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National Association of Women in Construction

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Puget Sound #60 Chapter Newsletter

Core Purpose: To Enhance the Success of Women in the Construction Industry

BELIEVE PERSEVERE DARE

Help Continues for Katrina Victims

We all want to reach out to New Orleans after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. But sometimes The Big Easy reaches out to us.

In March 2007, I (Julia Cordero, volunteer and NAWIC member) was approached at my work bench at the Seattle Central Community College Wood Construction Center with a proposition. An anonymous donor wanted to send a group of students from our school to New Orleans on a work trip. She would fund transportation, room, and board, but needed someone at the school to organize and facilitate the trip. I said yes without hesitation.

I had recently returned to Seat-

tle from a six-month stint working with Habitat for Humanity in hurricane-ravaged Slidell, Louisiana. The desire to keep returning is strong for me, both due to my history there (I was a resident for six years), as well as my love for the uniqueness of the place and its people. Sharing the experience of New Orleans with a group of fellow students and Seattleites was a dream come true.

The logistics of the trip came easily. My frequent visits help me remain aware of the evolving situation in the region; where to stay, what needs to be done, and who needs help. The challenge came in the selection of the team from an extensive pool of applicants: nearly one-

third of the student body filled out the 7-page application to be considered for the trip.

The final team of twenty students was a diverse mixture from all three divisions of study: carpentry, cabinet-making, and boat building. There were 7 women and 13 men, ranging in age from 20 to 49. There was so much enthusiasm about the trip that three additional students elected to pay their own way in order to be part of the effort, bringing our final group size to 23.

At 4:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 13, 2007, a large group of sleepy students met at the airport in Seattle to begin the week-long journey.

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NAWIC Core Values

- Believe in ourselves
- Persevere with the strength of our convictions
- Dare to move into new horizons

Upcoming Strategic Planning Meeting

Strategic Planning is an annual meeting of the minds; that is, minds of the Board of Directors and other chapter members. This year, it will be held at a rustic cabin near Arlington on Saturday, July 14th from 11am - 3pm.

Organizations attract members for many different reasons; the first and foremost is to bond with others who have a mutual interest - in this case, construction. NAWIC does not limit

itself to one area of the industry, instead the goal is to work together as women, learn from each other and use our skills. There are many groups with targeted dedication such as *Habitat for Humanity* that needs members who not only care about society, but have specific skills that can be utilized to make a difference. NAWIC is proud to have members who belong to many other organizations but also share a general

fondness and pride in Construction as a whole. Each member brings a variety of strengths and experiences, but more importantly is a link to others within the industry.

Therefore, we urge you to attend this important meeting. There is no cost, but we ask that you bring a potluck item. Please RSVP to mjbyrnes21@comcast.net. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Legal-Related News



Brenda Molner
Ater Wynne LLP

NEW LAW ON MINIMUM BIDDER RESPONSIBILITY CRITERIA

Contractors bidding on public works projects take note: A new law establishing criteria and processes for public owners' use in determining if bidders on public works project are "responsible" goes into effect July 22, 2007. The law provides minimum responsibility criteria which must be met by contractors, including:

- Bidders must be registered contractors at the time of bid.
- Bidders must have a current state Unified Business Identifier (UBI) account number.
- Bidders must have Industrial Insurance coverage, an Employment Security Department number, and a state excise tax registration number, if required by applicable law.
- Bidders must not be disqualified from bidding on public works contracts as a

result of having two prevailing wage violations within a five-year period, or for failing to maintain a record of subcontractors' UBI account numbers.

Public agencies may adopt supplemental responsibility criteria for specific projects. Supplemental criteria must include the basis for evaluation, the deadline for appealing a determination that a bidder is not responsible, and must be included in the bidding documents.

If the public agency determines a bidder is not responsible, the agency must provide written reasons for the determination. A bidder may appeal the determination within the time specified in the bid documents. If the agency affirms the non-responsibility determination, the agency may not execute a contract with another bidder until two business days after the non-responsible bidder receives the agency's final determination.

General contractors are required to verify responsibility criteria for each first-tier subcontractor. Each subcontractor hiring another subcontractor must do the same. Verification must include that each subcontractor, at the time of subcontract execution, meets the minimum responsibility criteria set forth in the statute, and possesses any required specialty licenses (such as an electrical contractor's license) if required.



cases concerning claims made by and against dissolved Washington LLCs under the Washington LLC Act RCW 25.15 et seq., revised in 2006.

