

Hello again,

Happy -almost- Spring! Between scraping ice off my windshield, dealing with flu-like symptoms from a vaccine dose, and slurping down bowls of soup, I did have time for a few Spring activities. A few warm bike rides, some basketball, a bonfire, and many long walks to look at the blossoms to name a few. Spring and licensure are in the air! Congratulations to my great friend Stephanie Sweet for passing all of her exams, a newly licensed Architect just in time to enjoy this construction boom! You've inspired me to continue my own study schedule on the path to licensure. As your Regional Associate Director, I am planning an ARE study session in July. It will be an online trivia event much like the event hosted last year. There will even be a prize for the winner, so stay tuned for more information.

Our Meet and Greet event went very well. Interested emerging professionals were able to meet local firms via zoom. Studio Detroit hosted a couple of people. We discussed the projects we've worked on, processes and programs we use to convey ideas, and the general studio atmosphere. Feedback from the attendees was positive, and it gave us a chance to critically analyze our internal processes. We're staying very busy at Studio Detroit. This weather has energized our clients, and our excitement for the projects. To top it off, we're getting ready to move our office. We're all quite excited for the new location. I'll give you a clue- I'm hoping the live jazz tunes will seep through the floor notifying us to the end of the workday. Such an exciting year ahead!

The call for interviewees is still active. I've been engaging new professionals with questions on the experiences of starting a new firm, or even being an Emerging Professional generally. If you would like to be contacted for this interview, please feel free to reach out. I hope you are all staying healthy and focused on your practice. Looking forward to Spring gatherings on a beach, patio, or at a cabin in the woods. As always, feel free to reach out with any questions, feedback, or suggestions.

Thank you for your time,



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