Re: SSDN 2022 Annual Meeting COVID Precautions and Guidelines Meeting Dates: May 2 - 4th in Savannah, GA

Hello SSDN members,

After hosting virtual annual meetings for the past two years, the SSDN team is looking forward to seeing you at our face-to-face meeting taking place in Savannah, GA!

Given the uncertainties of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, including the spread of the delta variant, SSDN remains committed to prioritizing the safety of our members, our team and the communities we serve.

We will be closely monitoring recommendations and mandates from local health officials as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as we plan for the 2022 Annual Meeting. Though we are planning to host most, if not all of our activities outdoors, safety will be our first priority! Specifically, peer learning sessions will be outside in small groups, our group dinner will be outdoors, all group transportation will be in open air trolleys, and we will minimize time spent in large groups indoors in every way possible. In the case of rain, our plan is to move indoors to our event space at the Brice Hotel, with doors and windows open and all attendees masked while also social distancing.

Please review our 2022 SSDN Annual Meeting COVID protocols below. If recommendations and mandates change, we will adjust our protocols accordingly.

- All meeting attendees must provide SSDN either their proof of vaccination or a
 negative COVID test within two days of arrival in Savannah, GA. Proof of vaccinations
 and/or negative test results need to be emailed to SSDN's Coordinator, Riyza Jose
 Morales (riyza@southeastsdn.org).
- Face masks will be worn when meeting indoors and when within close proximity to other members during all other activities. All group transportation will be open air, but we will still require members to wear their masks while seated.
- All members will have their **temperature checked** at the start of each meeting day by an SSDN staff member.
- Members will be asked to use cautious judgment! If you are not feeling well, please remain in your room and notify SSDN's Coordinator, Riyza Jose Morales by text to (813) 335-4862. Riyza will immediately provide members with a rapid test to take in their room by leaving it at their door and notifying the member when they can pick it up.
- SSDN staff will provide hand sanitizer at all events and encourage you to use it.

Savannah Hospitals and Urgent Care Locations and State & Local COVID Protocols:

- <u>Urgent Care Historic Savannah</u>
- City of Savannah COVID Information
- CDC Guidelines

A safe face-to-face annual meeting is the only way we will ensure that everyone feels comfortable gathering in person, so we encourage all our members to respect the above protocols.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone,

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