



Dear square dance family,

We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the patience and grace you have offered over the last couple of months. This has given us the time we needed to pursue many possible strategies for the 2020 IAGSDC Convention, and to work with the many entities who have been involved in this year's event.

Take A Peak, the 2020 IAGSDC Convention, has been canceled.

We know this will come as a disappointment to many of you. We all cherish our annual family reunion so much that losing this chance to connect is a hard blow—especially during these socially distanced times when we're all craving community connections. As expressed in our previous communications, the health and safety of our attendees is our number one priority, and we are unable to assure dancers of a safe experience over the July 4th weekend.

We're sure you have many questions for us about what happens next. The next section of this email includes answers to many of those questions. Please be assured that we will continue to be in contact with you as we have more information to provide.

What will happen to my registration fee? As you might expect, hosting a convention requires expenditures prior to the event. *We're currently evaluating finances and options to recover these expenditures to refund as much of your fees as possible* (including registration, Fun Badge Tour, signature event, tours and Book of Mormon). We will be reaching out in a separate communication in the near future regarding the refund process and timeline.

What about my flights and hotel reservations? Your flights and room reservations were made directly with the airline and hotel, so any modifications or cancellations will have to go directly through them. The Hyatt Regency (host hotel) indicates that they will be canceling all reservations in the Take A Peak room block. If you do not receive a cancellation email by June 1st, please follow up with them directly. For those of you who had booked additional room nights at our overflow hotel, don't forget to confirm cancellation of your reservations at both locations. While they're both Hyatt properties, they are separate entities and cancellation at one will not cancel your reservation at the other.

I'm registered for GCA Callers School. What should I do? The 2020 GCA Callers School is also canceled. On May 12, GCA members may check the [GCA website](#) and their email for more details concerning registration for the Callers School, GCA calling spots at convention, and plans for the Annual General Meeting.

What's next? The Take A Peak planning committee will continue working on reviewing all aspects of the convention. There have been years of planning, so it will take some time for us to resolve all of the pieces (e.g., tours, diversity stipends, pre-ordered shirts, etc.). We will be sure to reach out again soon with more information and updates. In the meantime, feel free to reach out to us at takeapeak2020@gmail.com with any questions. That said, please be patient with us. Our committee has been working on this event since 2016 and, like many of you, we are devastated that this is the outcome of years of planning.

So... no Convention means nothing's happening over July 4th weekend, right? Nope! The planning committee is working on some creative ideas for connecting dancers virtually through fun and interactive events. We'll unveil our plans as they develop in the near future.

Thanks again for your understanding and we can't wait to be back with all of you on the dance floor!

Yellow Rocks,
Kelly Shortandqueer and Rick Schoenhals
Take A Peak Co-Chairs