

DACNA XXVIII (28) – Report to Our Membership – January 20, 2021

Dear Family:

DACNA 28 was postponed in 2020 as COVID-19 spread to every corner of the world. It has left in its wake new ways of communicating as physical restrictions limited our ability to congregate. Valiant efforts with several vaccines have started to return us to normalcy, but rollouts are slow due to constraints on production and distribution. The Marriott staff has been keeping us apprised of the COVID restrictions. As of today, no event can be physically held for more than 50 people. They do not see that changing in the coming weeks.

Our convention is less than three months away – 72 days to be exact. As the DACNA committee and its leadership have been monitoring the situation, we notified all Areas that we would be discussing how best to proceed at our regular monthly meeting held last Saturday, January 16th. The committee and other interested members met for two and a half hours and the following measures to move forward were voted on.

- 1. DACNA 28 will be held on a Zoom Virtual Platform instead of physically meeting at the Detroit Renaissance Marriott. Marriott registration staff will cancel all room/suite reservations as a convenience to our members.**
- 2. Our convention will be staged over two days – Friday (April 2nd) and Saturday (April 3rd). Complete program details will follow in the next several weeks.**
- 3. Registration packets normally distributed at the hotel site to paid members will be mailed or delivered by other safe methods. Per the registration flyer there will be no refunds.**
- 4. Options for members who purchased banquet and comedy show tickets are as follows - a) rollover DACNA 28 banquet/comedy show registrations to DACNA 29, or b) be refunded upon request.**
- 5. Area Newcomer packages will be rolled over to DACNA 29 in 2022. New packets will be distributed as DACNA 29 nears.**

6. DACNA 28 will close its books following Virtual Convention and a final report issued as per our guidelines.

Going virtual for DACNA 28 opens exciting new ways to carry our message and celebrate recovery. This includes –

- **Speaker Rooms**
- **Workshop Rooms**
- **Virtual Karaoke**
- **24-hour Virtual Marathon Room**
- **Live virtual Comedy Show**

PLEASE continue to support DACNA. This is OUR convention. Here are several new fundraising events to keep the excitement going -

January 23rd is our next Speaker Jam. The event will be held on the Zoom platform. It starts at 2PM and runs until 9PM. Speakers will be changing each half-hour. The MAIN SPEAKER will start at 8PM. The Speaker Jam ID is 979 1688 0384 and Password is DACNA28.

<https://zoom.us/j/97916880384?pwd=QOZFLOxsUFJGcTBhYVZnNUtRaWNwQT09&from=addon>

For a \$10 donation through CashApp (\$DacnaLTD) you will receive an Audio Recording of the entire event. Please make sure you put your email address in the notes area when you make the donation.

February 6th is our last Speaker Jam for DACNA 28. The event will be held on the Zoom platform. It starts at 2PM and runs until 9PM. Speakers will be changing each half-hour. The MAIN SPEAKER will start at 8PM. The Speaker Jam ID is 987 9271 8213 and Password is DACNA28.

<https://zoom.us/j/98792718213?pwd=YWJpNXZxQ1VLcVUrUEIwa2RKWFVvQT09&from=addon>

Our Speaker Jam for March 13th is cancelled.

DACNA 28 planning meetings are held the third Saturday of each month. The next meeting is Saturday February 20th, 2021. The meeting will be held on the Zoom platform. The Meeting ID is 920.3363.8908 and Password is DACNA28.

<https://zoom.us/j/92033638908?pwd=VGJQZUN1Y3NEMFJGT04yR2dFZzNQZz09&from=addon>

The meeting starts at 11AM. We encourage everyone to attend our meetings. We can use the help planning the convention AND you can access more detailed information than time allows for an Area Report.

In Loving Service – Gary W. (Chair) and Tami H. (Vice Chair)