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# PRESIDENT messa

Howdy!

Two years have flown by for me, and it has been amazing. I am thankful to have been able to serve as this association's President, and I am very proud of what we have been able to do with our members and the chapter.

I am very proud of your Board of Directors. I have been fortunate to serve with some wonderful individuals who show up each and every day to help this organization and its wonderful membership. We are blessed that we have some very dedicated, selfless people working on our behalf to better the trades and this organization. I am glad to call them my friends.

To our members, keep being a voice for our trade. Keep fellow-shipping with each other, keep attending mixers, meetings and trainings, and keep answering the call to stand up for subcontractors and their rights. Work with one another and enjoy the time we all have together.

We were able to push our growth on membership and continue to retain members by implementing the board liaison system. Each board member is assigned a group of members to engage with frequently for feedback and to keep members apprised of upcoming events. I encourage you to visit with your liaison as frequently as you like.

2020 has been anything but expected. COVID-19 tried to crush our spirits and threatened to take down the economy, but the construction industry is resilient and continues to fight back. We have the best subcontractors and we strengthened work practices that we had already been using to show that this industry is essential and that we can safely operate through a pandemic. We will pull 2020 around and "right the ship" so to speak. Look for our events to start up and continue to grow in size and attendance. It is going to be a great year in the end, just watch.

This won't be the last time you hear from me, I look forward to seeing everyone at future events and I will continue to write articles for the association from time to time. It has been my pleasure to represent this organization both locally, state wide, and at the national level. We are strong group and are continually made stronger by our membership. Stay safe, stay healthy and stay essential!

> It has been an honor, "Big John" Leifester **Chapter President**



Committee involvement is one of the BEST ways to gain value from your ASA Membership! Please consider serving on an ASA Committee & contact the ASA office or the Committee Chair listed below to find out how you can get involved!

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# What Happens In Vegas

The first week of March, members of your San Antonio Chapter of the American Subcontractors Association (ASA) traveled to Las Vegas for the National ASA SubExcel Convention. In attendance from our chapter were Ismael Gonzalez. Chapter Director (Alpha Insulation & Waterproofing), Adam Matthys, Chapter Director (Chamberlin Roofing & Waterproofing), Bethany Beck, Chapter Attorney (Sanderford & Carroll) and John Leifester, Chapter President (Dedicated Landscape Solutions). The conference started with a Top Golf mixer & ended with a fun "Rat Pack" performance. Director, Ish Gonzalez stated, "This was my first experience at SubExcel. I was able to learn about the culture we teach and pass on in the workplace and how to have a positive impact from Chris Singleton. Other seminars that were helpful were the economic outlook, processing change orders and governmental affairs. The best part was getting to meet fellow subcontractors and discuss different markets and the happenings and ways of approaching

construction challenges."

SUBExcel is the annual national convention of the American Subcontractors Association, a trade association representing construction subcontractors, specialty trade contractors and suppliers. There are many perks of attending SUBExcel:

- · Get proven business tips from acclaimed speakers that will transform your company and your bottom line to succeed in today's construction markets.
- Learn about the latest productivityenhancing products and services provided by ASA exhibitors.
- Enjoy the luxury hotel accommodations.
- Enjoy special events, including the ASA President's Welcome Reception and the Final Reception & Banquet.
- Take a deeper look at your industry, your chapter, and your association and be part of mapping our industry's path forward in ASA's task force, committee and council meetings.

And much more! Join us for SubExcel 2021 Save at Miramar Beach. Florida! the Feb 24-27, 2021 **Date** (registration opens Nov 1, 2020)



# Fresh New Look Same Great Resource

Our chapter website was recently updated with a new sleek look! Among other great features, the website is now mobile friendly, making it easier than ever to find the information you need right at your fingertips. Searching for a member or a particular trade? Our membership database lets you search our organization for the exact company you're looking for!

# MEMBERSHIP Corner

by Nick Metcalf, BizDoc

Even in these uncertain and trying times, our membership has continued to grow! We added 5 new members the past two months and we have a number of potential members on hold until they get a better grasp on the current situation. One reason I think membership has grown is because of the effort locally, state-wide and nationally that ASA put in to keep the construction industry working. Having an ally like ASA not only gives you a voice with our lawmakers, but is also a great resource for numerous Covid-19 related topics. From how Covid-19 impacts OSHA related issues to information regarding the PPP (Paycheck Protection Program), ASA has been there all along the way. Even with the world around us changing, it is great to know that an association like ASA has the back of subcontractors and construction industry.

