

Annual General (Virtual) Meeting

June 5, 2021

This email is to all Gyro Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers as well as Club Contacts where a club does not have officers designated.

As you may be aware, the Gyro International Convention to be held in Winnipeg was cancelled because of ongoing concerns about gathering safely in Canada and the unpredictability of the border opening in time. This is a disappointing situation for all of Gyro and especially the Winnipeg Convention Committee on the occasion of their club's 100th anniversary. We appreciate all the months of planning they undertook and thank them for their hard work.

The Gyro International Constitution requires that a Convention - Annual General Meeting (AGM) occur annually. As a result, a **Virtual Gyro AGM will be held on Saturday June 26, 2021**. The following information is to explain how your club can participate in the meeting either in person or through your Governor.

Notice and Registration

On or around May 28 you will receive an email from a company called GetQuorum (GQ). GQ will be assisting the Executive Council with preparing for and hosting the meeting. This assistance is to make the **First Ever Gyro Virtual AGM** as successful as possible and to assess the process to have a virtual component at AGMs in the future for those that cannot attend in person.

To receive the email from - **notices@getquorum.com** you should "whitelist" your computer to accept this email address, so it is not rejected or goes to junk mail. To do this please go to your **Mail Settings** and identify that this mail address is a **Safe Sender**. If you need help doing this myself or Peter Carter at petercarter@shaw.ca can help you. Alternatively, check your junk mail by May 31.

The email will include:

- Notice of the AGM with date and time. Currently it is on **June 26 starting at 8:00 PDT; 9:00 MDT; 10:00 CDT; 11:00 EDT and 12:00 ADT** and should run for less than 2 hours.
- Meeting material such as Agenda; Minutes of the 2019 AGM (there was no 2020 AGM); 2020-21 Year-End Financial Statement and Resolutions.
- Registration Tab
 - **First - Please consult with the other officer in your club** (President, Secretary or Secretary-Treasurer) that received this email and the GQ email to coordinate who will register to attend as a delegate. The preference is that each club have one delegate and others can be observers (see below)
 - **Note: Please do not click the Registration Tab if you personally do not plan to attend as your Club Delegate.**

If a Club does not wish to have a delegate attend the virtual AGM on June 26 or have another club have their votes, then your club votes are automatically proxied to the respective Governor (Not clicking on the Registration Tab in the Notice of the meeting will signal this).

Want a different club member to be the delegate for your club? This email and the proposed Notice are going to the President, Secretary or Secretary-Treasurer so please provide president@gyro.org with an alternate delegate name and email so a notice can be sent to him.

Want a different club to have your club votes? If your club does not intent to attend the AGM and you do not wish the Governor to vote on your behalf, then please forward a email proxy to the International Secretary-Treasurer at SecretaryTreasurer@gyro.org from your Club President to designate a club that will be attending.

Voting

Gyro Bylaws identify that a club is able to vote at a Convention AGM with 5 votes plus 1 vote for every major fraction of 10 members. For example, if a club has 27 members then it receives $5 + 3 = 8$ votes. Technically a club can send one delegate for each vote to an AGM but typically a single club delegate holds all the votes. As noted above your votes will automatically be proxied to your Governor if your club does not attend and your Club President has not provided a written proxy for another club.

Observers

If any other officer or other member of your club wishes to observe the AGM, please have them email president@gyro.org with their club name, name and email address by June 15 so they can be registered.

Format

The AGM will be on **Zoom** so a link to the meeting site will be sent to you when you register. If you have already been on a Zoom webinar then connecting will be a simple click on the link provided. If you have not been on Zoom before, then a **User Guide** will be supplied to assist you.

Documents will be displayed on the screen for each agenda item that is addressed by a speaker. To minimize distractions the Zoom screen will only contain the Executive Council. Club delegates, Governors, Presenters and Observers will be muted and not visible. The Chair will be assisted by GQ to identify those who post questions in writing on the site or raise their hand.

Voting during the meeting will involve an email being sent to Club Delegates and Governors signaling when and how to vote.

If you have any questions about the information above, please call me at 403-305-8573 or email me at president@gyro.org.

Yours in Gyro Friendship

Alan Pentney

Gyro International President