



American Council of Engineering Companies of North Carolina

A message from Executive Director James Smith November 2022

Dear ACEC/NC Member,

Wow! 2022 has flown by, and we have accomplished so much. As we wrap up the year, we still have multiple events on the calendar, and we hope to see you soon!

Starting with upcoming events, we are looking forward to our two holiday receptions—the first in Charlotte on December 8 and the second in Raleigh on December 15. These events are our way to say thank you for another great year, while also allowing attendees to invest in our advocacy efforts through supporting ACEC PAC with great raffles, silent auctions, and even a Casino Night in Raleigh! Make sure you check the <u>Events Calendar</u> for more details and registration.

Seats are also filling up for the ACEC/NC NCDOT Transportation Conference. On December 1, engineers from across the state will convene at the Raleigh Convention Center to explore the latest transportation innovations. This event also provides attendees with the chance to network with other professionals. Check out the full <u>agenda</u> and plan to attend what is sure to be the year's event.

On the advocacy front, we are less than \$2,500 away from achieving our ACEC PAC fundraising goal from 2022, and I know we can knock it out of the park. Why should you invest in ACEC PAC? Because we get results for our members through supporting those who support our industry. And in the last election, we were perfect—all candidates supported won their elections and will return to Congress. Check out the complete elections wrap-up in this month's newsletter and mark your calendars for ACEC/NC Legislative Day, coming to Raleigh on April 11, 2023. Long-term transportation funding will be a key priority on the docket for the coming legislative biennium, and we will have further information in the coming weeks and months.

Finally, I wanted to offer a special shout-out to the members of the Junior Board for all of their hard work over the past few months. When we created the Junior Board, we had high expectations for the engagement opportunity, and this team has far exceeded those expectations. Congrats to them on two successful events, and we can't wait to see what they plan next.

Thank you to everyone for your involvement in all we are doing! If ACEC/NC can ever do anything for you, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Best, Jim