



Dear POC Members,

As you are aware, the recent COVID-19 outbreak and most recent announcement of a global pandemic has created significant concern for public health and safety. The Canadian government is taking many steps to ensure we all help stop the spread of the virus and we continue to get ongoing updates as the situation unfolds.

As you know, this has led to many cancellations and closures by corporations, universities, schools, hospitals and plans for any large gatherings, sporting events, concerts, TV tapings and more, as well as restrictions on all non-essential travel.

This includes the National Association of Productivity and Organizing Professionals (NAPO) conference; it was announced that they have canceled their 2020 Conference which was to take place April 2-5 in Orlando, Florida.

As you can imagine, the outbreak has created some serious implications for us to gather for in-person meetings.

We extend support and sympathy to our members and their families who may have already been impacted by the virus.

At this time we ask that perhaps you refrain from holding your in-person monthly chapter meetings. Should you still wish to have a meeting, we invite you to use our POC Zoom account and have a virtual meeting.

At this time, planning for the POC Summit being held Nov 7-9, 2020 in Vancouver, BC is moving forward. POC will continue to monitor this evolving situation and will keep members apprised should it become evident the conference should be cancelled to ensure the health and wellbeing of our members, families, staff and colleagues.

The POC office remains open during business hours at this time. Our management company, AssociationsFirst, currently runs a majority of its staffing operations virtually and there is no expectation that management services will be disrupted. All inquiries can be directed to our executive director Meghan Howard, at mhoward@associationsfirst.com.

As we have seen, the impact of the COVID-19 on our country and the world is evolving rapidly.

As with many other organizations around the world, we want you to know that our primary concern is for the health and safety of our members and their families.

We thank you for your cooperation.

POC Board of Directors