

April 20, 2020

Dear AKBLG member representatives, sponsors, and partners.

Certainly, you've all been busy managing this ever-changing current context that we find ourselves within. I hope that you have all found some reasons for optimism and new sources of agility to help weather this pandemic safely and productively. These are remarkable times!

The AKBLG Executive has been working to determine how best to pivot from our routine and add value to our membership. We have a few points to update you on at this time:

1. **AGM:** We have postponed our AGM until the autumn. This will include financial approvals and elections of the executive, and other tasks of our annual business meeting. Our AGM may be delivered virtually or physically, and may be associated with the autumn UBCM convention; we will wait for a little more clarity on how things unfold over the weeks to come before committing to these details.
2. **Resolutions:** We have decided to provide an opportunity for member representatives to engage on our resolutions via a simplified virtual engagement that will allow for member representatives to (a) voice their support, or not, for the resolutions presented, as well as (b) prioritise the most important resolutions to help focus our AKBLG advocacy efforts on your behalf. All resolutions submitted to AKBLG will go forward to UBCM.
3. **Financial update:** Our reserves allowed us to absorb the losses associated with cancelling our convention, and AKBLG remains in a comfortable financial position. Detailed reporting will be provided at our AGM.
4. **2021 Convention:** We are thrilled to be meeting in Radium Hot Springs April 23-25 next year (2021). Please save the date now!
5. **2020 Fall Workshop:** We have been planning a member workshop in the fall in Kaslo for October 8th, 2020, focused on Community Engagement. More details to come!

We all sincerely hope that our Kootenay and Boundary communities are feeling safe and as healthy as can be during these extraordinary times. The value of local governments for our communities is even more evident in times such as these.

Please take care and stay well--

Roly Russell, AKBLG President