Update as of March 10

Plans are ON for Halifax 2020 COA Annual Meeting

The COA, CORS and CORA Annual Meeting is proceeding as planned in Halifax, Nova Scotia from June 3-6, 2020 at the Halifax Convention Centre. The COA leadership is closely monitoring the rapidly evolving situation related to Coronavirus (COVID-19). The health and safety of our members, meeting delegates, staff, and industry partners are the COA’s highest priority. The COA will provide regular updates on the COA web site and social media channels.

To date, the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) has assessed the public health risk associated with COVID-19 as low for Canada. Public health risk is continually reassessed as new information becomes available.

The COA is in constant communication with conference stakeholders including the Halifax Convention Centre (HCC) and our contracted hotels to ensure that safety preparedness efforts are implemented at the Annual Meeting. These include, but are not limited to:

- Enhanced cleaning and sanitation protocols of front and back of house areas
- Installation and availability of hand sanitizing options
- Signage with healthy hand washing guidelines
- No handshake policy
- Sanitary distribution of food and beverage services at COA events (boxed lunches, no self-serve buffets etc.)

Information for Registrants

1) The COA, CORS and CORA Annual Meeting current registration cancellation policy remains in effect. Click here to view.
2) If you have travelled to a destination with an existing travel health notice for COVID-19 within 14 days of the COA, CORS and CORA Annual Meeting dates, please contact the COA to allow us to formally review the situation and make recommendations accordingly.
3) We encourage all members and meeting delegates to refer to advice and advisories issued by the provincial and federal health authorities:
   - Nova Scotia Health Authority
   - Canadian Public Health Services

We will continue to keep COA members, stakeholders and participants of the 2020 Annual Meeting updated with any developments as they occur.

The COA remains committed and focused on hosting a safe, collaborative, educational, innovative, and stimulating Annual Meeting from June 3-6 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Registration is open and an exciting and enriching program is in place. We look forward to seeing you in Halifax.

If you have any questions, please contact CEO, Cynthia Vezina: cynthia@canorth.org

Thank you.

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