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Subject: Update on the SouthPole-sium v.5 to those who have not registered but earlier expressed interest in attending
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Dear Antarctic and polar booklover,

You expressed interest some time ago in possibly attending the SouthPole-sium v.5 in San Francisco, June 22-24, 2022.

I'd like to give you an update of where we stand at the moment. We presently have 13 people registered. You can see who these are at <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering5-registered.htm>

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.

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.

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 will 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.

It would be helpful for planning purposes if you could let us know (preferably before May 4th) what your intentions are at the moment:

_____ **I'm likely to come**

_____ **I still don't know**

_____ **Sorry, I'll have to miss this one**

If you intend to register you will find a Registration Form at at <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering5-registration%20form.pdf>

Please fill it out and send it in. Do not pay at this time; wait until we decide on May 4th whether or not to proceed.

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

Regards,

Rob Stephenson (for the Committee)

This has been sent to those who earlier responded: a) I'll definitely be there; b) I'm likely to come; and, c) Maybe, hard to say now, please keep me informed.

Not sent to those who have already registered.

Brad Borkan *UK*

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Drew Clarke *Australia*
Scot DeGraf *USA*
Bill Fox *USA*
Kathy Greene *USA*
Martin Greene *USA*
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