

Family Child Care Association

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Hi everyone,

March 21, 2020

I hope that you and your families are doing well. The board had a phone conference last night to determine what we should do for the remainder of this membership year.

Workshops:

Due to the unpredictability of our current reality and our desire to provide the safest learning environment for our members, we have decided to change all of the remaining workshops to webinars. We are working out the details with the instructors and will send an email invitations once they are solidified.

Social functions:

All events that require attendees to be present in person are canceled. That includes: CPR/FA, paint night, provider appreciation banquet. If you have already paid for paint night, your check will be destroyed or a refund will be issued.

We know many people need CPR/FA this spring. Based on feedback from our licensors, it sound like that those requirements are going on the back burner while emergency care is in place. Once public gatherings are a safe option and DEEC is returning to normal operations, we can consider making a different decision. For now, plan on attending CPR/FA in the fall instead.

20/21 Board Nominations

Nomination forms are normally mailed out, however we are trying to reduce the opportunities for transmission. The nomination form is attached to this email, here:

<https://forms.gle/6H2H9b1XowcWPJUe7>

We NEED volunteers/nominations for the following positions:

president, VP social functions, advertising/PR.

Positions can be held by 2 people simultaneously. If you and another member would like to hold a position together, please self nominate and when Ali calls you to confirm you can add that info to your response.

Please note: we are following the protocol set in the bylaws presented last week. That means is a board member would like to hold their position for the next year and they have held the position for less than 4 years, they can keep their position.

Currently there are two positions already filled:

Suzy Carvalho will remain referrals coordinator and Tina Costa will remain secretary.

The remaining board members would like to continue volunteering for FCCA.

Ali Barnes is self nominating for workshop coordinator,

Jill Morlock is self nominating for treasurer, and

Carmen Costa is self nominating for membership coordinator.

Preparing for the next membership year:

It is too early to make decisions about next year. However, we are aware that many providers are not working right now and coming up with funds for membership over the summer may be difficult. We are putting together a list of recommendations for next year's board that would help lighten the load. Those decisions will be made in June at the first board meeting with the incoming board members.

Additional Resources:

CORONAVIRUS / COVID-19 EEC Frequently Asked Questions

Note: UPDATED below highlights a Q&A that has updated information as of March 14, 2020

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/coronavirus-covid-19-eec-frequently-asked-questions>

Information for Child Care Providers

https://eeclead.force.com/apex/EEC_ChildCareEmergencyProviders

Exempt Emergency Child Care Programs

https://eeclead.force.com/apex/EEC_ChildCareEmergencyProcedure

Emergency Exempt Emergency Child Care Program (EECCP) Authorization Process

https://eeclead.force.com/resource/1584817342000/The_EECCP_Process

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Sincerely, The Family Child Care Association Board

Alison Barnes, President

Jill Morlock, Vice President Workshops

Carmen Costa, Treasurer

Suzanne Carvalho, Membership & Referrals Coordinator

Christina Costa, Secretary