



ASNT Pittsburgh – March Chairman’s Message

Hello Pittsburgh ASNT Section,

I hope this notice finds you and your families all safe and well during this stressful time. I hope that you all are staying healthy! I miss the Thursday meetings and getting to see everyone. I know everyone is trying to adjust to life this way and not being able to do all the things we normally would be doing. **I am asking that while we have extra time at home, could we dig through our archives and continue to feed Ginny Wills (vmckwills@gmail.com) photos or articles for the website.** I would like to keep our website going and continue to improve its content. We have copied the latest information received from ASNT National on how they are handling business during this time. See information below:

ASNT continues to monitor the rapidly changing situation related to the spread of COVID-19. We understand that concerns for health, safety, and security are affecting our members. We have taken steps necessary to help keep our members, partners, volunteers, and staff safe as we endure this pandemic.

1. We have cancelled all ASNT events through the end of May 2020, including the ASNT Research Symposium 2020 scheduled for March 2020 in Williamsburg, Virginia, and the ASNT Section Leadership Conference and ASNT Refresher Courses scheduled for May 2020 in Columbus, Ohio. These events will be rescheduled at a later date this year. For people registered for these events, ASNT will give you the option of applying your payment to the rescheduled event or receiving a full refund. ASNT will be reaching out to registrants in coming days to coordinate with registrants.
2. We have asked all ASNT Sections to monitor instructions and guidance from local governments affecting gatherings, and to consider cancelling Section meetings through April 30, 2020 in the interest of member and public safety.
3. We have restricted ASNT volunteer and staff travel through April 30, 2020.
4. We have instituted telework at the ASNT International Service Center. This is a new experience for our staff, but they are committed to continuing to serve our members through this crisis. Please do not hesitate to call or email us should you want to renew your membership, or if you have any questions or concerns.

Additionally, our certification exam partner Pearson VUE has temporarily shut down its testing centers in the U.S. and other countries impacted by COVID-19.

Times of crisis challenge us individually and organizationally, personally and professionally. There is no doubt COVID-19 represents a threat to each of us, but we want you to know ASNT will continue to work hard to help keep our members, partners, volunteers, and staff safe from these threats. But with these challenges come opportunities for ASNT and its members to grow. For example, the Board of Directors, Committees and Councils are meeting online through teleconference technology; we are expanding our online learning programs, beginning with webinars; and we are live-streaming conference sessions and recording sessions for on-demand access. These are just some examples of how ASNT is rising to meet the challenges of this pandemic. We would like to hear from you how the pandemic is affecting your world, and how you, your family and friends, and your employers are rising to meet these challenges. Check in through our [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#) pages to share your comments. For the most up-to-date information, visit ASNT's [COVID-19 Notice](#) page.

Stay safe out there!


Thank you and regards,

James Kretzler, Section Chairman

2020 Meeting Schedule

Date	Speaker	Company	Topic	Meeting Location	Dinner Location
04/16/20	No April Meeting				
05/21/20	TBD				

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