# THE LEADING EDGE



# **United Application Standards Group**



# Note From the President

ell 2020 certainly is turning out to be a bit different than most of us had planned. Personally, I came back from a week-long vacation in early March to a very different world that I left. Hopefully everyone is first healthy, and second finding ways to adapt and navigate these rough waters that we call COVID-19.

The board of directors recently reached out to every member via phone, email or text and we were able to get some great insight, and confirm the thought that our members run the gamut from some who are completely shut down and barely squeaking by to some who are thriving with new product offerings and customers to serve. We all find ourselves dealing with issues that we never expected—from travel bans to government mandated shut downs. This crisis is certainly different than anything we have seen before, but having run businesses through Y2K, 9/11, and the Great Recession, one thing that I can say for sure is that we will get through this. We will be forever changed—with new battle scars for sure, but we will get through this. What we do now, over the next few weeks will determine if we exit in in an upward trajectory or a downward trajectory. It's time to go.

One of the things we always strive to do as an organization is to assist our members wherever we see the need. As such, we will be providing a UASG exclusive webinar featuring Michael Erath of The TRACTION Hub where Michael will discuss how to respond to political, economic, social and technological trends, how to identify and keep your A-players during this time, and strategy on how to best use PPP funds.

We have recently launched a new website with many new features that should prove to be very valuable. The new site is much faster than the old, it is mobile responsive, and includes a lot of tracking options so we are able to measure how effective our advertising dollars are. I urge you all to take a look at the official announcement in the newsletter & login and ensure your information is up to date on the website.

We are also in development of a new tool that will allow graphic manufacturers to easily send bid requests out to UASG companies in multiple locations at once. We are hopeful that this, coupled with a new focused marketing efforts, we will be able to drive more jobs to our members.

I am also excited to announce a new partnership between the UASG and the International Sign Association (ISA). As part of your UASG membership, you will also receive full membership into the ISA. This will give you access to a myriad of online training tools ranging from marketing and HR to design and installation. Additionally, it opens up discounts to in person training at the ISA show, advocacy to assist in navigating sign code or permitting issues, access to ISA Whitepapers, wage and benefit survey, and more. Most importantly, this will mark the beginning of a strategic partnership between the ISA and the UASG, which create a lot of installation opportunities for our members.

In closing, I wish everybody the best, stay focused and we will get through this.

Chris Prenovost

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To share ideas, thoughts and concerns among the UASG membership in a private setting, access our closed Face Book page:

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New Members (January - April 2020)



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## **New ISA Partnership Announcement**

#### INTERNATIONAL SIGN ASSOCIATION WELCOMES UNITED APPLICATIONS STANDARD GROUPS MEMBERS

UASG's members to benefit from ISA membership, including training, advocacy, and other advantages

#### ALEXANDRIA VA - April 30, 2020

Members of the United Applications Standards Groups now receive benefits of membership in the International Sign Association. UASG members can enjoy ISA's industry-leading government advocacy, training, technical resources and industry networking events. UASG and ISA will collaborate on bringing USAG's training and installation network to the entire sign, graphics and visual communications industry.

"UASG raises the professionalism of graphics installation through its outstanding training and installer network," said Lori Anderson, ISA president and CEO. "ISA members and UASG members and the broader sign, graphics and visual communications industry will benefit from the combined power of these two organizations."

Among the many benefits USAG's members will receive:

- Discounts on job postings on signs.org.
- Member rates on ISA training, including online courses and education at ISA International Sign Expo 2020.
- Guidance on sign code and permitting issues and regulations.
- Industry-focused research.

"The International Sign Association provides excellent benefits to its members," said Chris Prenovost, president of UASG. "We believe this relationship will further our overall industry when ISA's expertise is combined with UASG's training and highly skilled membership."

Our new partnership with the ISA has resulted in many member benefits, in addition to those you current enjoy with the UASG.

#### **Education:**

ISA will provide:

• Deeply discounted rates on 70+ courses available online, 35+ courses available at ISA Sign Expo, webinars and video tutorials.

#### **Advocacy:**

ISA will provide:

- One-on-One Phone and email support to assist in navigating sign code or permitting issues and regulations.
- Member-focused resources that offer real-time solutions in times of economic downturns.