The Court found the statutory amendment, which provided a three-year survival period within which to commence actions against a dissolved LLC, applies retroactively and permits actions against an LLC even when that company's certificate of formation has been cancelled. The three year limitation period begins to run upon dissolution of the LLC, administratively or otherwise.

The Court also clarified that the amendment only applies to actions against the LLC and not to actions brought by a LLC, finding that "administratively dissolved and cancelled LLCs are no longer legal entities and have no standing to prosecute a claim." In one case that meant the dissolved general-contractor LLC in question could not sustain claims against third party subcontractors to recover sums the LLC paid to settle a suit with a homeowners association for construction defects.

The above article was developed for informational purposes and should not be viewed or relied upon as legal advice. Ater Wynne LLP urges readers to consult legal counsel regarding specific legal issues and factual circumstances.

LAW ON CLAIMS MADE BY AND AGAINST DISSOLVED LLCs IS CLARIFIED

Many developers and contractors are formed as limited liability companies ("LLCs"). The Washington Court of Appeals, Division One, recently issued decisions in three



Katrina Help (continued from page 1)

We were headed to St. Bernard Parish, a county to the southeast of downtown New Orleans, where the pre-Katrina population consisted of 65,000 residents. Eighteen months after the storm, barely 8,000 have returned, and most of those live in FEMA trailers set on their front lawns or with relatives in nearby communities while they attempt to make their houses livable again.

The flight delivered us to the sunny humidity of New Orleans by mid-afternoon, and soon the group was piled into two vans headed toward St. Bernard Parish. Our destination for the evening was Camp Hope, a storm-damaged elementary school that has been transformed into a rustic but functional home-away-from-home for volunteers.

This is my third time to New Orleans since Katrina struck on August 29, 2005. Each time I return, I am both heartened and dismayed by the pace of the rebuilding of New Orleans. I am encouraged by the little

destroyed. These untouched houses are far fewer now, mostly thanks to efforts throughout 2006, when volunteers donned Tyvek suits, goggles, masks, hard hats, and steel shank boots to gut the structures down to their framing. That effort, in St. Bernard Parish at least, is mostly over, and the focus has turned to rebuilding the stripped shells back into homes.

Our work week began with an orientation at the headquarters of The St. Bernard Project, a grassroots organization founded by a couple of volunteers who came to help for a work trip and decided to stay. Our job assignments were diverse and numerous – the group worked on thirteen houses over the course of the week doing everything from drywall to cabinet installation, plumbing, and roofing. Many of the homeowners visited with the crews while they worked on the homes, an intimate experience for workers and often a cathartic one for residents. There is no shortage of tragic and

heroic stories in the parish. Visitors need only be willing to lend an ear in order to hear them.

Gratitude floods St. Bernard Parish as deeply as the storm waters that destroyed it. Volunteers are cherished, appreciated, and treated to random acts of kindness that are best embodied in the popular New Orleans term “lagniappe,”

which means “a little something extra.” It’s the 13th donut in a dozen, the oversized slice of pie, or the neighbor who offers to do a chore for you, without you even having to ask. Our group was blessed with lagniappe from the moment we arrived. During a late stop at the local Walgreens on our first night, the store manager urged us to call her if we couldn’t get to the store before closing while we were in town – she would keep it open just for us so we could get what we needed. A local restaurant owner, after talking with a couple of our students, donated lunch for the entire group. One of the homeowners, known as a local historian and story teller, lead our group on an evening driving tour of the

ravaged fishing villages in the parish. Several homeowners made special New Orleans-style lunch for volunteers on their last work day. Generosity and openness is endemic in St. Bernard Parish – it is hard to imagine that these people have suffered so much and yet continue to welcome strangers with warmth and humor.

By the time we gathered at the airport to head back to Seattle, there was no one in the group who was not in love with New Orleans. There has already been talk of future trips, both school-related and private endeavors. Rebuilding New Orleans will take years, but the city’s spell works just as well on its volunteers as it always has on its visitors. You cannot come to New Orleans and remain untouched by its magic and its people, and you will leave with an inexplicable longing to return.

