

February 8, 2021

Dear WCOE KC Member,

As we begin our third year as a chapter, I realize it comes during a difficult time for all of us. We are all working to keep our businesses going and strong, trying to keep our families safe and stay sane in this world that seems to be spinning very fast. I hope WCOE is a place you can go to know you are not alone. We all share some of the same struggles. It is hard to network when all meetings are on Zoom or virtual somehow but until we can meet in person again the 2021 board will do its best to provide all we can to make your job and life easier.

A big thank you to all the 2020 board for every volunteer hour you spent away from your own business to keep WCOE strong through a rough pandemic. Thank you to those board members Lisa Garney and Mary Keitel who are retiring and those board members, Jennifer Morrison, Shannon Johnson and Becky Wiseman who are returning for another year of volunteering!

Our goals for WCOE have not changed from the beginning of the chapter – to help members' businesses prosper and lift women in construction to new heights of influence in the industry. We will work with National to create awareness for any and all women paving the way here in KC so please reach out if you or anyone else has a success to share! We also want to continue to follow and influence legislative actions that affect the industry and our membership so watch for the updates from National WCOE as well as our KC legislative committee.

Professional growth for our members is always a goal and we have many opportunities for leadership in the organization with five committees and many opportunities in those committees. They include Finance, Audit, Legislative, Communications and Membership so please reach out if you have interest in any of the above.

With all our meetings being virtual for the foreseeable future we will concentrate on growing your Professional Development and keeping you informed where it can help your business. Our monthly meetings will consist of a member spotlight, our architect/engineers giving us a rundown of upcoming jobs for bid, legislative and local board updates and an informative development talk that can help with our business or safety/sanity in this current world. Any feedback is welcome during the calls or feel free to reach out to me anytime.

I look forward to this new role as President and I hope each of you have come to know me at least a little in my Membership Chair role so you feel comfortable reaching out to me for anything. Thank you for your continued membership and let's work together to make 2021 a year of growth for our chapter and our businesses.

Sincerely,

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