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MACA Board Postpones Annual

Following a series of meeting via Zoom and negotiations with the Lake Ozark resort Camden on the Lake, the Board made the decision to postpone the 2020 annual training conference until 2021. MACA had a two-year contract with Camden on the Lake to be the sight of the 2020 and 2021 annual conferences and after negotiations with the resort were complete, Camden on the Lake will be the site for the 2021 and 2022 annual conferences.

According to MACA President Kyle Shafer, the health and safety of our members and others in the animal welfare the board made this difficult decision.

Cancellation of the event would have caused the association to incur a large financial penalty, which would have been devastating to the association, however through Shafer's negotiation with the resort, a lessor "cancelation penalty" will be incurred, with the majority of that penalty being applied to the future deposits.

Vice President Holly Bowie, coordinator of the annual conferences, reported that there no guest speakers and presenters had yet been confirmed for this year so there would be little to do to reschedule. Exhibitor Committee Chair JT Taylor said there had only been two confirmed exhibitor registrations, only one of which who had already paid for their exhibitor booth. That fee will be returned immediately. Taylor also reported there had only been one event support who had sent donated items. These items will be held over for use during the 2021 annual conference.

Board to Continue with Annual Awards

The Annual MACA Awards will continue to be awarded this year despite the postponement of the 2020 Annual Conference. According to Awards Committee Chair Matt Allen, there had been a few nominations for various awards already submitted prior to the Boards' decision. Following discussion during one of the June Zoom board meetings, the decision was made to continue with the awards.

"The members have lost some much this year due to the pandemic, continuing with the awards is the least we can do," Taylor said.

Nominations for each of the MACA awards will be accepted via the MACA website until August 1, at which time the board will review and select the winners. The awards will then be presented in person sometime in October.

Board amends MACA By-laws to Allow for Virtual Meetings and Electronic Voting

The MACA Board voted to amend the MACA Constitution and Bylaws to make it possible for the Board to conduct board meetings by telephone conference calls and through virtual technology, such a Zoom. Additionally, the board approved changes to the by-laws which will permit the board to make official votes electronically via email or another electronic medium.

Sparked by the Covid-19 pandemic “Stay-At-Home” orders during the spring months of this year, the board was unable to hold their regularly scheduled business meetings. While working to ensure such meetings and voting was conducted properly, it was found that the Constitution and By-Laws would require amendments. Since the vote, the Board has conducting several virtual business meetings and discussed procedures for conducting electronic voting. In this manner, the Board hopes to continue serving the membership and conducting the business of the association despite the issues posed by the continued presence of the pandemic.

2020 Board election suspended

Due to the postponement of the 2020 Annual Conference, and consequently the Annual Business meeting, the Board voted to suspend the 2020 Board and Executive Officer elections.

According to Nominations Committee Chair Mark Hastings, there are three board seats and the vice president office up for election in 2020. In polling the current board members only Vice President Holly Bowie said she would not be able to continue for another term as VP.

Under circumstances of postponing of the 2020 Annual Conference, the President will exercise his ability under the Constitution and By-Laws to appoint new board members in October. President Shafer will appoint individuals to fill the vacated Vice President seat and open Board seats.

Anyone interested in serving on the Board should be nominated before August 1, 2020

Congratulations Anita Waller on being named Blue Springs Police Department’s Civilian of the Year for 2019.



MACA Officer Certification Training Academy to be held in Lebanon in October

The Fall Officer Certification Training Program will be held October 28 and 29 at the Cowan Civic Center in Lebanon.

Registration and information is currently available through the association website at www.maca1.net. Seats are still available.