

ASAC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Monday, January 11, 2021

Good morning! I hope you had a good weekend.

Wednesday, January 13 the 73rd Colorado General Assembly convenes at 9 a.m. and Colorado will continue under the leadership of a uniform trifecta government which means that the Governor, House and Senate are all controlled by a Democratic majority. ASAC recognizes and respects our elected officials. We introduce ASAC and your interests to each legislator and work with them throughout the year to be a resource and to advocate on your behalf.

We align ourselves with a political party based on how closely the party supports our beliefs and values. Let me talk a minute about that. There are many parties, but the Republican, Democrat and Libertarian parties tend to enter the party discussion. I studied philosophy and current affairs at the University of Colorado, but kept the passion for learning about the vast reaching of political science into my adult life and professional career. It's integral that I have a general understanding of the differing and equally valid philosophical interpretations for my own decision making and when looking at ASAC members fairly and equitably as we advocate on your behalf.

Conservative philosophy, most readily identified with the Republican and Libertarian parties, is characterized as right-wing and opposes an over-reaching federal government. Republicans typically believe in smaller government and less regulation and hold that most services should be provided by the private sector in a free market. They believe in a literal interpretation of the Constitution.

Libertarian philosophy seeks to maximize autonomy and political freedom, emphasizing free association, freedom of choice and individualism and voluntary association. The libertarian philosophy is skeptical of authority and state power.

A Liberal or progressive philosophy, most readily identified with the Democratic party, is characterized as left wing with a federalist leaning. Democrats tend to believe that the federal and state government should hold a bigger role in the lives of people and prefer more regulation and assistance. They believe that most services should be publicly funded and organized by the government.

Whatever your political leaning, I encourage you to take a deeper dive into the philosophy of the predominant political parties, and listen to those that may differ from you. The sharing of information can sharpen your beliefs and values and bring understanding of those who have a different philosophy and view of government. That clarity of understanding can only strengthen and bolster an effective discourse between those with differing viewpoints.

I say all this to tell you that the Colorado Legislature convenes this week with an alternative schedule due to COVID-19. ASAC has been working since May 2020 with stakeholders and legislators on private retainage reform and we are ready to go with proposed legislation. Stay tuned.

SUBStrong is underway. The SUBStrong website is up and running, www.SUBStrong.com. By the end of the week the blanks will be filled in as we are waiting confirmation and final details in some areas. SUBStrong will be offering 30 sessions of a varying nature with nearly 100 presenters on deck to share their knowledge and American Subcontractors Association Colorado | www.ASAColorado.com | DScifo@ASAColorado.com | 303.759.8260

information that goes to building your bottom line. Save the dates, February 24-26 and plan to attend SUBStrong, a 3-day virtual subcontractor conference and trade show.

In closing, I want to let you know we have made SUBStrong attendance easy. One login, one click and you are at the conference and can hop into sessions from your desktop, lap top, tablet or phone. Easy access to a conference that will build your bottom line. See you there!

Let's make it a good week.