

Dear ACSC Presidents.

I hope each of you are staying safe and healthy. It appears that some clubs are dancing and having Christmas Parties. We do ask that you follow CDC guidelines plus guidelines set forth in your city and state. Our shag family has suffered greatly and in order to rebuild a healthy community everyone needs to follow rules at hand.

In reading your newsletters it appears that so many of our clubs are rolling 2020 dues to 2021. If your club can do this, I think it is a great idea, but some clubs just can't so please try to support your club in whatever decision is made. The ACSC Board has done just that, your dues for 2020 have rolled over to 2021. We have worked hard to trim the SOS budget. We will not be sending out reimbursement checks this year, as the purpose of the check, is to offset the expenses of mandatory meetings. We will keep you advised as the year progresses in 2021. This is just temporary as we recover from our losses in 2020.

Questions have been popping up about new officers, board members for your club and what are other clubs doing? I am including just a few ideas to stay in the forefront of your members. Our best tool, currently, is email and your telephone.

1. Keep the lines of communication open. Most of our clubs have committees so have each committee send out an update on a rotating basis. Start preparing your rebuilding now.
2. Many clubs have a Sunshine Committee. We all have members that we know many need a little help or to even check on. Recognize birthdays and anniversaries. The key is to stay in touch with your members. If this would be good for your club perhaps ask for volunteers to form this committee.
3. I know that many of the clubs are helping those less fortunate with coats, food drives and donations. These are all great community projects.
4. Let us all remember that support and caring starts at home, so let's make sure our sister clubs and our own club members are A-OK.

I do think that we all see light at the end of the tunnel, so let us start preparing on what our clubs need. This process could take some time so now is the time to make changes, etc. to what your club may need. I do know of a club that needed some by-law work, so they have been working hard during this time. I think we all realize that Covid-19 has completely changed the way we conduct business in regards to voting, selecting nominating committees, and other club related business that may need attention since we normally meet in person. It is wise to consider having your bylaws reflect how to handle situations that involve email, zoom and other tools used to communicate.

Please note that these are just ideas and suggestions. If you have found other ways to help your club and its members to overcome some of the obstacles of dealing with the virus, we would love to hear about them.

Merry Christmas,  
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