

COVID-19 forces cancellation of SCOM 2020

Based on the overwhelming response throughout the state and the most recent CDC guidelines the State Executive Board has decided that 2020 SCOM will be canceled.

This was not an easy decision, but we would rather be part of the solution instead of part of the problem. One could only imagine the publicity CVMA would receive when 250 bikers roll into Amarillo and a local member tests positive for COVID-19.

Therefore, CDC, in accordance with its guidance for large events and mass gatherings recommends that for the next 8 weeks, organizers cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the US. We will not postpone SCOM. It will simply be canceled for 2020.

As the State Rep and IAW the National By-Laws, I have been charged with watching over the membership and I feel this is the best decision in order to fulfill my obligations. The State Executive Board's main concern is the safety, health, and security of the membership and we will not put anyone at risk unnecessarily.

I spoke with the hotel this morning and anyone that booked a room at the host hotel using the CVMA code will be canceled automatically. If you booked in another local hotel or campground you will need to call and cancel your reservation.

With the extension of spring break in many parts of Texas, businesses closing their doors, restaurants/bars limiting their hours, and members having to work from home, we feel our members have more important things to concentrate on at this time. There is no reason to create additional stress for our membership.

Hats off to the host chapter for all of the time and effort they put forth to try and make this event a success. Things that are happening are way beyond their control. You should also know the host chapter 23-18 is not out one dime. That was a factor in the decision process as well.

The SEB is working a plan to share the information that was going to be put out at this years SCOM. Watch your email.

In closing, I want all of you to know this was not an easy decision but I do feel confident that it is the right decision.

Next Years SCOM will be hosted by 23-3

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