

Facilities Chair Report General Board Meeting April 4th, 2020

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1. Thank you to Larry for carrying the load of dealing with the Hyatt as I fell to my knees as the schools closed and this crisis hit. We all had things to deal with but Larry stepped up and promptly and efficiently handled cancelling everything. Of course, that was after he had already set up a huge 40 person Zoom meeting in the Gallery for March 28th which I think would have been super cool to see on the big screen. But that was cancelled too...
2. A big shout out to the Hyatt for honouring our contract that allows us to cancel everything – rooms, meals, meetings – with no penalty. These must be hard times for them as well.
3. Looking back at this year's Convention, overall things went very smoothly from a Facilities perspective with no major issues or concerns. Both the Telus and the Hyatt were very efficient and supportive with most people being able to get into the sessions that they wanted both on and offsite.
4. Quick note of recognition for our Francophone board who were able to get their Locale banner put up this year!
5. One thing that I had looked into for clarification was regarding Fire regulations re: sitting on the floor – if room is at capacity then standing is an issue – call security to ask people to leave if this becomes an issue – Otherwise, standing at the back of the room for keynotes or if there are empty chairs, not an issue. This was the same for the Hyatt and Telus Convention Center.
6. As I walked around and checked out sessions, I noticed that there were no "Full Signs" for the Hyatt Imperial rooms especially the ones down at the end of the hall – Imperial 4-9. I will make a note to ask Lori to print them off for us for next year.
7. Board meetings and Convention facilities are all booked for next year.
8. Future dates for 2020 Full Board Meetings with Executive Meetings the day before – May 9th and September 26th