# Welcome to our newest members

Please take the time to meet the newest members of ASA of San Antonio, and let's start building a better future together!

## Cotovi

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# **Construction Jobsite Safety Precautions**

# #StaySafeStayEssential

# **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

Maintain 6ft of separation between persons while performing tasks & at all meetings. Avoid shaking hands.





# **WASH HANDS FREQUENTLY**

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand rubs or gels.

# **AVOID TOUCHING FACE**

Virus droplets can live on surfaces that you touch, and then get into your body through membranes on the face - specifically the eyes, nose & mouth.





# **WEAR MASK OR CLOTH COVER OVER NOSE & MOUTH**

To minimize touching your face & to help avoid spreading the virus, wear a mask or cloth over your nose & mouth when interacting around people.

# **DISINFECT SURFACES**

Clean & disinfect frequently touched surfaces (doorknobs, handles, tables, keys, phone, computers) to avoid the spread of germs.





# **NO UNNECESSARY VISITORS**

Avoid unnecessary visitors to the workplace to avoid possible entry & spread of germs

# IF YOU'RE SICK STAY HOME

To reduce the risk of spreading the illness, stay home if you feel sick, even if your symptoms are mild.





# **KNOW THE SYMPTOMS**

Early symptoms include fever, dry cough & fatigue. The virus can lead to trouble breathing, chest pain, pneumonia & respiratory failure.

# **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES & INFO**

For more information visit the websites of the ASA & the CDC:

www.asasanantonio.org/covid19

www.asaonline.com/covid-19-information/

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/



During this unprecedented time, you have risen to the call and instituted safety measures for your employees that include social distancing and other hygiene measures. Because the current COVID-19 health crisis presents a constantly changing set of circumstances, this is a call to revisit those safety protocols to ensure you are doing everything you can to keep your employees safe at your office and on project sites. As Texas begins to reopen, increased vigilance is necessary so that the construction industry does not is proportionately contribute to the expected rising numbers of positive cases.

As a part of the Governor's process for reopening the state for business, he adopted a public health strategy to address the crisis: (1) increase testing; (2) isolate infected people; (3) find everyone who has been in contact with the infected person; and (4) quarantine all exposed contacts for 14 days.

A pivotal part of this strategy is to increase the number of contact tracers led by the Department of State Health Services. Contact tracers interview people who test positive for COVID-19 in order to find and inform people that may have been in contact with the person and thus at a higher risk for infection and the possible necessity for self-isolation/quarantine. Contact tracing also leads to the collection of data that can reveal geographic, demographic, or other types of "hot spots". The state plan is to have 4,000 contact tracers working across the state by May 11th. This is exponentially more than were in place at the end of April.

Because construction is classified as an essential business, we have been able to continue our work for the duration of restrictive stay at home orders that have closed many other businesses. As a result, it is logical that the number of positive COVID-19 cases traced back to our industry may be more than some other industries. The hope is that due to ongoing safety protocols, the number of positive cases related to construction is low.

Please review your COVID-19 safety protocols now. Be aware of specific requirements that may apply to your jobsites. At a minimum, you should abide by OSHA and CDC requirements for social distancing; personal hygiene; disinfection of common tools and spaces; and encouraging workers to stay at home if they, or someone are sick. Additionally, Dallas County, Travis County and the City of Austin have all adopted specific guidance for construction. Many cities and counties have also adopted mandatory face covering requirements. These and other suggested COVID-19 safety measures are available on the TCA website, www.texcon.org.

I recognize that you can only control your employees' COVID-19 exposure when they are working for you; however, it is important that we all do everything we can to keep our employees and their families as safe as possible. Be vigilant.

Thank you and stay safe, Raymond Risk Texas Construction Association (TCA), President

# Save The Date

ASA FISHING TOURNAMENT
ROCKPORT, TEXAS
June 26-27, 2020
Make America Fish Again









# 25th Annual Excellence in Construction Award Winners



President's Award Ted Dunnam ESC Safety Consultants



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**ASA Board of Directors** 

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# **JUNE**

June 23 - Association Celebration June 26 - Fishing Tournament

# **JULY**

July 21 - Lunch & Learn July 28 - Golf Tournament

# **AUGUST**

Aug 20 - Annual Sporting Clay Shoot Aug 25 - General Meeting

# **SEPTEMBER**

Sept 18 - Tailgate Taste-Off Sept 22 - Lunch & Learn

# **OCTOBER**

Oct 27 - General Meeting
Oct 28 - Killer Contracts Seminar
Oct 29 - Pour Off & Texas Hold 'Em

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