

2024 Vernon B. Spalding Leadership Award

Michael Cooper, PE, LEED AP, MBA, FACEC
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Mike has been with HED for 30 years and is the current President of the firm. He also led the Detroit office as Managing Principal for 12 years, before transitioning to the role of National Operations Leader for the Mission Critical Sector, the firm's largest market sector, earlier this year. Mike joined HED in 1993 as a Mechanical Engineer and, since that time, has been involved in building projects in both a design and leadership capacity. He is a licensed professional engineer in 21 states, a LEED Accredited Professional, and has authored numerous articles and been a featured speaker on a variety of industry topics.

Mike is a past President of ACEC/Michigan and a former ACEC National Executive Committee Member. He remains heavily involved in the national organization, currently serving as Vice Chair of their Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee and as a member of their Strategic Planning Cabinet.

Mike also serves as an active member of the NFPA National Standard 45 "Laboratories Using Chemicals" Committee, evaluating lab safety and ensuring that Standard 45 provides for safe lab environments. He is a member of the City of Southfield Construction Board of Appeals, a former Adjunct Faculty member at Lawrence Technological University, and a Fellow of both ACEC and the Engineering Society of Detroit.

Mike was born and raised in the Metro Detroit area and currently lives in West Bloomfield with his wife, Beth. They met as freshmen at the University of Michigan and have been together for 40 years. In that time, they raised three sons, and one turtle. Their older sons, Adam and Daniel, are filmmakers in Los Angeles, CA. Their youngest son, Josh, is in Denver, CO leading the digital marketing company he founded as a student at MSU. When not working, Mike is an avid fiction reader, a pickleball fanatic, and serves as Board President for Tamarack Camps, a Metro Detroit overnight camp non-profit agency.