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To: FGG Board of Directors <board@gaygames.net>



**Dear FGG Assembly Member,**

I hope this message finds you safe and well. I am reaching out to see how you are doing in this very unusual climate in which we find ourselves. Here in the UK we are allowed to leave home only for work (if we are classified as key workers i.e., health and care services, distribution, volunteers etc), to take exercise, do shopping and for medical reasons.

FGG is always willing to help in any way we can to aid our communities through challenging times. There may be limitations to what we can offer but we can use social media, outreach and membership groups to help our communities stay connected during isolation. So don't be shy about vocalizing your ideas of how we can help! We'd love to share your stories of what you are doing with your groups and communities in our May issue of Participate so please send us any content you'd like included.

I am also writing to give you an update on the upcoming AGA in London in October, and solicit your feedback and opinions on how we might run this due to Covid-19 affecting such large, in-person meetings.

As noted, the AGA is planned for London in early October. I'd like to know how comfortable you feel about traveling for it either in October or another time? For instance, I know that colleagues in Australia are unable to travel until the end of October. We are also aware that many of our members have been adversely affected financially because of Covid-19's impact on the global economy.

Our Bylaws require us to hold an AGA in 2020 (or soon after) in order to vote on the Annual Report, on any motions put to the Assembly and to fill any vacant Board positions by election. Additionally, the London 2020 AGA is the first of the Site Selection AGAs at which the Gay Games 2026 Bidding Cities present (we are anticipating a good number this year).

We have a range of options ahead of us:

- Virtual AGA: Live stream the AGA using a virtual conferencing service
- Hybrid in person / virtual AGA: Host a scaled down AGA for those who can attend in person and include live stream for all others
- Postpone the AGA: Defer until later in the year or even until January 2021. This would give more time to the Bidding Cities to formulate their Bid Books, some of whom are struggling to get their teams together to do this

***There may well be other alternatives and if you have any suggestions, I would be really interested to hear them!***

***Please reply back to [AGA2020@gaygames.net](mailto:AGA2020@gaygames.net) with your preferences on the above or thoughts on alternative ideas.***

I wish you and your friends and family all the best in these extraordinary times.

With warmest wishes for your health and your safety,

Viv Woodcock-Downey  
Vice President of Operations



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