



Dear ASMAC Members,

As we enter the final stretch of 2020, we see that our businesses continue to be strongly impacted by the presence of the COVID-19 virus. It has reached deep into our personal and professional lives. We look forward to a fresh start in 2021 so I wanted to share a few thoughts.

There are many reasons to be hopeful including the positive trial results of the vaccine manufacturers, a new optimism for cooperation with our biggest trading partner to the south, the imaginative strategies we have created and implemented to keep our businesses thriving despite the obstacles we have had to overcome. Thank you, ZOOM & Team Meetings!

Earlier this year we were able to hold our annual general meeting at the Old Mill not knowing at the time that it would be one of the last normal business gatherings for a very long time! We lost our golfing event and now would have been the time when we got together to win/lose a little money at the Woodbine Racetrack. With gatherings like these now on indefinite hold, we have no choice but to cancel our February 2021 AGM and start preparing different options depending on the success of the Canadian Covid 19 vaccination program.

We are trying to reschedule the usual June date of our golf tournament to late August in the hope that we will be in a better place for membership participation. We are even considering combining it with our AGM. Let's watch how things play out. In the meantime, we will continue to keep members current on any relevant regulatory updates. All that said, considering the current situation, the executive committee has agreed that it only makes sense to offer discounted membership and event fees for 2021.

Also, I am happy to report that we have awarded this year's bursaries to two very deserving students. The winners were Devon Whate (Andicor) & Melany Pazmino (TRC). We are very proud of them and this is the second year in a row for Melany! The Ryerson student winners will be announced soon too.

On behalf of our ASMAC team, I wish you and your family all the best. We look forward to seeing you as soon as possible!

Best regards,

Sean Gogarty  
ASMAC President