

To the members of MassCann and the general public;

As an update, in line with the MassCann Board of Directors' commitment to transparency, MassCann announces that President Bill Flynn has resigned from his position as President and as a Director of the organization. Mr. Flynn has not resigned as a Member. In the interests of full disclosure, Mr. Flynn's resignation letter is attached below.

As such, the Special Meeting scheduled for July 28th, 2020 at 6:30 PM will go forward as originally called by 10 or more Members (including an initial vote to update the by-laws and a second vote to expel Mr. Flynn as a member of MassCann) .

This meeting will take place via a members only Zoom meeting and will also be broadcast to the public via our Facebook page. Per the by-laws, Mr. Flynn will be given an opportunity to address the Membership before the vote to expel him as a Member is taken.

All MassCann members will receive an email, containing a link to the zoom room, by 6:00 PM on July 28th. If you are a member, and do not receive that email, please message Robert Jeffrey or Lorna McCafferty directly via email or Facebook messenger to have your membership status confirmed and receive the zoom link for the Special Meeting.

When the meeting convenes at 6:30 PM on the 28th, the Board will begin by dealing with any necessary administrative issues and will then hold the formal vote to update the organization's by-laws. As Members will recall, those by-laws were subject to a public comment period and an initial straw poll vote at the July 12th Special Members Meeting. The text of the proposed by-laws, for reference, can be found [on the MassCann website](#).

From there, the Board will provide an opportunity for the Membership to vote on the expulsion of Bill Flynn as a member of MassCann. Should the Membership vote to expel Mr. Flynn as a member, he will be "discharged from MassCann membership, will not receive a refund of any portion of [his] Member dues, and cannot re-apply for Membership for one year thereafter." Furthermore, in the future, Mr. Flynn's "re-acceptance as a Member shall be conditioned upon an affirmative vote of the Board."

Following the conclusion of the July 28th Special Meeting vote on removing Bill Flynn as a member of MassCann, the Board will take some time to update the Membership on key areas that will be addressed in the short term; in particular, the Board will provide an update (in both oral and written form) on the status of the Virtual Boston Freedom Rally (currently scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 19th, from 12 PM – 8 PM) and the impending call for nominations for new Board members.

The remaining Board members are beyond grateful for the support the Membership has demonstrated for the organization over the past few months. The dedication to MassCann that was displayed by the Membership inspired those Board Members still with the organization to fight to protect that which rightfully belonged to its members rather than any given individual (that being the legacy, mission and values of this storied coalition).

With our regards,  
The Board of Directors, MassCann