantly reevaluates its practices to continue providing excellent service to our diplomates in an environmentally friendly fashion.

