Happy Spring ACEC/NC Members!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the ACEC/NC Legislators Reception earlier this week. The reception came right after productive in-person meetings with several lawmakers in Raleigh. A special thank you to Claire Brinkley of STV and Seth Poole of Stantec for their leadership in organizing these events.

Speaking of the legislature, someone clearly turned on the "GO" light as several bills are now moving with impacts on engineers. If you'd like to see the bills we are tracking, <u>check</u> here.

This is also the time of year when we get to recognize our rising stars in the engineering world. Congrats to all the nominees for ACEC/NC Young Professional of the Year! Nominated by their companies for this recognition are Andrea Gordon of KCA, Andrew Aiezza of DRMP, Ashley Bouchard of KCA, Eric Throckmorton of NV5, Matthew Vaughan of Bolton & Menk, and Tiffany Preddy of STV. Well done folks – the YPOTY award will be announced May.

Additionally, we would like to congratulate the ACEC/NC Junior Board of Directors for the impressive number of candidates who applied to fill their director positions. This strong response indicates that young professionals believe this opportunity is worth their time and effort, which is a powerful statement.

Speaking of spring and warmer weather, please put June 11th and June 19th on your calendar if you are baseball fans. This year ACEC/NC is taking you out to the ballpark! This year we'll be starting the East-West Showdown raising money for ACEC/NC PAC with a private rented space for members to eat, drink, and enjoy the Durham Bulls on June 11th and the Charlotte Knights on June 19th. Watch for details and ticketing information.

Our Member Engagement Tour (MET) will resume this month, with our Member Relations Director, Sarah Dolezilek, heading to Wilmington. If you are in that area, please contact Sarah at sdolezilek@acecnc.org so she can include you in the tour! We are always eager to hear about our members' experiences.

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Warmly,

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