

## Message from the Junior Board

Happy October from the ACEC/NC Junior Board of Directors! We welcome this change of season as we begin a new year with seven new Junior Board members and a new Executive Committee. Since the inception of the Junior Board two years ago our group has been successful in creating opportunities for developing professionals to engage and network with their peers as well as learn about ACEC/NC advocacy initiatives. This year we will build upon this success by continuing to promote the advancement of developing professionals in our industry. Our goals for this year include an extension of our previous efforts combined with new events and programs.

The Junior Board will continue to host informative socials throughout the year. Our first social is coming up on October 24<sup>th</sup> with locations in both Raleigh and Charlotte. This social is intended to introduce developing professionals to ACEC/NC and educate attendees on the impact this organization has on our industry.

In addition to the socials, the Junior Board will continue to host lunch and learn events throughout the year. These virtual events are intended to promote the advancement of soft skills for developing professionals and provide another opportunity for those individuals to learn more about the impacts of ACEC/NC. Stay tuned for more information on upcoming learn and learns coming soon.

In an effort to expand our outreach to developing professionals, we are underway with the second cohort of our DP Connect program. DP Connect is a peer-to-peer connection program intended to link developing professionals in an intentional way to help them grow their professional network while also developing personal relationships within the ACEC/NC organization.

Additional goals for the Junior Board this year include hosting another Developing Professionals Roundtable and creating opportunities for developing professionals to engage in PAC fundraising. More details on these initiatives will be announced at a later date.

The Junior Board is excited for another busy year ahead full of informative socials, lunch and learns, our DP Connect program, and more! These events are only made possible by the incredible support of our generous sponsors. Stay tuned throughout the year as we announce dates for future informative socials, lunch and learns, a DP Roundtable event, and our first annual Sponsors Gala, where we will celebrate and honor our valued sponsors. We look forward to a successful year and hope to see you at one of our events soon!