



# Parachute Industry Association

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Dear PIA Members,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones well in these uncertain times, and that the current COVID-19 situation can be contained and resolved in the coming months.

The Parachute Industry Association was scheduled to hold its second regular meeting in August 6 to 8, 2020. Unfortunately, given the current COVID situation, the PIA Executive Committee has decided to cancel the meeting.

As you are aware, there are significant restrictions to travel, lodging, and social interactions, in addition to the safety concerns associated with the pandemic. While we hope the situation will improve by August, it is impossible for us to know and decisions need to be made well in advance to accommodate your travel plans as well as the hotel logistical needs. We are unable to guarantee that we will be able to conduct the meeting in a manner that would be safe, productive, and worthwhile. As such, we have made the decision that the best course of action is to cancel the event.

Most of the work of PIA is done at the Committee level, and the Chairs of the Committees will continue their work throughout this period. We can expect that the day to day work of the organization will continue. PIA will make the necessary virtual resources available to your Committee Chairs so that we can continue to work on behalf of the industry.

At this time, we do not have any changes to the 2021 Symposium plans, although we are monitoring the situation and will keep you posted as the situation develops.

The Executive Committee, Committee Chairs, and PIA staff sincerely appreciate the work that you do for our organization and our industry, and we are always available to support you in any way we can. While we will miss seeing all of you in person this time around, I look forward to hanging out with all of you in Cincinnati during the 2021 Symposium.

Respectfully,

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