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Hello SGMP Louisiana members and friends!

I hope you are all well and warm. After the recent ice storms, I am skeptical to say spring has sprung. We are still having cool spells during the morning hours. I did see on the news recently that the highs for the Baton Rouge area will not sink below 70 degrees again until November. Think about that for a minute. Snowball stand here I come!

Our chapter board has decided to continue virtual delivery of our education content through June 2021. Participation numbers for the in-person event we had planned in January were low, while virtual registration remains high. We hope that we will be able to return to in-person delivery of our content early in the new board's term (summer/fall 2021).

National is communicating updates weekly concerning NEC 2021 and National elections. I encourage you each to open their communications and read them. Critical timelines have been recently shared. We will do our best to capture them in this month's newsletter, but I also encourage you to keep abreast of the communications coming directly to your inbox from National.

I look forward to connecting with you virtually next week during our education program. Be sure to logon at 11:30 a.m. to network and connect with our membership prior to the training beginning.

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