



Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association®
National Board of Directors (NBOD)
11 East Kansas Street
Liberty, Missouri, 64068

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

July 29, 2020

SUBJECT: Canceling Jacksonville, FL Nationals and having it in Kansas City, MO on 26SEP20

Family,

It may come as a surprise to some that the NBOD has been monitoring the COVID-19 situation for quite some time now, as should have been apparent by the first rescheduling of the National Convention/Meeting. This pandemic mess just keeps continuing on and on. After discussions with, and advice from, the boots on the ground, Region 1 Rep, Florida State Rep and consultation with the association's attorney, the difficult, and yet again unprecedented decision has been made to move the 2020 National Meeting that was schedule for Jacksonville, Florida in September, to be held where we are based out of in the Kansas City, Missouri area.

Much of the decision was based upon a lack of venues that would be willing to host 2-3,000 people from across the world. This has resulted in our need to 'limit' the attendance for the business portions of the meeting(s) that normally occur during a national convention. Luckily, without having to scrub the nation, we were able to find a location that had a room perfect for us to have no more than 100 attendees, be able to maintain social distancing, and was not cost-prohibitive.

This is most unprecedented in the fact that the time spent in Kansas City will be centric around the real purpose of the National Meeting as outlined within the bylaws of dispensing with the business of the Association such as elections, bylaw changes, charitable donation funding, etc.

Meat and Potatoes: The attendance to the meeting will be limited to State Representatives, or their designee (reported to NSEC NLT 25AUG20), and Regional Representatives. These are the members that were elected to represent the members in their areas and were chosen to do as such. This limitation had to be placed due to the lack of an area to hold all who wished to attend or making it unfair to be on a first come first served or lottery system just to attend. We weighed the possibility of an outside venue but were cognizant that none of us have control of the weather in any location.

BLCP Voting: Chapter Commanders and State Reps should have already been inserting the voting results on those. The deadline for completion on those is 12SEP20 as was stated in the 08MAY20 Chapter BLCP Voting Guidance Memorandum. The process for ratification of the voting will still occur at the National Meeting to announce the results of the voting.

Elections: National Vice-President and the National Treasurer were the regularly scheduled elections for this years' meeting. The election for the National Secretary was to fulfill the remainder of the term of the position. All positions are uncontested and as such, will still follow the precedence of having announced their intent 90 days prior to the scheduled meeting, being nominated at the meeting.

Credit for attendance: There will be **NO** 'National Meeting' Credit given to any CVMA[®] Member for this year's Nationals. The NBOD is fully aware of how this may affect the qualifications for Life Membership, as it may apply to some. The Bylaws/Policy are clear on what the requirements for Life Membership are. What isn't written in the bylaws or a policy is a sense of fairness and equitability that should apply to all members of which the NBOD took into great consideration.

To recap, I hope all understand that we are in unchartered waters. We have never been 'limited' on where we could meet, how many members could meet, or have the possibility of putting our members at risk by meeting. Hard decisions had to be made to continue the business portion of the CVMA[®].

I know there may still be some questions out there so please, route them thru your chain of command to give them the opportunity to answer. If they cannot, they know the process to continue up the chain to get the answers. Yes, an itinerary will be put out with the schedule of the meeting. Regardless of this meeting, now is the time to be looking to your Brothers and Sisters around you. Without them, we have no CVMA[®], so please focus on your immediate and extended families during all this. I have no doubt we will weather this storm and come out even stronger because of it!!

Matt Jones, President
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