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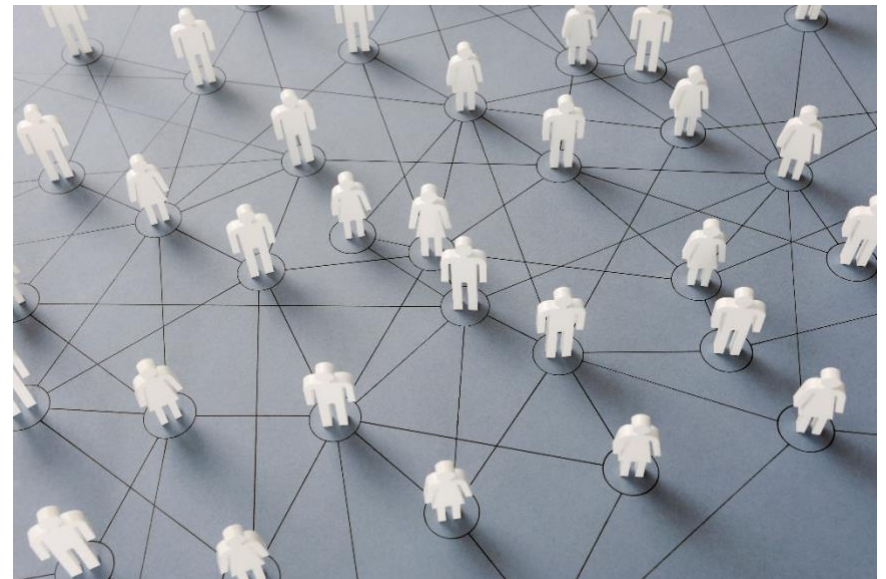
American Sokol Convention

June 10-12

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Communicating between units at Convention and other ways.



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The Sokol Eye – Sokolským Okem

The time has come for this Sokol and Sokol Eye to soar towards a new nest. With the 2022 National Convention approaching in June, this will be my final flight with all of you. Since, the year 2000 I have been cultivating relationships and working towards the advancement of American Sokol. We have had many great moments and accomplishments including a 150 year celebration, 100 years of Czechia, Czech Slet Tours, a new Sokol Memorial Day, North American Slets, Instructor Schools, National Awards and many visits around the Districts joining in your own celebrations. We have strong connections with the Czech Embassy and World Leaders and are recognized worldwide as a strong organization. We even experienced a pandemic together and found ways to keep the momentum going. Membership organizations have declined in recent years and sadly we have lost membership revenue. However, during my time spent working in the National Office and two terms as President I was able to raise a lot of money through events and projects, that has off-set our losses. A lot of time was spent networking and building relationships with colleagues that would end up giving us very nice donations. We have also secured funding for projects that have given over \$100,000 to our Sokol Units. No matter what, we have persevered. I feel confident that my contributions have helped American Sokol survive.

The future of American Sokol is ready for new leadership and fresh ideas. There will be new projects to cultivate the mission of American Sokol. It has been an honor for me to serve you as President of American Sokol and I look forward to watching you grow. I wish the incoming Board and future Boards of the American Sokol success, strength, and wisdom. Keep your “eye” on what is important and never lose sight of who we are.

I am Sokol! We are Sokol! *Ať žije Sokol* – Long Live Sokol

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2021 Instructors School from Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic; American Sokol Endowment Foundation.

XXII American Sokol National Convention

Hosted by Sokol Karel Havlicek Borovsky

Ennis, Texas June 10-12, 2022

In about 70 days, representatives of all American Sokol units will be converging on Ennis, Texas by airplane and automobile to participate in the American Sokol's quadrennial National Convention. The Convention is the supreme governing body of the organization and is responsible for charting the organization's future for the next 4 years -- national officers are elected, a financial budget is established, bylaws are revised as needed, and the direction of the organization moving forward is established.

Given the current COVID situation, the Executive Board has put convention COVID protocols and masking policies in place to provide as safe an environment as possible for attending delegates. Social distancing is also a consideration. The officers and members of Sokol Karel Havlicek Borovsky (KHB) are working hard to prepare and welcome the delegates with some real Texas hospitality. Their best meal planners and cooks are ready to provide superb This preliminary budget proposal has been distributed to all unit presidents and convention delegates for review and additional input.

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Pre-convention committees have also already been at work. These committees have met virtually, made plans for the next 4 years, and provided their financial needs to the Convention Budget & Finance Committee, which has crunched the numbers and compiled a preliminary budget. This preliminary budget proposal has been distributed to all unit presidents and convention delegates for review and additional input.

The Convention Bylaws Committee has worked through all the suggested revisions and prepared a preliminary set of Bylaws with recommended changes. This preliminary set of recommended, revised bylaws with rationale has also been distributed to all unit presidents and convention delegates. If you are interested in either the Budget Proposal or the revised Bylaws, contact your unit representative(s) and make your thoughts known.

Delegates are preparing, too -- submitting their room registrations, reviewing documentation distributed to them, and beginning to make travel plans.

The Southern District Convention Host Organizing Committee is working hard to provide the facilities and an environment for a successful Convention and to provide a pleasurable experience for the delegates.

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Around the Country, Around the Globe

Unit Happenings: The best way to know what is happening at your American Sokol Units is to visit their website. Go to **american-sokol.org** and click on **About Us, find a unit.**

Next- if your unit publishes a newsletter, we suggest you post it on your website. Or you can utilize your database and send newsletters by email. Any events planned should also be on your website. Contact info should be updated.

Parents are busy and the more info you make easily available is appreciated.

Publicity is a two-way street. Word of mouth is a good source too.

We don't know what we don't know so advertise your classes and other events so that your community is aware of who you are.

Sokol San Francisco promotes many activities in their community through their newsletter and emails to subscribers. Sokol Spirit in Brookfield, Il. post their events on their website and with flyers sent by email. Sokol Washington D.C. has an impressive newsletter sent by email that you may subscribe to. Sokol Baltimore keeps us informed by email. There are more but if you need assistance ask them.

I have emailed unit newsletters to Unit presidents. I hope you have viewed them.

A Very Special Celebration

Members of the American-Czech Educational Center, Sokol St. Louis and CSA Fraternal Life gathered recently to celebrate the **100th** birthday of Frank Rericha, Sr. Frank was joined by his wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren along with many friends to help him celebrate this special day. He has been a member of Sokol St. Louis since 1965. It was a wonderful day full of family and friends making his birthday extra special. Happy Birthday, Brother Frank!

