

August 11, 2020

Dear CALAFCO Membership:

As a follow up to our announcement last month that the 2020 in-person Annual Conference has been canceled due to the pandemic, we want to share an update on events and recent decisions made by the Board. We want to thank those of you who provided feedback as we requested – it was given great consideration during the thoughtful discussions and decision-making process.

No Virtual Conference Event

The Board unanimously decided not to hold a formal, virtual Conference event. After careful research, it was clear the use of a professional virtual event firm to support this model would likely create a financial loss for the Association. At a time when all of us are working to tighten up financials, we felt this was a responsible decision (along with a number of other reasons supporting this decision).

Other Virtual Options – Feedback will be Requested

The Board directed staff to get feedback from the membership on the interest level of attending stand-alone virtual sessions for several specific session topics as identified by the Conference Program Planning Team. The level of interest to attend a 90-minute session will determine whether CALAFCO will hold one or more of those sessions.

You are requested to take 1 minute and respond to the Survey Monkey request for feedback as to your interest level of attending any one or all of those sessions BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

The session topics are:

- *Tackling pension and OPEB obligations – how should agencies be handling them, including your LAFCo*
- *The “new normal” – recession outlooks and impacts*
- *LAFCo in a proactive role – working with agencies as a local government champion for solutions and rebuilding communities in crisis*

Board of Directors Elections

As you have been advised, elections will be conducted via email ballot. The Elections Committee will meet on October 22 to count the ballots and verify results. An email announcement will be made shortly thereafter. Please see all election information provided to you in letters dated June 19 and July 7, 2020. This information is also posted on the CALAFCO website.

Annual Achievement Awards

The Board unanimously approved taking a one-year hiatus of the Annual Achievement Awards this year. With the assistance of staff, the Awards Committee will use this time to review and revise the awards program. This includes looking at streamlining award categories, creating clear selection criteria for each category and revising the nomination process. The Committee’s recommendations will be brought before the full Board for consideration and adoption, then provided to the membership as adopted.

Given no awards this year, the 2021 awards will allow for consideration of work done in 2020 and 2021. This will be the only year this exception will be made.

Annual Business Meeting

No decision has been made yet on whether there will be an Annual Business Meeting. Our Association Bylaws and Policies do not require one, and CALAFCO is researching the law to determine if one is required as a 501(c)3. Watch for an announcement on an Annual Business Meeting coming soon. If one is to be held, it will be held virtually with stringent participation guidelines, and be scheduled for the same date and time the in-person one would have occurred – October 22 at 9:00 a.m.

Regional Roundtables

CALAFCO will host regional roundtables for each of the four regions, likely the same week the Conference would have occurred. Watch for announcements on that to come soon.

If you have questions, please let Executive Director Pamela Miller know. You can reach her at pmiller@calafco.org.

On behalf of the Board, we thank you for your unwavering leadership and the integrity you continue to demonstrate as local government leaders every day, and especially in difficult times such as these.

Yours sincerely,



Mike McGill
Chair of the Board



Pamela Miller
Executive Director

CC: CALAFCO Board of Directors