



Amidst this landscape of closures, quarantines and virtual curfews reminiscent of “marshal law”, we have taken the regrettable decision to cancel yet another Annual Convention, which WAS scheduled for May of this year.

We had hoped to delay making this “reject” announcement in hopes of an expectation of things returning to normal sooner than we can now predict. In addition to the official admonishment of “social distancing”, the possibility of hotel closings and uncertainty of available flights for those intending to attend from out of town, we can not help but deem it irresponsible to follow any other course of action. Any convention fees already on deposit will be refunded. We would also like to remind anyone who has made hotel reservations for the event to cancel them in order to avoid charges or penalties.

Upon the inevitable resumption of normal life, we will make a yeoman’s effort to arrange some alternative function(s), perhaps in multiple locations to fulfill the goal of a Gathering of Eagles to continue the tradition.

Now to address the “elephant in the room” of having no official business meeting to discuss and formally approve the proposed new formulation of the Golden Eagles “business model”, we have decided as follows:

1. Draft Bylaws have been re-written to illustrate and accommodate the changes to the organizational behavior of the Association.
2. The Draft Bylaws document is available for review and input via a direct link on the Home Page of the website: www.thegoldeneagles.org. (no password required)
3. Feedback from the initial Proposal that was sent on February 26 was 100% supportive of this new direction. As it is not only impractical, but beyond our capability to hold a full “up or down” vote, we will CONCLUDE membership approval unless there are objections from at least 10% of the current active voting members.
4. Anyone wishing to object to the adoption of the new bylaws must do so via email to the Secretary at: secretary@thegoldeneagles.org no later than April 30, 2020. If desiring to object, it would be helpful to your volunteers to offer alternatives.
5. If a 10% or greater rate of objection is received, we will notify the membership with a solicitation of input on alternative means to organize the Golden Eagles, along with a solicitation of new volunteers to administer them.
6. If less than 10% objection rate is received, the revised Bylaws will go into effect on May 01, 2020.

We are keen to continue the stated goals and purposes of the Golden Eagles and continue to provide support to the maintenance of fellowship and camaraderie of the group in a manner that is sustainable for the long haul.

Your current Executive Committee

Note: the April edition of the Golden Contrails was sent to the printer BEFORE reaching these decisions. Accordingly,

references to the May convention are no longer valid.



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