March 11, 2020

Dear Members:

I received the following request for information this morning from a concerned member:

Just wanted to know if the board had some kind plan in place if this so called virus causes us to have to cancel the Installation meeting?

After consulting with the Executive Committee, the following conclusion has been reached regarding this request:

Although the corona virus is a concern in our Country at this time, the Mississippi Department of Health (MSDH) at the time this email was written has issued no warnings in Mississippi other than in North Mississippi due to a confirmed case in Shelby County, Tennessee. Further, I checked the MSDH website this morning and found the following alert:

COVID-19 in Mississippi and the U.S.

Cases of COVID-19 continue to be identified in U.S. states, and in some areas, person-to-person contact has been identified. This is a rapidly changing situation that is continually being monitored by the CDC and MSDH as more cases in the U.S. are expected.

The risk of infection to the general public in Mississippi remains low. To date, no cases in Mississippi have been identified, and all individuals tested for COVID-19 have had negative results.

Mississippi confirmed cases: 0

Individuals tested by the MSDH Public Health Laboratory: **20** as of March 10, 2020

With this in mind, whether or not a member attends the Annual Meeting this year due to concerns about the corona virus (or COVID-19) is their personal choice and the member(s) should please keep this in mind as Scrip Tickets are sent in registering for the Annual Meeting.

The Executive Committee will be working with the Annual Meeting Committee regarding the possibility of setting up stations with hand sanitizer at the Annual Meeting and possibly (if available) including small bottles of hand sanitizers in the conference bags.

If you have any questions or other concerns, please feel free to contact me or any of the other members of the Executive Committee and your questions and concerns will be addressed promptly

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Thank you -- your Executive Committee is looking forwarding to seeing you in Gulfport for the 2020 Annual Meeting set for April 24-26, 2020, "Rediscovering MSLPA."

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