



MEMORANDUM

Date: 16 March 2020
To: All Credit Union Boards of Directors and Senior Managers
From: The Registrar Cooperatives & Friendly Societies and Your League
Re: COVID-19 Re-Scheduling of Credit Unions' AGMs


Arising from consultations between the Department of Co-operatives & Friendly Societies and the Jamaica Cooperative Credit Union League, it has been decided that no Credit Union will receive permission to convene annual general meetings (AGMs); until at least 1st June 2020. This will remain in effect until the matter is revisited.

In keeping with this position the League's own AGM and Convention, which was scheduled for May 21-24, and the Board consultation scheduled for April 4 2020 have also been postponed until further notice.

The Government of Jamaica last week called on all public and private sector organizations to desist from organizing the congregation of large numbers of persons in order to curtail the spread of the COVID 19-disease. Although consideration was given to hosting AGMs with remote participation, this may have resulted in disenfranchising of any CU member who would not have the means of joining on-line, created administrative challenges for meaningful participation and still resulted in exposure for some CU team members. These measures are therefore considered necessary to adhere to the Government's directives, to protect our team members and to play our part nationally, in slowing the community transmission of the virus.

We encourage Credit Unions to continue to serve your members, while protecting team members, as best as you can. We suggest utilizing telecommunications, remote meeting facilities, on-line and electronic channels and other forms of service delivery, including encouraging your members to use their AccessPlus® Debit Card for routine transactions. We also call on all Credit Unions to take the necessary safety precautions as outlined by the Ministry of Health and Wellness in dealing with members, staff and volunteers and to keep posted for Bulletins and further updates on these matters.


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