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Happy December and Happy Holidays to all of our Michigan members!

As we come to the close of 2019 – it has been nice to reflect on this past year as your Associate Director. From my first national meeting with the National Associates Committee in February – all the way through the Mid-Summer Conference in August – it has been a great run thus far, creating connection with a range of young professionals across the country, and one I look forward to continuing on behalf of our state into the 2020 year.

We held another ARE prep session / study group this past November with a great turn-out. It was nice to see a diverse cross-section of associate members in attendance – ranging from those who are just starting to take a look at the exam process to others who only have one or two exams left! Great insight was shared amongst the group. In addition to our participants, Brian Moore of Quinn Evans Architects was kind enough to come join us and share some tips and tricks he employed for passing the exam successfully.

We will again be hosting a series of study groups in the next year – but I would like to point out that we are seeing the start of a strong cohort of associate members who are just beginning the exam process developing. This group is looking to start a semi-regular study group. If this is something that you might be interested in joining / learning more about, please contact us and we would be happy to make an introduction!

In closing, I wish everyone a happy, safe and warm holiday season. I ask, as always, that you please feel free to reach out with me with any questions or concerns that you might have.

Hope to see you all around in the new year!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Stefani".

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