



# Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

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Compatriots of the Indiana SAR.

It is my belief as President that it is in the best interest of the members of our organization that we cancel the April 18, 2020 HOD Annual Meeting at this point in time due to the current guidance from the CDC, local and national health and government organizations. While this does bring me sadness, the fact remains that our annual meeting is intended to be a time of celebration, the presentation of awards, hearing from our youth, and voting on necessary business. With a majority of our membership in the designated high-risk category, and timelines of restrictions continuing to expand, I believe it best to make and communicate this decision now, rather than let it continue to linger. This will allow plans to change now, rather than last minute reactions. This cancellation was conducted in accordance with our state bylaws. Also, please note that our bylaws prohibit proxy, mail or electronic voting of HOD delegates.

This cancellation does not mean that we abandon our mission and responsibilities. Our state officers were elected to a 2-year term 2019-2021 and will continue in their duties. Until told otherwise, we will continue to plan for our National event at the George Rogers Clark Memorial in Vincennes on 5/30/20, we will plan to attend National Congress in Richmond, VA in July, and we will hold an Indiana HOD meeting in Vincennes on 8/1/20. This is in addition to all the impactful local and Color Guard events planned for when restrictions are lifted.

Our bylaws do allow necessary business to be conducted by our Executive Committee by electronic means that allow contemporaneous discussion with 10 days notice. I ask all committees and officers to proceed with submitting their reports to our Secretary now to include in his book of reports. I ask all officers and committees to review their past budget line items, their historical cost, and future cost projections and provide a recommendation to our Treasurer as soon as possible so that a recommendation can be made to the Executive Committee. If there is other business that cannot wait please communicate that to the President or other appropriate officer for consideration. Please send pictures and articles into our Editor for inclusion in our Hoosier Patriot newsletter

Our Vice-President and Awards Chairman will continue to process our state awards, and subject to the timeline of the National SAR offices resuming business, a determination will be made on how our awards are presented. We will work with the appropriate youth awards committees to complete judging of our state contest as appropriate and recognize our youth in a timely manner. This will likely be by some form of web/video judging of orations and photo judging of poster and brochure.

This is precisely the time to continue or start efforts of great importance to our society. Right now, you can follow-up with phone calls, video chats, or emails with your fellow Compatriots and prospective members, continue to build relationships and assist with needs. Many will be at home for an extended amount of time, now is the time especially for officers or committees to write down instructions or a guide for those that will follow them in their positions. Many museums and other institutions are providing additional resources, seek them out to educate yourself and make others aware of what is out there. Work on your own genealogy or offer to help someone else. Have yourself and others in your family or community video record their story for preservation. Label those photos you have laying around that will one day does not have names attached. The national SAR also updated their website over the weekend, now is the time to check all your local links and make sure they are updated. The SAR also has a great undertaking of transcribing our applications for use in the Patriot Research System. Indiana has made great strides, but we are behind the goals being set. This can all be done from home without physical contact with others. If you want to assist with the data entry contact Gary Green [garyogreen@gmail.com](mailto:garyogreen@gmail.com).

Bottom line, we will continue to act with the best interest of our members and adhere to the best guidelines given. Use this time to build relationships, look to find ways to continue our mission, recruit new members, retain the members we have, and improve our systems.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin L. Waldroup". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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