

Message from MAR President Diane Beck

March 16, 2020

The leadership of MAR want our members to know that we take seriously the health, safety and welfare of all our members and staff. While there are a number of unknowns today regarding the COVID-19, one thing we do know is that providing social distance can help slow the spread of the virus. Governor Steve Bullock has closed K-12 schools for the next two weeks and encouraged limiting gatherings to no more than 50 people. This afternoon the MAR Executive Committee met to discuss options for the two events MAR has planned in the coming weeks, GRI and our Spring Business Meetings.

It was the decision of the Executive Committee to cancel GRI for 2020. Staff is already working with the hotel in Butte and each of the instructors to reschedule GRI for March 2021. MAR will refund the registration fees to all 200 people that had registered for GRI. We will also make refunds to all sponsors and businesses that had planned to participate in the tradeshow. More information will be forthcoming so please watch your email.

The Executive Committee also decided to cancel the Spring Business Meetings scheduled for later in April. Staff will be working with the respective Committee chairs to schedule committee Zoom calls over the next several weeks so the work of the association can continue. A possible in-person meeting of the Board of Directors may be considered at a date later this spring when we have a better idea of how things may be playing out, otherwise a Zoom call will also be scheduled for the Board of Directors. A schedule of all planned committee Zoom calls will be posted on the MAR website, MontanaREALTORS.org, so that all members can be aware of the meetings. Any member wishing to listen in to a committee meeting should watch the website for the dates of the calls and then contact MAR staff at (406) 443-4032 to get the call-in information for the specific committee meeting they are interested in.

These are challenging times we are all facing, however with your patience, understanding and cooperation we will be able to continue to manage our association in a manner that best serves our members.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane Beck". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Diane Beck
President