

**KWWOA State Board Conference Call
Emergency Meeting
Conference Call
March 14, 2020**

A Conference Call meeting was called to order by Chair Don Compton at 12:00 pm., EST.

Roll call. Members present were:

Don Compton, Chair
Jeremy Woosley, Vice Chair
Julie Duncan, Treasurer
Lori Simpson, Secretary
Lisa Detherage, Member Services Director
Robin Strader, KLA
Roy Gray, Eastern Chapter
James Poindexter, Eastern Chapter
Chris Maloney, Eastern Chapter
Phil Atkins, Eastern Chapter
Tim Goble, Eastern Chapter
Bradley Johnston, Central Chapter
Justin Spears, Central Chapter
Corey Bond, Central Chapter
Brian Bourne, North Central Chapter
Dave Enzweiler, North Central Chapter
Nathan Hodges, North Central Chapter
Brian Gatewood, North Central Chapter
Nikki Chambers, Western Chapter
Bobby Hewgley, Western Chapter
Les Rodgers, Western Chapter
Daniel Lancaster, Western Chapter
Darran Rankin, Western Chapter/Conference Chair

2020 KWWOA Annual Conference:

- All State Board members listed above under roll call voted to CANCEL the April 2020 KWWOA Annual Conference.
 - The general consensus was that canceling is the least risk and utilities will not allow their staff to travel.

	<u>Deposit Paid to date</u>
Essential Details	\$2983.86
Galt House	\$10,000.00
Lady Fingers Catering	\$150.00
Mohammed Ali Center	\$540.00
EXCEL Pipe and Drape	Nothing paid to date

AV	Nothing paid to date
Income	\$115,130.00

Additional discussion:

- Jeremy indirectly contacted the State Representative and Senator. He made contact with the Governor’s office and Mayor’s office; both would not give any guidance.
 - On March 9th, Lisa reached out to the Galt House via email and asked them about what their current position was relative to contracts given the current situation and also what they were doing staff-wise prepared for this. The response was -
 “As for cancellations/travel ban due to the corona virus, as of now, because we are not in a National State of Pandemic and Kentucky has not been impacted, the force majeure clause in your contract is still intact as well as all other terms and conditions within your contract. In order to maintain a good business relationship, we will continue to monitor the situation on a case by case basis and reassess if the level of National impacts changes.”
 - On Friday, March 13 the President of the United States issues a National State of Emergency. Kentucky previously had one in place.
 - Lisa reached out to our insurance company and an attorney in Lawrenceburg. The insurance company said they would review the claims on a case by case basis. The attorney reviewed our contract and replied via email on Friday, March 13th (prior to President issuing the National Emergency). “Events have substantially changed since we spoke yesterday. The federal court clerk in Lexington for the Eastern District of Kentucky and the Kentucky Supreme court have published responses to the COVID – 19 emergency and both essentially state that all court business is cancelled except for emergency matters. Additionally, as I’m sure you’ve seen local governments across the State are cancelling public hearings, meeting, etc. The Galt House provision force majeure clause applies here in my opinion. Kentucky says, “Such clauses are common in certain contracts to protect the parties in the event the contract or part of it cannot be performed due to causes which are outside the control of the party and could not be avoided by exercise of due care.” The State Court of appeals put emphasis on that language while quoting Black’s Law Dictionary in the unpublished case of Kentucky Natural Case vs. the City of Leitchfield.”
- Discussed potentially moving the conference to another month in 2020.
- Refunds can be granted for Booth sponsorship, Attendee and test fees. KWWOA will owe the pay pal transaction fee. Julie has 90 days within Pay pal to refund registrations and after that we will have to cut checks.

- State Awards Jeremy and Don – These will be distributed at the Chapter events.
- Lisa tried to reach out to Cheryl at the Galt House during our conference call but was unsuccessful. She left her a message. Lisa will update Don, Jeremy, and Darran after the call then decide how to proceed.
- Lisa will contact Large Sponsors and DCA.
- DCA postponing the water and wastewater renewal until the end of August without late fees for operators to earn continuing education hours
- Discussed which utilities had or had not prohibited work-related travel.
- Discussed online training.
- Possibly expanding the Western Chapter Conference to 18 hours. Darran will contact Kentucky Dam Village to see if an additional day can be added.
- Possibly expanding the Eastern Chapter Golf scramble from six to twelve hours. Tim will look into this.
- Awards will still be distributed. – Delete – combined above.

RFP's for 2022 – 2023 reducing the number of sleeping rooms, hours, exhibitors, etc.

No further business was discussed; the meeting was adjourned at 1:39 pm, EST.