

March 18, 2020

Cancellation of STEP Canada Branch and Chapter Events March 18 through June 2020

The STEP Canada executive committee met on March 17, 2020 to discuss the COVID-19 crisis and its impact on the activities of STEP Canada and its branches and chapters. The health, safety and wellbeing of our volunteers, members, event delegates, sponsors, employees and their families is of utmost concern to STEP Canada.

STEP Canada's executive committee has determined it is in the best interest of STEP Canada to cancel all STEP events from now until the end of June 2020. This includes every event, seminar, meeting where more than one person is required to be in the same room to conduct any STEP related activity. This decision was not taken lightly and is supported by the board of directors.

Our speakers and delegates can focus on their personal and professional strategies to safely navigate the COVID-19 outbreak.

Refunds to delegates and applicable sponsors for fees paid to STEP Canada will be processed in the coming days and as quickly as staff resources allow. There is no need for delegates or applicable sponsors to contact the STEP office at this point, unless of course you have any questions or concerns.

The executive committee will continue to meet frequently to determine the fate of the 2020 national conference scheduled for June 11-12. Today's announcement of branch and chapter event cancellation does not include the conference. A separate statement from STEP Canada will be issued shortly to provide members, delegates, speakers and sponsors with our current strategy and offer clarity about delegate and sponsors cancellations.

We appreciate that this is a worrying time for everyone.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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