

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Montana Meat Processor Association Members,

The board of the MMPA is truly sad our convention will not happen this year. We've been able to move it to next year, keeping it in Kalispell at the Hilton Garden Inn. Dates that need to be noted for this next year are April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 through May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. We are planning to keep the same agenda as things work out.

We are asking all our members to pay their annual membership dues. To do so please go online to [www.mtmmpa.com](http://www.mtmmpa.com) and go to member registration. We would like to do all registration online from now on. As our membership grows it will be way more time efficient and organized. We have extended the deadline until June 1<sup>st</sup>. However, if you have already paid for your membership and for the show, we will reimburse you the difference of the show registration. A check will be sent to you. If you had a reservation booked at the Hilton, it has been canceled so you wouldn't be charged. They now have us reschedule for next year so feel free to rebook. Again, the hotel has been great to work with and we really hope you book with them. The cost to the MMPA is very important, you book with them is a great way to start with supporting the MMPA each year. There is a significant difference in price directly related to the number of rooms booked. Hilton Garden Inn Kalispell 1-406-756-4500 code MTMEAT.

This year some of the board positions would have termed out. As a board we feel it best just to have the existing board members serve one more year. We will reelect new officers at convention in 2021. Our web page will be updated with the new show dates soon as well as the newsletter. Moving forward if there is something you think needs to be in newsletter please send it to [janellvp007@outlook.com](mailto:janellvp007@outlook.com) using a pdf file. No later then the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. You can call her as well 406-871-7483.

Newsletter will be published the **Last Monday** of the following months

- 1.) Start Preconvention **February** after board meeting and all convention registration should be done.
  - 2.) Spring Post convention **May** 2020
  - 3.) Fall **September** 2020 after board meeting
  - 4.) Winter **November** 2020
- (please note this spring 2020 dates are being adjusted with rest of year being on track.)

We truly hope everyone, and their families are doing well and are healthy!

Sincerely,

Montana Meat Processors Association Board of Directors