



# Parachute Industry Association

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Dear PIA Members,

Due to the uncertainty and concern surrounding COVID-19, the Parachute Industry Association has decided to postpone the 2021 PIA Symposium to August 2021. The Symposium events will now start Sunday, August 29 and will end on Friday, September 3. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Business Meeting for 2021 will take place between Friday, August 27 and Sunday, August 29. We anticipate co-locating with USPA for their regular events.

After careful consideration of health hazards and limitations on large gatherings, as well as extensive negotiations with all the parties involved, the Executive Committee authorized postponement of the Symposium event. The August date was chosen as it presented the best compromise between multiple factors, such as a reasonable expectation that the event will proceed in a normal and safe manner, hotel availability, and coordination with other industry events scheduled for the Summer of 2021.

We believe the Symposium offers tremendous value to the attendees. It provides unique learning opportunities for Skydivers, Riggers, Drop Zone Operators, and Military Personnel. While at the Symposium event, attendees get to explore the newest offerings and state-of-the-art technologies on display at the exhibit hall, and we get to form relationships with the members of our community that last well beyond our time at the Symposium.

We will make further announcements as time goes by regarding registration, hotel reservations, and any actions we are taking to comply with safety guidelines. Please stay tuned to our website and social media accounts for the latest updates, as well as future emails to this mailing list. A separate announcement will be forthcoming concerning the scheduling of the 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Business Meeting for 2021.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Cincinnati!

Respectfully,

Roberto Montañez  
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