SIPES Convention Update March 24, 2020

As of 3-24-2020 the SIPES Convention is scheduled as planned 1–4 June, in Fredericksburg.

The Federal government, the State of Texas and the City of Fredericksburg, as of 3/24/2020, are recommending no gatherings beyond 10 people. Our convention is expecting a larger crowd.

Under current guidelines the Convention, if held right now, would have to be cancelled. But, no one knows what conditions will be by and on June 1 – the start-date of the convention. Taking an optimistic, yet cautious route of action is what we are planning.

Registration for the dedicated SIPES block of rooms at the convention hotel, the Fredericksburg Inn and Suites, has been extended through May 15, allowing for later bookings. The hotel has also altered their cancellation policy for SIPES and rooms may be cancelled, without penalty, up to the day before your planned check in. Please remember to make your reservations through the hotel directly (830-997-0202) and not a third party or even the hotel’s website. As of March 24 there are already 23 SIPES room registrations.

In the event that the convention is cancelled, funds received for Convention Registration, for the Convention side-trips and the Post-Convention Field Trip will be refunded.

If, after registering for the convention, you decide not to attend the convention these items, at your request, will be refunded.

SIPES will monitor the status of the COVID-19 virus and its associated travel and gathering restrictions. Thanks to the flexibility of the hotel, the final decision on the Convention can be made in the second half of May. With some luck, prayers and self-quarantining we remain hopeful that the break-out will be in its waning days before the convention.

Updates will be made to the Convention announcement as warranted by changing medical and legal conditions.

Stay healthy and we hope to see you in June!

Your SIPES Executive Committee,

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