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Hello friends,

The Take A Peak Convention and IAGSDC Board have been in close communication about the impact of COVID-19 on the status of the 37th Annual IAGSDC Convention, scheduled to take place in Denver over July 4th weekend this year. We are in unprecedented times when we're weighing the impact of a global pandemic on an event that has occurred annually, without exception. Take a Peak and the IAGSDC Board agree that we don't know enough yet to predict the effect of COVID-19 on activities scheduled for late June. By the end of April, we hope to make a joint decision whether to proceed, based on information available at that time.

Like many of you, we are craving information in this time of uncertainty. We are watching the growing list of event cancellations nationwide. We know that some of you are holding out hope that the convention will take place as planned and others of you think we should make the call to cancel right now. We appreciate all of the feedback we've received, and please know that we take every message as an expression of concern and shared love for square dancing.

We are keeping an eye on developments with COVID-19 and are also reviewing various contracts and financial commitments for the convention. Organizing an event as complex as Convention involves agreements with lots of companies and organizations (as many of you likely know from your own experiences with planning Conventions, fly-ins, or other square dance events). We want to make the best decision that prioritizes the health and safety of all of the dancers above all else, while working to honor the financial commitment that each one of our registrants has made to this event. Additionally, we are exploring what the Association needs to do to cover annual meeting requirements through the lens of safety.

We understand that some people may not be comfortable attending, even if the event takes place, and we will do our best to work with you regarding an updated cancellation policy. That said, please understand that we are unable to begin issuing refunds until we have a better grasp on the financial impact of COVID-19 on the event. We thank you in advance for your patience.

Thank you for your understanding and patience in these difficult times. We hope that you and all of your loved ones are safe and healthy.

- Take A Peak convention and IAGSDC Board