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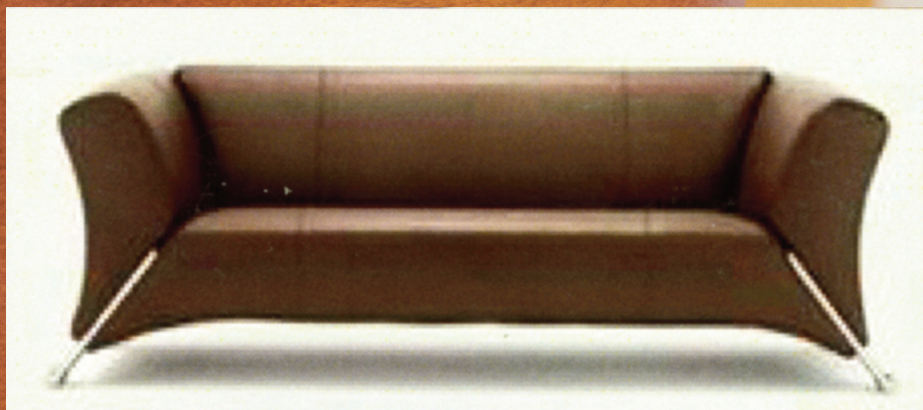
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Carol Adcock, Executive Secretary

December 1, 2020

Dear ALCA Member or Subscriber,

This year has certainly been a challenging one for everyone and the ALCA has been challenged as well. I am happy to report that our offices have stayed open during this time and our Executive Secretary, Carol Adcock, has been working from home since March. As needed she is able to go to the office and handle anything that can't be handled from her home.

Our first challenge was the Annual ALCA Convention. It was originally set for June of 2020. We had already started soliciting sponsorships for the convention and many folks had already committed and paid for their sponsorships. We felt there was just no way to gather folks at that time so we changed the date to September. As September approached, it became obvious that we still would not be able to gather our group so we postponed it once again until May 4 – 7, 2021. It will be at the same location that hosted us in 2018, namely Eaglewood Resort and Spa in Itasca, Illinois just outside of Chicago. Randy Johnson, our 2020 Wilson Lectureship speaker, has generously agreed to postpone his presentation until May, 2021. We are excited about his presentation and what he has to say to the leather industry. Since we already had committed sponsors for a convention this year, we asked each of them to rollover their sponsorship to the 2021 convention, and they did. We have a wonderful support group of sponsors, and it really helped the Association financially.

Another thing the Association did to keep stability was to ask each Officer, Councilor and Committee member to extend their term of office by one year. All unanimously agreed.

In August we applied for and received a PPP loan in the amount of \$10,343. To date there have been no instructions on how to apply for forgiveness of the loan, but we are hopeful it will be forgiven as the monies were used for the intended purpose.

Still, we are struggling financially since we realized no income from the convention. If you would like to help us overcome our financial difficulties, we would appreciate any contribution to the Association you are able to give. We are a non-profit organization and are able to give you a statement for any donations to the Association that will help you deduct it as a charitable contribution from your income tax. If you have any questions about this, please contact our Executive Secretary, Carol Adcock, at (806)744-1798 or by emailing to carol.adcock@ttu.edu.

I look forward to next year and hope we are able to have our convention in May.

Mike Bley
President, ALCA

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