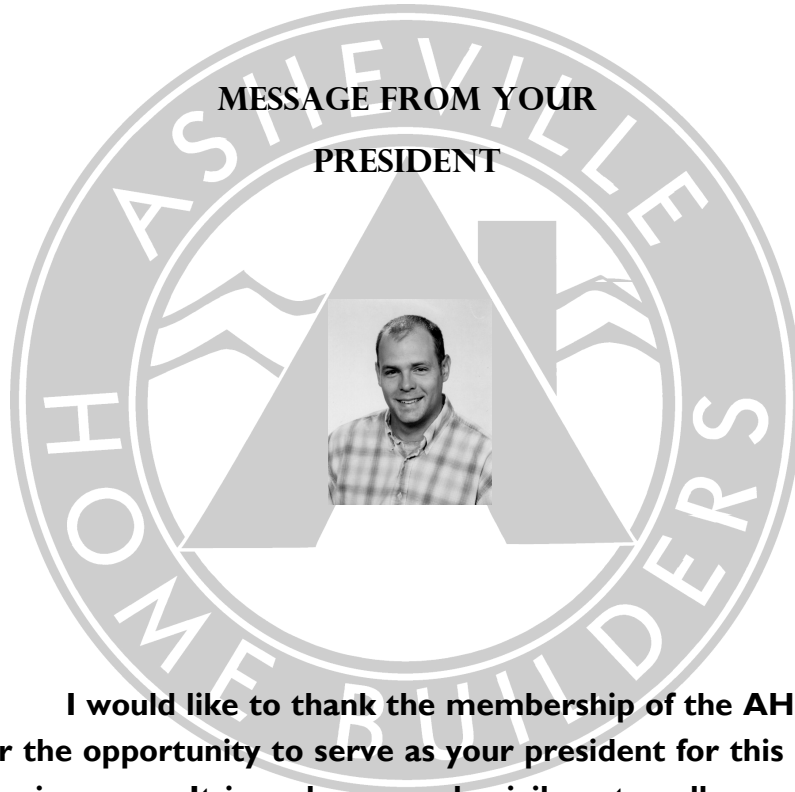


**MESSAGE FROM YOUR
PRESIDENT**



I would like to thank the membership of the AHBA for the opportunity to serve as your president for this upcoming year. It is an honor and privilege to call many of the Asheville area's building professionals my friends, and I am excited to be part of such a great organization.

Our association has experienced record growth over the past few years, and I believe that one of the keys to our success has been the dedication of our members. As our membership numbers grow to over 600, we have the opportunity to be presented with new ideas, while being able to draw from the experience of our long-time members.

This partnership has helped to grow a sense of community in our association and is truly an invaluable benefit to any member.

Also, as our association grows, so do the number of resources to our members. Hopefully in the year ahead we will be able to offer more educational opportunities, more options to serve as new committees are formed, and most of all, the ability to network with others in a professional yet enjoyable environment.

Again, I would like to thank all of our members and office staff for your support, and I look forward to serving you in the year ahead.

Ryan McLellan