

Hi All:

We had our monthly GCEA board meeting last night via Zoom. Here are the highlights:

1. Because of spiraling Covid numbers and reports of hospitals nearing capacity, we have determined that we will keep our happy hours and other social events on hold. As previously discussed, we will re-evaluate this at each meeting. Our hope is with vaccines coming, we will be able to resume events sometime in mid 2021.
2. We've done great so far with members renewing GCEA memberships. Thank you. However, we still have envelopes with cash. We would like to reiterate that we would like checks ONLY. A concern was raised about the box that is currently on Susanne Schramm's front step. If you pay cash and that box disappears or someone take cash out of the box, we will not be able to credit your membership. Susanne takes the box inside each night and has a Ring watching over it, but it would only take a minute to be gone, so please ONLY send checks. If you haven't renewed yet, don't forget that there is a \$5 discount if renewed by Dec 31. You can also mail checks to Susanne anytime. \$25 is the normal fee, but \$20 if paid by 12/31.
3. As mentioned in a previous e-mail, the board would like to contemplate a Bylaw change. The background is that the previous board was concerned about the future viability of the Gold Coast Association for fear that not enough people would volunteer. With that in mind, we would like to change the Bylaws to reflect that GCEA can exist with a board with as few as three members to a maximum of nine members. The language would look like this from Article V, Section I.

"The Board of Directors shall consist of three to nine directors elected at the annual general membership meeting."

One member suggested always having an odd number of board members to avoid any ties. Good thought, but Guido Minaya advises that the chair of the board generally does not vote, except to break ties. This would solve that issue no matter how any board is made up.

Since we are unable to hold our general membership meetings now because of COVID, all 2020 paid members are eligible to vote and will receive an e-mail that can be responded to with a simple Yes, No, or comment. All respondents will have 14 days to respond from the time the e-mail is sent.

The Board thanks you again for your support and we wish all our residents a very happy holiday season.