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*2009 MANRUG Conference – POSTPONED*

One of the primary objectives of MANRUG has been to provide quality interaction between vendors and newspaper professionals. Interaction that is vital to the continued education and development of our industry. Through the years MANRUG has been blessed with exceptional vendor support.

2009 is no different in terms of vendor support for our group. The number of vendors planning to participate in our conference continues to grow. We appreciate your support and thank you. What has changed in 2009, however, are the unprecedented challenges facing our members' organizations. Our members are facing increasingly difficult operating circumstances, even as your businesses face their own challenges.

In our preparation for the 2009 Conference in Peoria, it has become clear to the MANRUG Board, that our members are facing circumstances that preclude their attending this year's event. Pre-registration is tracking below last year, and member polling has resulted in lower attendance forecasts.

Rather than ask you to spend your valuable time and effort with us in a conference with a potentially disappointing turnout, we have decided to postpone the conference until the 2010 calendar year. We recognize the time and effort it takes to participate in conferences such as ours. We appreciate your support and hope you will join us again next year.

I look forward to seeing you all in 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Darrington".

John Darrington  
President  
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