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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

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YOUR DAY JOB

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WHY VOLUNTEER?

When it comes to the construction & infrastructure space, professional engineers are sometimes an afterthought. ACEC-Ontario's efforts to promote and advance the business interests of its Member Firms has always impressed me. After joining WSP Canada, I was pleased to have been asked by Joe Sframeli, Current Chair of ACEC-Ontario's Board of Directors to join the Government Relations Committee. I believe strongly in ACEC-Ontario's mandate. I chose to volunteer my time so that we can broaden our industry and the general public's appreciation of the role consulting engineers play in the creation and maintenance of the built environment, and to advocate for fair and reasonable commercial terms reflective of the unique services professional engineers provide.

WORK WITH ACEC-ONTARIO

I've volunteered with ACEC-Ontario for four years now. I'm currently in the role of Member, Government Relations Committee.

EXPERIENCED GAINED

When I first joined the Government Relations Committee, I was really green in terms of how government relations works. You send a letter to your elected representative and your issue gets addressed right? Not exactly. The Government Relations Committee has shown me what effective advocacy is all about. Careful planning and execution is required in order to ensure ACEC-Ontario's messages are delivered to the right audience at the right time. Being able to watch and learn from ACEC-Ontario staff like Bruce Matthews, Catherine Morrison and David Zurawel has been a real privilege.

FUN FACT

I really don't like chocolate.

RELAX - WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE TRAVEL DESTINATION?

As a self-professed oenophile, I don't think it could get much better than a trip to Sonoma County.

ADVICE

First off, if you are debating as to whether or not you should volunteer, just do it! Once you are on board, always keep in mind that everyone at ACEC-ON is working towards the same goal. Don't be shy. Get out there, ask questions and get to know as many people as possible!

WELL-BEING PERSPECTIVE

I have a daily walking routine which helps me either get set for the day or helps me wind down after the workday is done. I also am a strong believer in the healing power of laughter. Give me 10-15 minutes of the Simpsons or Seinfeld and I'm ready to get back to work.

ON SOCIAL

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