



Dear NLA Member:

As the Nation, businesses and the American public continue to learn more about the impacts of novel coronavirus (COVID-19), please know that your health, welfare, safety – and that of our staff and instructors – are the #1 concern for Northwestern Lumber Association.

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to affect people throughout the world with information about the virus and its impact changing daily. The situation continues to progress and is certainly fluid. NLA continues to pay close attention to statements from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO), in addition to government announcements concerning travel and group meetings. We are fully aware of the World Health Organization's notice of a global pandemic and have listened fully to the statements made by our Federal Government officials.

In the coming weeks and months, Northwestern Lumber Association has numerous LumberTech classes and seminars planned as well as a series of upcoming special events and other meetings booked.

As such, we would like to share with you our current plans. They are as follows:

LumberTech Classes

All LumberTech Classes including Estimating 123 - Des Moines, Yard & Delivery Workshop – Lincoln, Yard Safety/OSHA – St. Cloud, Project Management – St. Cloud, Estimating 123- Waukesha, Estimating 123 – Eagan (and) Advanced Financial Management – Minnesota have been POSTPONED.

At the direction of NLA leadership as well as at the request of many of our host facilities, the Association has elected to make a decision to postpone now so that our members and our staff can make appropriate plans. Likewise, many companies have already started employing non-essential travel bans on staff thus removing many attendees already from each program.

In the end, the Association felt it was unfair to “sit and wait” while things progress and felt it was important to make a decision for the members that was clear and in the best interest of everyone. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and we are sincerely sorry that those registered will not be able to participate in the training but our member's and facilitator's health and wellness is our #1 concern at this time.

A member of the NLA team will be in contact with those who have registered to discuss this decision and provide information regarding refunds and future plans.

Note: NLA can not make any guarantees as to the potential of hosting the above noted classes at this time however, should circumstances, schedules and business allow for it, NLA will do what it can to reschedule these programs soon.

Special Events

Including Minnesota Grapes & Grains, Nebraska Golf Outing (and) Iowa Golf Outing.

At this time, NLA intends to hold these events as planned.

These events are scheduled for late-May and early-June 2020.

Given the fact that these events are over 75 days away, NLA certainly hopes – as all are – that the threat of the virus is gone by the time these events are scheduled to take place. With this as the goal, NLA will continue planning efforts and encourages all members to register to attend these events.

Business Operations

Northwestern Lumber Association will remain open for business however in accordance with the recommendations of state and federal agencies, staff will be allowed to work remotely from their home office. Like many, NLA has remote work capabilities which will allow NLA and its staff to continue its operations including answering member phone calls, responding to emails, etc. from just about anywhere. The only major disruption that the Association and our members will see is the removal of our field team from the road. At the direction of leadership and in being consistent with similar businesses, NLA will be banning all non-essential travel through April 15, 2020.

Once again, NLA will continue to monitor announcements from health and government officials and will make decisions regarding NLA's business operations with our members and our staff in mind.

In closing and during this time of global uncertainty, Northwestern Lumber Association would like to assure all of its members and partners that the association will forever keep the business, health and safety interests of our membership, your employees, our partners and instructors and the NLA staff at the forefront of our decisions. We thank you for your support and wish you health and safety during this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cody Nuernberg', written in a cursive style.

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