



CONVENTION 2021 CANCELLATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Question: If I have further questions about the cancellation of Convention 2021, who should I ask?

Answer: Please direct any questions to National President Sharon Raphael or Executive Director Bonnie Wunsch.

Question: Is the National Council authorized to make a decision to cancel Convention?

Answer: Yes, according to the Constitution, Article VI, Section 2, "The National Convention shall meet biennially, except in case of a national emergency when, by an affirmative vote of a majority of National Council, the Convention may be postponed or cancelled."

Question: Is cancellation the only option?

Answer: While postponement was also an option, due to many unknown factors related to travel, physical distancing, local and state restrictions as well as laws and statutes of the state of New York, National Council and legal counsel believe this is the best option.

Question: What will the programming schedule for this summer look like?

Answer: National Council and staff are looking at several scenarios and will share plans as soon as they are in place.

Question: Are National Council member term limits affected by the cancellation?

Answer: No. Article III, Section 3 of our Bylaws provides, "The elected officers shall assume their duties immediately after the close of the Convention at which they have been elected and shall serve until the next Convention and until their successors shall have been elected."

Question: What happens to the Nominating Committee work currently underway?

Answer: National Council appreciates the work the Nominating Committee has done. At this time the committee will be disbanded and a committee will be appointed, per our Constitution and Bylaws, for the 2023 Convention.

Question: Will there be any changes to the dues and fees schedule?

Answer: No, National Council is committed to maintaining our current dues and fees schedule and does not plan an increase for this year. The Summer Programming Fees charged each spring are what allow us to provide air fares to summer events and to highly subsidize the package prices.