

Dear CMSA Members,

We are disappointed to share that we are cancelling the 2021 CMSA Convention scheduled for May 11-16 at the Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort and Spa in Rancho Mirage, CA.

I know that this is sad news for our members, we have heard from many who were looking forward to the opportunity to gather with friends and colleagues. We have attempted to develop a solution for some time but realized that with the current status of the Pandemic and California and Riverside Country restrictions, we are not where we need to be to conduct a convention in May of 2021.

While we have been promoting the convention, we have not collected any registration money, but if you have made hotel or travel plans, we advise you to address them now. While a convention is extremely important to our Association, it pales in comparison to the health and safety of our membership and staff. The planning and promotion of our annual convention began in earnest this last fall. We were optimistic that time was on our side regarding an effective vaccine roll-out and cessation of the COVID-19 virus. Unfortunately, we are not as far down the road to an "all clear" as we would have hoped.

While the last 12 months have been challenging for our industry, the personal toll that individual members have faced has been even more difficult. We all look forward to the opportunity to gather as a community of members for local chapter meetings and events and CMSA Conventions. Thanks to efforts of members and staff CMSA continues to be a leading Association in the Moving and Storage industry. We continue, despite challenges to pull together, with the goal of improving the position of both the moving and storage industry and the customers we serve.

Stay well and be safe,

Steve Weitekamp President The California Moving and Storage Association