#### Research:

ISA will provide:

- All Sign Research Foundation research at no cost
- Business research in the form of ISA Whitepapers
  - \$25 non-member per download cost
  - Free for United Applications Standards Group members
- Quarterly Economic Report at no cost
  - \$1,000 non-member cost
  - Free for United Applications Standards Group members
- Wage and Benefit Survey
  - 50% Discount

## **Workforce Development:**

ISA will provide:

- 20% Discounted job posting on signs.org per year
- Access to Sign Manufacturing Day packages

#### **Collaboration in Planning:**

ISA and UASG will collaborate on leveraging the UASG training and installation network to the entire sign, graphic and visual communications industry. The co-marketing effort will recognize the UASG as the preferred graphics installation and training network and ISA as the preferred association to access research, advocacy, education and events for the industry.



#### **3M NEWS**

### Temporary Replacements for Isopropyl Alcohol

This is in response to inquiries about the current shortage of Isopropyl Alcohol (IPA). IPA is a commonly-used cleaner for various substrates in the graphics industry, and is currently limited in availability, due to the ongoing pandemic.





The 3M Commercial Solutions Division temporarily gives approval to use denatured alcohol as a replacement for isopropyl alcohol in common cleaning procedures. Denatured alcohol with water in a 2:1 ratio is the recommended mixture, for best results. Ensure that the appropriate personal protective equipment is followed, per the denatured alcohol safety data sheet.

There exist some key differences between the two alcohols. The main difference is that denatured alcohol is more harmful to humans than isopropyl alcohol, so precautions should be taken when handling denatured alcohol. There also exists some potential for residue to be left behind when cleaning with denatured alcohol. These residues did not appear to affect adhesion values, within the scope of our

Further details about surface cleaning can be found in:

3M Instruction Bulletin 5.1 – Select and Prepare Substrates for Graphic Application.

Further details about denatured alcohol can be found at:

- https://www.chemicals.co.uk/blog/isopropyl-alcohol-vs-denatured-alcohol
- https://www.jmnspecialties.com/downloads/sds/2414-denatured-alcohol-sds/file

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## **3M Adds Training and Testing Sessions**

Unfortunately, due to the current COVID19 shutdown, 3M has not yet made a decision as to when training classes and testing sessions will re-open (the March/April training and testing having been cancelled). At the present time, the schedule for the remainder of 2020 is as follows:

## **2019 Training/Testing Dates**

Training: June 1st, 2nd and 3rd – testing: June 4th and 5th (session is full if it goes forward)

Training: August 3rd, 4th and 5th - testing: June 6th and 7th

Training: September 28th, 29th and 30th - testing: October 1st and 2nd

For those signed up for any of the above training classes and testing sessions, you will be notified as soon as 3M gives the go-ahead that the session will actually be conducted. However, it may be necessary to reschedule some attendees into the 2021 schedule (dates not yet available). If you have any questions, please contact me via e-mail (sharonp@uasg.org) or via my mobile number (714-329-6156).







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#### **USER ACCESS**

There can only be one registered user per company. This user will be the person who receives all automated notifications from the website, including annual renewals and newsletters. This user will also be authorized to update company information (address, contact name listed on website, company logo, services offered, etc.)

When a user accesses their account, they will see the screen to the right. It is simply a notice to the user (with shortcuts) that they can update their company profile or showcase their work by adding photos to the gallery. This box will pop up every time the user logs in to the site.



#### Welcome to your UASG Member Dashboard

#### **Update Company Profile**

Click here to make sure your company information is up to date and accurate, including address, contact information, company logo, and services you offer.

#### **Showcase Your Work**

Click here to add photos of your work to the website photo

## Enter your username and password to access your account:



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#### TRACKING AUTOMATION

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#### OTHER KEY ENHACEMENTS FOR YOU

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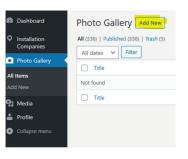
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# **ADDING PHOTOS TO THE GALLERY** Type of Work All Follow these steps to add photos to the gallery to showcase your work.

- 1. Login
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Select Add New.



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Add title of the photo, select the type of work from the dropdown, select company name from the list, and upload the photo (set featured item).

Add New Item Add title Photo Gallery Type of Work \* Company Name

Once you have uploaded the photo, select Set Featured Image to save the



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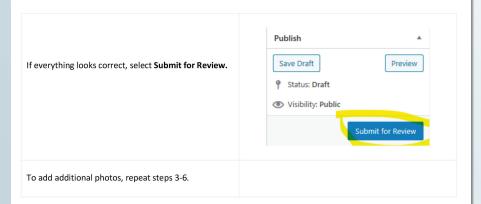




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- Bus Wraps (242)
- Textured Wall Wraps (242)
- Trailer Graphics & Wraps (242)
- Vehicle Wraps (242)
- Wall Murals (242)
- Color Changes (Vehicles) (241)

#### Follow these steps to customize your services:

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- 1. Login
- 2. Select Update Company Information from list of options under Company Information.
- 1. Hover over your company name and select Edit.
- Select the tab labeled Services Offered.
- Select the installation services that you offer, or desire. Your company will be marketed only for those services you select.

