Winter 2016 is in full swing in West Michigan and the New Holland Brewing Company Nickerbocker Brewpub & Distillery in Grand Rapids, MI is open for business and ramping up operation. In total, 11 COAA-MI members and friends braved the cold evening and busy holiday schedule to make it out for the tour of the restaurant, brewing area, distillation facilities, and the two floors of “build to suite” office spaces above available for lease. The well-rounded group learned a lot about the beer samples in hand and everyone in the group shared their unique perspective on the buildings design and construction as we toured its many spaces. Everyone present was able to relate to a hurdle or two that the construction team encountered while creating such a unique building on a fast schedule.

COAA-MI Emerging Professionals Tours are focused on activating young members of the organization as well as inviting new members into the group through a causal setting to start to learn about COAA, its diverse and talented members, and all of its benefits and resources. If you have any tour ideas for places you want to see or have access to an interesting project and want to host, it is a great opportunity to show off projects and connect with your peers in the industry. Watch your inbox for future tours, we would love to see you there!