

PMPA's Annual Meeting Pivot

The schedule for PMPA's Annual Meeting in Ridgedale, Missouri from October 22-25 was scrapped and revamped to address the issues our members are facing in today's COVID-19 world.



PMPA's Annual Meeting has always been filled with informational speakers, and this year the information delivered will be so fresh that the session descriptions need to be vague. The PMPA Executive Committee and PMPA's Renee Merker scratched the planned speaker line-up and topics and redesigned the meeting to ensure that the attendees at the Annual Meeting are up-to-date on what is going on with the new and unforeseen challenges our members are facing.

The scheduled sessions include the lessons learned and how the government has changed since COVID-19, top ten issues employers are facing in today's new working environment, an election 2020 update, industry trends and markets going forward as well as how to be a survivor with regards to finances in a COVID-19 world. The annual PAC Reception will be held during which funds are raised to support the precision machining's voice in Washington, D.C. — which is more important now more than ever. The meeting will end with its Awards Banquet where we get the chance to celebrate the accomplishments of the year and enjoy each other's company.

The location of the Annual Meeting was not changed — the remote location of Big Cedar Lodge in Ridgedale, Missouri serves as an ideal venue during a time when distance is sought. The drive from home or from the airport will be spectacular as the meeting is held in October which is the peak time for fall colors. A welcome sight for isolated eyes.

Kudos to the PMPA Executive Committee and Renee Merker for recognizing the current situation's needs and their willingness to change a planned schedule to provide critical information during a time when the only constant is change. I believe the new theme for the Annual Meeting says it all: re-group, re-focus and re-connect. PMPA



Big Cedar Lodge in Ridgedale, Missouri.



The Conference Center at Big Cedar Lodge.



Big Cedar Lodge in the fall.

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