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Subject: Update on the SouthPole-sium v.5 to those who have already registered
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Dear SouthPole-*sium* v.5 Registrant,

At the moment we have a total of 13 persons who have registered for the upcoming SouthPole-*sium* in San Francisco. Your names appear below and also on the website at <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering5-registered.htm>

Several other people have expressed interest in attending but have not actually sent in a Registration form (available at <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering5-registration%20form.pdf>)

Our Committee (Joan Boothe, Rick Dehmel, David Hirzel, Michael Rosove and myself) decided some weeks ago that we would probably cancel the gathering if we didn't have 40 or more registrants by May first. We are meeting weekly via Zoom and have decided that we will make the final decision at our scheduled Zoom meeting on Wednesday, May 4th. We'll e-mail you and others after that meeting to announce our decision.

This is a disappointedly small number and our Committee ascribes it to a combination of factors: 1) lingering concern over Covid; 2) the sad situation in the Ukraine; and 3) the substantial travel and accommodation expense facing many previous attendees, particularly those in Europe and Australia & New Zealand.

We are toying with the idea of proceeding but with what can be best described as a "mini gathering," i.e. proceed but with a substantially lower number of attendees than in the past. That final number could be around 20 or so. The dates, agenda and venues would remain the same. On the plus side a smaller attendance would allow more personal interaction and informality. What do you think of this idea? Would it adversely affect your decision to still attend?

We now have information on the website about accommodation. We have secured a block of rooms at the University Club which is a superb and well-located (Nob Hill wiith a cable car out front) facility and which is also the venue for our Banquet on Friday night. There are details on the website about costs and how one goes about making a reservation which can be cancelled up to a certain date.

If you have any concerns or observation, please send me an e-mail.

Regards,

Rob Stephenson (for the Committee)

Registrants:

- Joan Boothe *USA*
- Rick Dehmel *USA*
- Art Gertel *USA*
- David Hirzel *USA*
- Richard Joss *USA*
- Bruce Larsen *USA*
- Sally Larsen *USA*
- Shane Murphy *USA*
- Michael Rosove *USA*
- Tracy Sheeley *USA*
- Robert Stephenson *USA*
- Patricia Wood *England*
- Karen Woods *England*

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The SouthPole-*sium* v 5

THE SOUTH POLE SIUM v.5

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