

A message from our Executive Director

I hope that all of you are safe, healthy and sane during these unprecedented times. So much has changed in the past few weeks: shut-downs, stay-at-home orders, new laws, new rules, the health and safety of ourselves, our families, our employees. But there are some things that haven't. ASA of Central PA is still here. We are still working hard to educate and inform you of the seemingly almost-daily developments and legislation that comes out of this crisis. We are still here and remain your advocate, fighting for the best of interests of our members, as well as all subcontractors and the entire construction community.

My "silver lining" takeaway from this situation is appreciating all the good things that come from circumstances like this. Families have been forced to slow down and spend A LOT more time together! I love to hear about the innovations that are keeping businesses up and running safely. I love to see the appreciation of health care workers, grocery store employees, truck drivers and all the other essential employees that are on the front lines every day. I love to hear about the humanity and solidarity of people acting in the best interest of everyone, staying home, social distancing, wearing masks in public, making masks, donating masks and food to those in need, etc.

I miss seeing all of you terribly and am very saddened by the cancellation and postponements of our chapter events (and really every normal everyday activity). My heart hurts for those who have lost their jobs, have had work, school, sports seasons, weddings, birthdays, funerals and baby showers cancelled. But I'd rather see all of you safe and healthy later than unsafely now.

I take this as an opportunity to do better for you, to innovate and to plan for our future. I truly believe that out of this uncertainty, we will come out bigger and stronger than ever – as people, as families, as businesses, as an organization, as a nation and as a world. Not only will we survive – we will thrive.

Please drop me an email and tell me how you and your business are doing, if there's anything more we can do for you as an organization and what else you need at this time. And please tell me something good so I can share it!

Take care and stay safe,

Loni

