



**Statement regarding QR Codes on Name Badges  
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As a means to ensure that name badges were authentic and to take advantage of technology that could enhance networking, AAR and SBL decided to follow other organizations and try a one-year pilot program with QR codes. Our intent was accuracy in attendance and membership services. Scanning QR codes would only display the associated member name, institution, and registration number. It would not store information or personal data, or track members. We deeply regret the concerns this has raised among our members. In response to the feedback we have received, AAR and SBL have determined that the pilot program would not serve its original goals. AAR and SBL will resend the badges for The Annual Meeting without the QR codes.