



Below is a transcript of the March 2, 2021, video announcement from our President, Brenda Roser, regarding the 2021 Multiples of America Annual Convention. If you have any questions, please contact us at info@multiplesofamerica.com.

Good Morning!

Your Multiples of America's Board of Directors is passionate about our organization and has been looking forward to celebrating with everyone this July 2021. We have also continued to monitor the pandemic and the ongoing risks we face. Our hearts go out to those who have lost loved ones this past year due to this deadly disease and to the frontline healthcare workers who have tirelessly provided care throughout.

Many areas of the country are in various stages with regard to the number of COVID cases on the rise, vaccine rollout, business capacity percentages, and company mandatory quarantines following travel. We believe most areas are moving towards an end to the pandemic, but we remain concerned it is not soon enough to warrant risking the health and well-being of our members this summer. In addition, our contractual non-refundable payments are due now and in order to be fiduciarily responsible we have made the very difficult decision to NOT have an "in person" convention again this year.

In accordance with our bylaws, per our recent special election, the Board of Directors has voted to cancel in person convention and move to a virtual format for July 2021. Pivoting to a totally new format will require a significant amount of time to process initial research, gather any additional critical information and work through the myriad of details needed for the change. Please keep in mind this format will not be able to replicate all facets of convention but we will be able to conduct our organizational business. We will be sharing information as soon as it becomes available in the coming weeks. We ask that you please be patient with us during this time.

Club Representatives, please watch closely for our upcoming mailings with additional information for meeting online and for club voting. Members, please make sure to keep in contact with your club representatives. This is usually your club President and National Representative, but may include different officers, depending on your club. These contacts will

have the most up-to-date information for your club. The latest information will also be available through your local club representatives and on our website www.multiplesofamerica.org .

If you should have additional questions or concerns, we ask that you email us directly through our Executive Office at info@multiplesofamerica.org or to myself at President@multiplesofamerica.org . This will alleviate any misinformation and ensure we can address your concerns promptly. We try to answer all correspondence within 24-36 hours but please be patient with us as we work to get things in place!

While we are extremely disappointed, we will again be unable to meet in person, after careful deliberation, we feel this effort to continue to mitigate the ongoing spread of COVID-19 is the best way to minimize the risk to our membership. The safety of our convention attendees and members is our top priority, as is our obligation to all our member clubs and members nationwide!

If you have a room or rooms reserved in our meeting block, you do not need to call to cancel your room. The hotel will make those cancellations for you. This is one of many reasons we encourage participation in our room block - If you booked outside of the block or through other means, we advise you to call to cancel your booking at this time.

Be sure to continue to check on your fellow parents of multiples during this time! We appreciate your understanding in receiving a message none of us expected, nor did we wish to send. While this is not ideal, due to the membership support with the recent vote, we are pleased and excited we will be able to network and participate with our members in this new unique way of meeting this summer. We look forward to our time together!