February 1, 2021

Greetings Officers, Past Presidents, and Members,

We continue to be faced with the outcomes of the COVID Pandemic, but I hope that the potential for a return to some level of normalcy is on the horizon as our country has begun to receive the vaccinations to address this nasty virus. For so many of our auxiliary members as well as the MSFA the impact of the COVID – 19 has affected our organizations as well as our ability to gather as we are used to doing.

CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE

First and foremost the 129th Convention and Conference is NOT being cancelled. We will be keeping everyone up to date as we know the details in the planning process.

The three scenarios we are planning for are:

1. Ocean City Events as they were in 2019.
2. Ocean City Modified Events due to limited restrictions – A revised plan is being developed.
3. No Ocean City Events due to COVID -19 – Follow last year’s plan as virtual events.

Again LET us stress, at this time NO FINAL decision has been made and all of the membership should continue with making their personal convention plans. This information is in accordance with the joint letter from MSFA President Walker and I, which was shared to all members of the MSFA and LAMSFA.

I have been working with our LAMSFA Officers, as to how we will proceed with Spring Conference. Please find below ALL of the information that has been decided on behalf of the LAMSFA, and for the safety of ALL of our membership. The COVID -19 Pandemic has touched the lives of every member of the LAMSFA and MSFA in one way or another. On behalf of SR Vice President Wathen, JR Vice President Daughton, and myself we feel it is not in the best interest of the LAMSFA to host an in person SPRING conference this year. This decision was not made lightly by any means but we wanted to ensure the safety of our membership, as each of our members is our top priority. I understand that the vaccine is being pushed out, and at this time we are in stage 1C of the distribution plan as well as waiting for the Governor to begin lifting some of the restrictions. This by far was not the year any of us could have seen coming, but as your elected officers we continue to work for the organization in our elected positions. I am very proud of each one of them, and the way they have pulled together as a team to assist
in any way shows they are a true asset to this organization. We are all grateful for the Past Presidents who have also made recommendations as to moving us forward in the safest possible manor.

**The key items that we must address moving forward are as follow:**

**CONFERENCE MINUTES**

Recording Secretary Jean Main will be publishing minutes for the Spring Conference. Those minutes will consist of the Officers and Committee reports that will address their activities. These reports will need to be submitted Recording Secretary Jean Main via email on or before April 15, 2021. This shall include Audit, the Bessie Marshall Committee, and all financial record reports including those committees that have held raffles or fundraising events.

**NOMINATION OF OFFICERS**

Nominations of officers will be posted to the LAMSFA Web Page, as well as included in the Spring Conference minutes from Recording Secretary Jean Main, SR Vice President Wathen will assist Corresponding Secretary Joan Kramer in getting all nominations & letters of support from auxiliaries posted to the website when they are received.

**BY-LAWS**

By-Laws will be sent electronically to all Chairmen of Delegates, through the email chain, and will be posted to the LAMSFA Site by SR Vice President Wathen.

**WEBSITE UPDATES**

The Website and Email team with the assistance of MSFA Richard Snader to begin updating our website. SR Vice President Wathen will continue working with the team in training and updating the website to ensure current information is posted and readily available to the membership.

**2021 – 2022 COMMITTEES**

On Behalf of SR Vice President Becky Wathen, if anyone is interested in serving on her committees please complete the form in the February 1st mailing or you can find the form on the LAMSFA web page and mail to her directly.

**CREDENTIALS**

Credentials should be mailed to Recording Secretary Jean Main at 10620 Powell Road, Thurmont MD 21788
DUES

Dues for 2021 should be mailed to Financial Secretary Shari Steffen at 311 Brick Church Road, Davidsonville MD 21035.

VOTING

Voting for the 2021 Officers and proposed By-Law changes will be conducted electronically as they were last year. This allowed the LAMSFA to reach Auxiliaries who would normally be unable to attend the Convention regardless of the impact the COVID virus had on the decision made by the Convention Committee.

FURTHER UPDATES

We will continue to send emails as we learn more details about Convention and other information that needs to be shared with our member

Respectfully Submitted

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LAMSFA SR Vice President Becky Wathen
LAMSFA Malea Daughton