

September 13, 2022

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING A 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Once again, in the interest of protecting the Health & Safety of our Members, the SSPO Board has decided to err on the side of caution and not schedule an Annual Membership Meeting for 2022.

Public Health agencies expect COVID-19 and influenza cases to rise again this fall and winter. The virus has now evolved into two new highly transmissible variants. The Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 variants now account for 97% of all Covid 19 infections. Both have developed the ability to transmit and spread much easier and faster than last years Delta Variant. Large numbers of people gathered in indoor settings are expected to be even more vulnerable to transmission and infection. Particularly the elderly and persons aged 65 and over who face a higher risk at being hospitalized.

***In lieu of the membership meeting, a detailed 2021/2022 annual report including Financial Statements, Pension Status/Solvency/Windup, PAC activities, PDFT activities, and the annual ELHT report will be included in the Annual Newsletter to be mailed to members in late October. A mail-in ballot will also be included, complete with a postage prepaid envelope for return of your marked ballot.***

The 2023 Annual Membership fee will remain at \$30 and is due on December 31, 2022. A Membership Renewal Form will be included in the Newsletter and may be submitted with your mail-in ballot.

The Board thanks you for your continuing patience in this matter. Hopefully, come 2023 conditions will allow for a resumption of the SSPO Annual October AGM.

Thank you

SSPO Board of Directors

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