

September 23 – IEC ED Covid-19 Sharing Session

Below are resources and quick notes discussed on the zoom meeting.

Notes

Economic Forecast

- One ED has noticed that some of its members have reduced the number of employee fields.
- Many project that were paused are not cancelled.
- Another ED mentioned that a couple of his members are looking to hire or borrow employees
- One ED mentioned that he lost a few members but gained a few as well.
 - This same ED is looking to buy and remodel a new building for the chapter.
- Mid-South IEC shared that his shared manpower program has increased. There is optimism in employment.
 - His chapter has also purchased an additional building
 - Has had two successful events – a Golf Tournament and a Clay Shoot

Economic Data and Trends

Anirban Basu is Chairman & CEO at Sage Policy Group in Baltimore. He serves as contractual Chief Economist for ABC and a handful of other national associations. We have had him speak a few times at IEC National, and some chapters have engaged him, as well.

Links to assist:

Sage Policy Group:

<https://sagepolicy.com/>

Read and Subscribe button on Anirban Basu's newsletter page:

https://basu.substack.com/p/unemployment-insurance-claims-fall?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=cta

IEC Podcast with Anirban, however, this was early in the pandemic:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/056-anirban-basu-sage-policy-group-chairman-ceo/id1435943046?i=1000469260297>

Most recent ABC Backlog Indicator and Basu Comments:

<https://abc.org/News-Media/News-Releases/entry/id/18132/abc-s-construction-backlog-indicator-rebounds-in-august-contractor-optimism-builds>

Events/Holiday Party

- FLWCC had to change their golf tournament to a clay shoot.
- A couple of chapters will be hosting Watch Parties during the Convention.
 - The main theme among will be Mardi Gras.
 - One person will be ordering from Jason's Deli which offer muffuletta sandwiches which is a traditional Louisiana cuisine. This same chapter will purchase voodoo chips to go along with the theme.
 - One ED is planning to invite the local reps from the national sponsors as guests/hosts. They will not be asking for any money, but just to attend the party.
- With social distancing, the plan is to invite Board members, those who applied for awards, those who won awards and emerging leaders. For some chapters, they will be allowed to bring one guest.

- Chapters can sign up their watch party and free receive goodies from IEC National.
 - Here's the signup link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/iecredcarpet>
- A few EDs asked if the Convention registration list can be shared with the chapters.
- A couple of chapters will not have an in-person holiday gathering since their states are still restrictive.
- A chapter asked IEC of Oregon how things are going with the wildfires and reminded the chapter that contractors can apply to the Disaster Relief Fund that the IEC Foundation has in place.

AOY Competition

- Room blocks will end on Friday.
- ED's asked if there are any plans for dinner.
- EDs asked who planned on attending and joining their apprentice or if other staff was going instead.
- IEC of Cincinnati informed us that IEC National is asking that we do not plan large gatherings.

Classes

- Chapters stated they have started classes.
- One chapter that has a hybrid model has a challenge with apprentices who should be in class at the chapter classroom then choosing to join virtually on their own.
- One chapter did have to go virtual for a few weeks after two cases occurred at the chapter. The health department visited the chapter and the chapter had to make some modifications to the classrooms.
- One chapter said that he lost an instructor or two. He thinks it is because they are teaching in person and they do not want to risk getting COVID.
- A couple chapters stated they will have a January session.