

Hello 2020 CVA Convention Pre-Registrants:

I am contacting each of you individually to inform you that we have officially cancelled the 2020 CVA Convention, May 1-3, 2020, in Mt. Shasta CA. We made this decision after much discussion during the time the State of California declared gatherings of 250+ people was not advisable. I contacted both the City of Mt. Shasta and the hotel and at that time they were using those same guidelines. Although our gathering would have been smaller, the majority of our attendees are in the high-risk age group, we would not be able to ensure social distancing, and there were multiple instances when we had plans to have a large group together in a confined space. After speaking with officials at the City of Mt. Shasta, they expressed that in a town of their size, population 4,000, they do not have the necessary emergency services nearby if there was a severe medical emergency. All of these issues were considered in our final decision. Shortly after we made this decision, the State of California reduced the gathering size to 50+ people. Currently, our attendance stands at near 100.

I have spoken with the Event Coordinator at the Best Western Plus Treehouse. Although I had already cancelled our block hotel rooms with the General Manager over the weekend, I had to speak with the EC about the other reservations/arrangements that had been made. She shared with me that with the most recent announcement by the State of California to reduce the group size to 50, she was in the process of cancelling all group events with 30 or more people so we would have been cancelled anyway. I spoke with her about the possibility of pushing our reservation to a later date. Currently, their policy is they will not be taking group reservations again until possibly June. Between Betsy, the CVA President, and my club, we will work diligently to try to procure another date. At that time, if we are able to move forward, we will advertise again for the convention. I will be refunding all monies to pre-registrants in case we cannot go forward with a future date. There was talk of allowing people to have us keep their money but due to this unprecedented situation, and the possibility that as time goes on, people who initially made the decision to attend may have to change their minds and request a refund, I have chosen to not hold anybody's money. This is also for personal reasons as I must now focus my time on the on going safety of my family. You can expect to see a refund check no later than 4-weeks from now. Our hope as a club, is that we will be able to provide this fun-packed event later in the year.

For those attendees who have made reservations at the Best Western Plus Treehouse, I have attached a list of the people who reserved within the block. If your name is on the list, your room has been cancelled. There is no cancellation fee. If you made a reservation in the hotel outside of the block or at another establishment, please make sure you cancel your reservation in a timely fashion. I was told that if anyone made a reservation through a 3rd party, such as Hotels.com or Expedia, there is usually a cancellation fee. But with these unusual times, you may be able to get that waived.

Please be safe my friends as we maneuver through this global challenge.

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