# **Company Information**

Update your company information, location, or username/password.

Add To Photo Gallery Undate User Profile

Contact Info Logo & Description Insurance Info Billing Info Services Offered

- ✓ Vehicle Wraps
- ☐ Trailer Graphics & Wraps Wall Murals
- ☑ Building and Wall Wraps
- ✓ Textured Wall Wrap
- Color Changes (Vehicles
- Bus Wraps
- ☑ Box Trucks

#### **ADD or UPDATE A COMPANY LOGO** IV.

The user can add a company logo to the page that will be displayed when the company is located under the Find Installers page.

#### Follow these steps to add or change your logo:

1. Select Update Company Information from list of options under Company Profile.



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- Select the tab labeled Logo & Description.
- 3. Replace an existing image by selecting the X to delete the current image, then Add Image. You can also add a brief description about your company under Additional Details. This will show up on the search page with your contact information.

Contact Info	Logo & Description	Insurance Info	Billing Info	Services Offered
Logo				
No image selected	Add Image			
Additional Details				

# V. WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN OWNED SMALL BUSINESS DESIGNATIONS

We have added WBE, MBE and SVO designations in the **Services Offered** section. In order to be listed as one of the three designations, you will need to email a copy of a current certificate that shows your company designated as one of the three categories and we will add the designation to your profile. The date of expiration on the certificate will be entered in the system and upon expiration, the designation will automatically be removed unless you provide us with a new certificate showing the new expiration date. You will automatically receive an email from the website 45 and 15 days prior to the expiration date to let you know the certificate is close to expiring and a new one needs to be submitted. If the certificate is not renewed, then 3 days after the expiration date the checkbox is removed from your company profile.

#### Services Offered

- Women Business Enterprise (10)
- Minority Business Enterprise (3)
- Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (2)

#### Follow these steps to add this designation to your profile:

Send an email to the administrator with a current copy of the certificate attached. The administrator will review the certificate and confirm via email that the designation was added.

#### VI. SUBSCRIBE TO THE UASG NEWSLETTER

This option allows you to subscribe as many employees to the newsletter as you wish, from 1 to 100!

#### Follow these steps to subscribe additional employees to the UASG Newsletter:

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The UASG newsletter can be sent to as many people in your company as you like. Simply add their email addresses to sign them up to receive future newsletters via email.

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# **NEW SITE LAUNCHED!**

We are excited to announce the launch of a streamlined, faster, mobile friendly website.

# **UASG Launches New and Improved Website**

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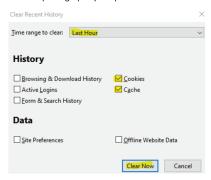
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#### **CLEAR COOKIES AND CACHE**

There may be times when you need to clear cookies and cache if the website is not displaying correctly or loading the new photographs you uploaded.



#### Follow these steps to clear cookies and cache:

- 1. Press the following keys on your keyboard ALL at the same time: Control, Shift, Delete
- Select the time range you wish to clear (Last Hour, Last Four Hours, Today, Everything, etc.)
- Select Cookies and Cache from the checkboxes
- Select Clear Now

Note: These options will appear in different formats depending on the browser you are using, but the language should be generally the same.

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## WHAT'S NEW?



#### BRAND NEW DESIGN EXPERIENCE

See the user friendly brand experience first hand to effectivley promote our key messages and service offerings. Our goal is to help drive more traffic to your business and increase your conversion rate.



## MOBILE RESPONSIVE

The new site adheres to mobile responsive design requirements and will allow customers to click on initiate calls directly from their mobile device.



#### TRACKING AUTOMATION

Our new tracking system will monitor the effectiveness of our marketing campaigns and ads through Google Analytics. The SEO friendly.

#### OTHER KEY ENHACEMENTS FOR YOU

Members can make these selections at any time. You are in control.



#### PHOTO GALLERY

A photo gallery has been added to showcase the work of our members. Members can now upload photos to the site and those photos will be displayed under the name of the member company.

#### FLEXIBLE SERVICE LIST

A list of services is now available for members to further customize the type of installs they want to publicize on the website. Members simply select various categories of installations from the User Admin platform and the website will promote those services

#### Services Offered Architectural (Walls, Windows, Floors) (238) Box Trucks (238) Building and Wall Wraps (238)

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