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Fellow M-WTCA Members,

As everyone is aware, the Covid-19 virus continues to spread in this country prompting both local and national states of emergency setting limits on the size of gatherings such as our Area and National meetings. Our membership in large part is the demographic that is considered most at risk at this point. We are already seeing Area meetings being canceled as a result of these limits and out of an abundance of caution for the health and welfare of our members by our meeting hosts.

In light of this and the still rapidly evolving and largely unknown extent and impact from the virus, I asked Larry Thorson, our VP of Meeting Planning, to contact the hotel to discuss the financial impact and options should we now cancel the meeting. The hotel has agreed to waive all costs for this meeting in exchange for us renegotiating a contract with them for one of our 2023 meetings! This is very favorable financial offer from the hotel for us.

Our bylaws provide for the president to call a meeting of the Executive Committee in cases like this to consider a matter of urgency. The Executive Committee has weighed all the facts and decided it is in the best interest of our members and the association to **cancel the Spring 2020 Green Bay National Meeting scheduled for June 17-20 and instruct Larry to begin working with the hotel to schedule a 2023 meeting.**

This letter is being sent by email to all members that have email addresses on file with us and a hardcopy is being sent by US Mail to all others as official notification of this cancellation. Please feel free to contact members that may not always look at their emails and tell them of this decision. Also note that our website, www.mwtca.org has and will continue to have the latest information on all our Area and National Meetings.

While we hate to take this action, the health and safety of our members and their families must continue to be the number one priority in any decisions that are made. While no one can predict what this situation will look like in June, we believe that the organization must act at this time on the side of caution.

Thank you for your understanding and your continued support.

Randy L. Knudsen, President, M-WTCA