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Dear ITPA Members, Friends and Industry Partners:

We hope that you are all weathering the COVID-19 storm and will continue to do so, personally and professionally. Telecommunication professionals are critical to this time and servicing their clients, communities, and employees. ITPA is proud to support those efforts.

For 100 years, ITPA has brought telecommunications professionals together as a top supporter for the communities we work in and live in. The National Assembly is a wonderful moment for all of us to share our community success's and stories of how we continue to give back, it's a celebration of the year's experiences and a moment to honor the folks that have dedicated their time. For many, a reunion of family and friends.

It is with great sadness that we must announce the cancellation of the 30th Annual ITPA Assembly Scheduled for May 29 – 31st, 2020, in Portland, Maine. This decision was not made lightly. The Board of Directors considered many factors, including the declaration of states of emergency on both the national and state levels; the closure of the US Border; the various directives issued by the State of Maine, including an indefinite ban on gatherings of more than ten people and shelter-in-place order; and the decision to postpone the Summer Olympics.

In addition, the Board realizes that many business's and agencies – including in our host city– are experiencing COVID- related staffing shortages and need to have all personnel available to maintain the high levels of service their communities and clients expect and deserve. Finally, they understand and respect that everyone has someone in their lives who is more susceptible than others, and protecting the vulnerable is a core value of the intention of this decision.

Although there will be no ITPA Assembly in 2020, we remain committed to working through the expectations of the board and the members we serve. As the spread of disease slows and restrictions are lifted, we look forward to 2021 and having the Assembly in Maine at that time. The ITPA Board will remain the same until we are able to meet in 2021.

Those who have registered for the 2020 ITPA Assembly as an attendee or exhibitor/ sponsor, or are scheduled to present at it, will receive and email with additional information as we move forward with this decision.

There is a lot of information explaining the policies for refunds regarding the bookings that have been made. We will try our best to work with the individuals who have already booked travel arrangements to make sure that the money already invested is not left unaddressed, but please make efforts to reach out on your own to help facilitate this process. Please feel free to call the ITPA National Office with any questions regarding the arrangements, and please understand that we are also working through uncharted territory as we all weather this storm.

We look forward to seeing you in the near future...more information to follow as it comes available!

Best regards,

Gregg Klatsky
1st Vice President ITP

Region Realignments

As things continue to change in our Association, those changes must reflect our ITPA Board. It was decided by the current Region Vice Presidents and voted on by the Board of Directors, that the disbandment of clubs and chapters throughout the Nation have made it necessary to condense the ITPA Regions once again. In doing so, we will eliminate Region 5, whose RVP Morrie Sachsenmaier was ready to retire from that position. Please see the chart below for the realignment. Be sure that RVP's are always ready and willing to work with you on all of your member, Club and Chapter needs.

2020-2021 ITPA Regional Vice Presidents

States & Contact Information

Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4
New England States including NJ, PA	North Central States and Western	Southeast States/ excluding Florida	Midwest States and Florida
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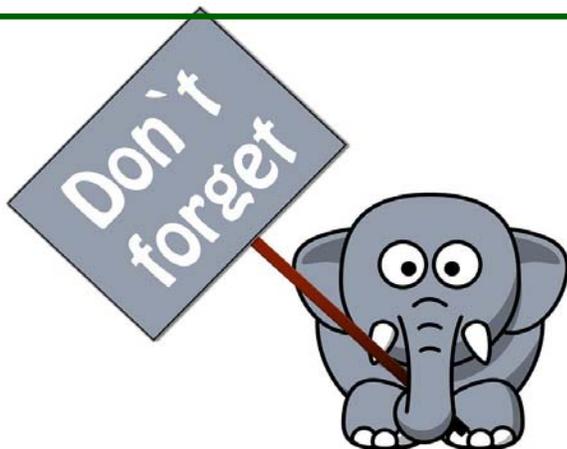
Museum News

On Super Museum Sunday, I had the pleasure of meeting, **Jessica Barnett**, a free-lance writer/photographer who is currently studying at Georgia Southern University. Jessica interviewed me during the event and wrote a nice article about the museum. She shared her story on Facebook, but I know many of you may not see it on FB. Please take a moment to read her story. There are two links on her website for the museum. One is the story and the other includes pictures with captions. I plan to ask Jessica to write an article about our 100th Celebration, so feel free to leave a nice comment and mention you are on the ITPA Board. <https://jnbarnett2.wixsite.com/jessicabarnettmedia>

Alissa Moss

Executive Director

ITPA National Office and Museum



Dues are Due

Dues were due on April 1st, but it isn't too late to get them paid. Help us save on mailing costs by submitting your dues today. The fastest way is online <https://www.nationalitpa.com/pay-dues>

or by mail:

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100 years Anniversary



Plans are being made for the 100 years Anniversary of ITPA to be celebrated during the 2020 Fall Board of Directors meeting at the National Office and Museum in Hinesville GA. The celebration is scheduled for Friday November 6, 2020. More information will be forthcoming in future editions

Of course, these plans are contingent upon National and State guidelines for Covid-19 that are in affect at that time.

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