



2022 VIRTUAL SUMMIT QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

From the Multiples of America Board of Directors

Although it is disappointing to not be meeting in person again this summer, we are excited to have the opportunity to meet virtually with our members across the nation! Our online format will differ slightly from our 2021 Virtual Summit based on your feedback following the Virtual Summit last year. While it is not a duplicate of our in-person convention, it does allow us to conduct the business of our organization, celebrate together and to connect with one another as we look to the future direction of Multiples of America.

Q: When is the virtual event scheduled?

A: July 29, 2022 8:00-10:00 PM CST and July 30th, 2022 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM CST

Q: How much will registration cost?

A: Save with your “Early Bird” registration until June 10, 2022 - \$30 for members/affiliate members, \$45 for non-members. However, if you miss the early bird deadline, you can still register until July 15, 2022. Registration from June 11-July 15, 2022 is \$50.00 members/affiliate members and \$65.00 non-members.

Q: Will this be like our “in-person” conventions?

A: We will be using a Zoom format again this year but unfortunately will not have the capabilities of replicating all facets of convention; we are planning some light business and a celebratory kickoff on Friday with the main portion of our business being conducted on Saturday during the Virtual Summit. We will end our time together with an installation of our elected officers.

Q. What happened to the deposits paid to the hotel?

A: Please review the full audit and report shared earlier this term at:
[2022HotelDepositUpdate - Multiples of America](#)

Q: What options for virtual events were considered?

A: We did continue to research possible platforms for our second virtual event as programs are being developed and changing constantly. However, these additional formats continued to be cost-prohibitive or did not meet the criteria required for our type of structure and needs. Again, with members across the country and recommendations for maximum screen time per day, timing is very challenging. A full virtual platform with networking options from a contact who was willing to reduce their normal company rate for a non-profit and the new Zoom Events platform were two of the options reviewed extensively. To allow for delegate input through more direct verbal participation, as well

as to recognize our financial limitations, it was decided to stay with our Zoom Meetings platform.

Q: What will our meetings look like?

A: Meetings will be streamlined to be as efficient and effective as possible. The electronic voting system used last term will be used again this year to aid in this effort. The Memorial Service will be available prior to the Virtual Summit. Voting for the elected officers, the proposed budget for 2022-2023, proposed bylaw amendments, the Nominating Chairman, and Committee, will take place during the Summit. Amendments to these items may be made and electronic balloting will be conducted as needed to determine outcomes. ONLY Delegates who wish to speak on the floor will be given directions on how to be part of the “virtual line” during the Virtual Summit. The “line” will be monitored, and the President will recognize each delegate wanting to address the assembly. Two additional Zoom Forums (mini-workshops) will be held prior to our Virtual Summit to allow for discussion and address delegates’ questions and answers prior to the business meeting (see Zoom Forums question later in this document). Nominations for all elected officer positions, Nominating Chairman, and Committee, are being completed PRIOR to the Summit (see Nominating Process question later in this document).

Q: What will voting look like or how will voting be handled?

A: All voting will be handled electronically. Much like last year we will have one delegate and one alternate per club. Credentials are due to the Executive Office on June 1, 2022. Late credentials will be accepted no later than July 27, 2022, to allow adequate time for member verification. Each delegate will receive an email confirmation of their delegate votes. This electronic system will provide a secure, authenticated, and efficient method to conduct all balloted voting. To be eligible to vote, all delegates must be registered for the Virtual Summit and have credentials on file. When the President calls for a ballot on any matter, all voting delegates will be sent a direct link to their confidential electronic ballot via their email. The system provides for weighted voting (allowing different vote totals based on the number of credential votes for your club) – but, voters will only need to cast one ballot for their total number of votes. Immediately following the completion of each election, the results will be reported to the delegation and published for all delegates to view. Each delegate will be provided with a receipt for each ballot cast (and, this may be used by the delegate as verification of participation for their club). Please note, it is likely there will be a few votes (i.e. Standing rules) on Friday evening’s session to help expediate our business during Saturday’s session.

Q: How will we conduct the Budget and Bylaws workshop to learn about the proposals?

A: We will be holding a Zoom Forum (mini-workshop) for delegates to meet to ask questions, offer input, and for discussion of the proposed budget and the proposed bylaw amendments on Thursday, May 19, 2022 from 8:00-9:30 PM CST. The Election Mailing (including the slate of officers, candidate statements, proposed budget, and proposed bylaw amendments) is scheduled for delivery in May. Delegates (including

Past Presidents) may submit a reservation form via our website to speak during the Zoom Forum. A virtual line will be created from these reservations and the discussion will alternate between pro/con/questions from delegates only. Those with reservations will speak first. If additional delegates are wishing to speak, they will be included next. If time permits, other members may ask questions or give input during this informal meeting. A summary of any questions and responses given during the Forum will be made available afterward for a limited time.

Q: How will the Nominating Process work?

A: For Executive Committee candidates: The Nominating Committee will share their proposed slate of elected officers. Candidate statements will be included in the Election Mailing. Additional candidates wishing to submit their name for consideration by the membership may do so by June 10th (in lieu of nominations from the floor). This will allow adequate time for the Nominating Committee to verify eligibility prior to the voting.

For other elected positions: Candidates wishing to be considered for Nominating Chairman and Nominating Committee, should submit their Officer Candidate Application (for Chairman position) or Volunteer Form (for Nominating Committee positions) to the Nominating Chairman no later than June 10th to be included on the ballot. All candidates will be contacted prior to the election for a candidate statement which will be shared prior to the Virtual Summit. All eligible candidates will be included on the ballot and will receive a confirmation of their intent to run prior to the Virtual Summit.

Q: Will there be a time for networking and socializing with other attendees?

A: We understand the value of connecting with other members from across the country in a more unstructured environment. In an effort to adjust to member feedback and still meet indicated recommendations for screen time limits to best engage our audience, this year our Celebratory Kickoff will have some built in time for member interaction. With a limited time frame to conduct our business and the challenges of the Zoom format, holding a more spontaneous member-to-member exchange with an organization of this size has its challenges so we hope this adjustment will be an effective compromise to meet these needs. This continues to show the value of in-person contact and we hope to be together again next year.

Q: Will we have a memorial service?

A: We will conduct a virtual Memorial Service. It will be held at a different time, outside of the Summit meeting and will be announced soon. With many experiencing loss this past year, we wanted to ensure an environment with ample time to both grieve and celebrate the lives of our loved ones.

Q: I will be a first-time attendee, first-time delegate, or am unsure about this new format and have questions about how to participate and what to expect?

A: Welcome! We are thrilled you are going to be able to join us. A separate Zoom Forum (mini-workshop) will be held July 14, 2022 from 8:00-9:00 PM CST to provide an

overview of what to expect and to answer questions you may have. Any registered attendee may attend. You may also contact our Executive Office at any time with your questions.

Q: When and how will I be able to register for the Virtual Summit?

A: Registration will be open on our website on May 1, 2022, and payment will be accepted via PayPal.

We look forward to having you join us for our second Virtual Summit on July 29-30, 2022. Please continue to watch for club mailings and postings on our website (www.multiplesofamerica.org) with updated details and information as well as any changes. You may reach out to our Executive Office info@multiplesofamerica.org at any time with questions. We greatly appreciate your patience as we have encountered a number of changes again this term but we are looking forward to “seeing” you this summer. Until then, be safe and be well.

Sincerely,

Your Multiples of America Board of Directors