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Meeting News

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Dear William,

THE PA FEDERATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SEPTEMBER 23, 2020, IS CANCELLED

THE REGION II TRAINING ACADEMY, SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2020 IS POSTPONED

For All Pennsylvania NARFE Members:

The PA Federation Executive Board held a Zoom meeting Thursday June 25th, 2020, with Kathy Adams, Region II VP, attending. Two discussions and decisions were made regarding the PA Federation General Membership Meeting (GMM) and the Region II Training Academy in September.

Region II Training Academy: We had previously expressed our concerns to Kathy Adams regarding the health safety at Wyndham Gardens York facility and the meetings themselves. The Wyndham did respond with a good plan but still left opportunities for passing on a virus. Another concern was bringing members of five states together for the meeting and increasing risk. The major concern is most of us are in the 65+ seniors' group most susceptible to the virus. Coupled with emails from chapters cancelling their meetings and picnics and stipulating they will not be sending members to the September events, we recommended to Kathy that the Training Academy be postponed or cancelled. Kathy is going to contact the Wyndham for postponement or cancellation fees and see which option is the most feasible. Kathy will also meet with the remaining four states, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Washington D.C. for their input.

PA Federation General Membership Meeting: The same reasoning above led to the decision to cancel the even year GMM. We will attempt to make the odd year GMM more encompassing for members with speakers and

training. The vote was unanimous.

The coronavirus has us all wondering which direction it will go. We start to open our country and we get hit harder. Waiting to see what happens in September is not the way to go. It is not worth putting our members health at risk.

Please follow the guidelines and stay healthy and safe, and I hope we all get together soon. Wear those masks.

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