

# Message from the President [LPI (fka LSI)]

Dear LPI Members:

I hope this message finds you and your families well. It has been a very different fiscal year-end for LPI. The COVID-19 pandemic has turned normal life as we know it upside down. None of us could have imagined a year ago that we would be in the middle of one of the greatest global emergencies we have experienced to date. We have proven to be pandemic pioneers as we trailblaze a path to the new normal.



Our highest priority since the start of the pandemic has been the health and safety of our LPI members. Due to further COVID-19 restrictions regarding in person meetings, the Stockton Hilton has limited the total number of in-person conference attendees to 54. Unfortunately, this has affected the structure of our already modified Annual Conference on the weekend of August 21-23, 2020, in Stockton, California, at the Stockton Hilton hosted by Stockton-San Joaquin County LPA.

The Executive Committee (EC) has determined that postponing the Annual Conference, again, would not be in the best interest of LPI. We have business to conduct and the corporation must continue to move forward. The recent survey sent to all members has reflected the following results:

1. Were you planning to attend May Annual Conference in Sacramento before COVID happened? Yes: 57.21% No: 42.79%
2. Are you planning to attend Annual Conference in Stockton? Yes: 39.23% No: 60.77%
3. If you had the choice to attend August conference in person, or via Zoom, which would you prefer? Attend in Person: 42.93% Attend via Zoom: 57.07%
4. Are you planning to attend November Conference in Claremont? Yes: 37.91% No: 62.09%
5. If you had the choice to attend November conference in person, or via Zoom, which would you prefer? Attend in Person: 45.96% Attend via Zoom: 54.04%

Therefore, due to this emergency situation, we will move forward with a one-day modified Annual Conference Hybrid Meeting which will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2020, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at the Stockton Hilton in the Grand Ballroom. This hybrid meeting will be limited to a **total** of 54 in-person attendees (social distancing guidelines will be adhered to) and internet access using the Zoom videoconferencing platform for everyone else who would like to attend.

What does this mean and how will this affect attendance for our LPI members, non-members, officers and chairmen, governors, and delegates?

- Attendance in person (maximum total 54 in the meeting room): The EC has determined that local association governors and delegates will have priority to attend in person if they choose to do so. To assure representation is available to every association, one seat will be reserved for each local association until July 22, 2020, when registration will be opened on a first-come, first-served basis. All Executive Committee members will attend in person. LPI Registrars will attend in person. The only LPI officers and chairmen now called to this conference will be the Editor of *The Legal Secretary* magazine and the Scholarship Chair, as these chairmen will be presenting awards. You will be notified by the Stockton-San Joaquin County LPA Conference Registration Chair if we have reached the maximum in-person attendance, and you will be given the option to attend virtually.
- Virtual attendance: This is an opportunity for all LPI members who may not have been able to attend a conference in the past to see how LPI works. Although a virtual meeting will never take

the place of attending a conference in person, LPI members, non-members, officers, chairmen, local association governors and delegates who wish to attend via Zoom videoconference, are encouraged to do so. Please register accordingly.

- Linked below are the new forms for the Annual Conference Hybrid Meeting. Please specify whether you will be attending this meeting in person or virtually on the conference registration form.
  - [Conference Registration Form](#)
  - [Hotel Information](#)
- Special rules for holding a hybrid meeting for LPI Board of Governors and the Annual Conference Hybrid Meeting have been prepared by our LPI Parliamentarian, Kristi L. Edwards, CCLS, and will be sent to all members with the Official Notice. Some associations have already held their elections. [Linked hereto](#) is Kristi's letter to local association presidents, which will contain information regarding developing a meeting procedure that is best for each local association for the purpose of electing 2020-2021 officers and delegates to this Annual Conference Hybrid Meeting.
- Later this month, Jennifer L. Page, CCLS, LPI Executive Advisor, will provide all members with information regarding LPI nominations and elections.
- Structure for the Annual Conference Hybrid Meeting has been further modified to focus on business at hand within a limited time frame. Aside from the EC meeting on Friday, August 21, 2020, no other LPI committees will be meeting. No officers or chairmen will be verbally giving reports. All reports will be provided in the binder distributed by our LPI Administrator, Kim Oreno, one week prior to the meeting, and posted under the members only section of our website. There will be no Friday evening reception; no luncheons (with the exception of an optional boxed lunch provided by the hotel on Saturday - this is listed on the registration form); no Legal Specialization Section workshops or CEC educational program; no Saturday evening banquet; and, no Sunday brunch.
- 2020-2021 LPI Officers. There will be a short break for lunch. The afternoon General Session Part 2 will consist of the following awards given: Bulletin Awards; Scholarship Awards; Membership Gain Awards; Golda J. Cooper Chapter Achievement Awards; President's Award; Rising Star Award; and T.E.A.M. Above and Beyond Awards. We will have a very modified installation and the day will end with the POST-Board of Governors Meeting.

We ask that you continue to be patient with us during this unprecedented time. The EC is moving forward with what we feel is the best possible situation for all concerned, and your health and safety is of the utmost importance. In the weeks leading up to the Annual Conference Hybrid Meeting, we will advise you of any other changes or information as it pertains to this meeting.

Please stay safe and sound and we can't wait to see you in person or virtually at our Annual Conference Hybrid Meeting on Saturday, August 22, 2020. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. It is our privilege to serve.

Heather Edwards, LPI President

Lynne Prescott, CCLS, LPI Vice President and Marketing Coordinator

Rod Cardinale, Jr., LPI Executive Secretary

Donna Day, LPI Treasurer

Jennifer L. Page, CCLS, LPI Executive Advisor

Kristi L. Edwards, CCLS, LPI Parliamentarian