Julia Cordero

ABOUT JULIA

A modern Renaissance woman, Ms. Cordero has degrees in biology and interior design. She attended Tulane University for a year of medical school and realized it was not for her. After working in the Information Technology industry for a few years, she was again ready for something new.

Cordero volunteered around the U.S. with Habitat for Humanity and found she had a knack for carpentry. Since 2002, she has traveled as far as Australia to build houses with Habitat.

So she carefully researched carpentry programs nationwide (mostly online) and two years ago moved to Seattle to attend Seattle Central Community College’s nationally-recognized Wood Construction Center. Cordero, a resident of West Seattle, went through Carpentry and is now enrolled in Cabinet-making.

Ms. Cordero is one of five women being honored for her philanthropic contributions in “Building Women: Inspiring Women in the Building Industry.” The five categories include contribution to industry, community, education, sales/marketing and philanthropy.

More recently, Ms. Cordero has been selected as the new director for the Renton Technical College’s Construction Center of Excellence! CONGRATULATIONS, JULIA!!!



things – on this latest trip, 18 months post-disaster, sound has returned to St. Bernard Parish. When I first saw the parish six months post-Katrina, there was eerie silence. No birds chirped, no dogs barked, no human voices carried in the heavy air. This time, I woke to the sound of a bird’s song our first morning, and I smiled coming out of my sleep. Life is returning.

It is the bigger things that are not as comforting. Still there are blocks and blocks of uninhabited houses in St. Bernard Parish, as well as in other places throughout the city. Some have been gutted and are empty carcasses of wooden studs and bricks. Some are still filled with the rot and sorrow of a lifetime’s worth of possessions soaked and

Advertising in NAWIC

The Board of Directors are all volunteers from the construction industry, working diligently to provide a strong organization for other women employed in the industry. As part of our on-going efforts to strengthen the chapter, increase awareness, and increase its membership, we occasionally solicit individual and corporate sponsorships for various events. We also offer to advertise your company and/or professional services in our monthly newsletter and/or our local website. For \$50 per year (or \$75 for non-members), we will gladly post a business card or same size advertisement in our monthly newsletter. All we need is a color copy of your advertisement, via US mail or e-mail in a GIF, JPG, or PDF format. We'll do the rest and will also send a copy of the newsletter to you monthly. For another \$25 per year, we will link your website or advertisement onto our local website.

We are now accepting new business card advertisements for the upcoming term: September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008. Please submit your advertisement by August 25th. If you have any questions or comments, please contact newsletter editor/publisher, Lily Iftner, at Liftner@CSISeattle.net or (206) 723-8400.

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Schedule of Events

- *July 14th: Annual chapter strategic planning meeting. Open to all members. No charge; please bring a pot-luck item. RSVP to Maureen at mjbyrnes21@comcast.net.*

July 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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August 2007

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26	27	28	29	30	31	

Schedule of Events

- *August 20th: NAWIC construction tour of Microsoft Building MSB99, hosted by GLY Construction. Open to guests. Go to www.nawicpugetsound.org for RSVP and information.*

The Women of NAWIC

These are the current members of NAWIC Puget Sound Chapter, a diverse group of professionals within construction.

Kim Anderson - Owner
AAR Testing Laboratory Inc.
Member since October 1990

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Joyce Apple
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Member since October 2006

Peigi Barkley - CM Assistant
Harris & Associates
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Jessica Bell - Project Manager
Wilder Construction Company
Member since December 2006

Lucy Bodilly - Editor
Northwest Construction Magazine
Member since February 2006

Maureen J. Byrnes - Field Coordinator
KBA Construction Management
Member since August 2004

Virginia A. Carey - Office Mgr/Co-owner
Carey's Rockeries & Grading LLC
Member since May 1980

Sabrina Carlson - Inside Sales/Office Mgr
Stoneway Concrete
Member since August 2006

Brianna Callaway - Assist. Proj. Mgr
Hanover
Member since June 2007

Vanessa Carmen - student
Cardinal Heating & AC
Member since October 2005

Robin E. Conner - Customer Svc/Mktg
Dexter & Chaney
Member since October 2006

Julia Cordero - Director
Construction Center of Excellence
Renton Technical College
Member since August 2005

Heather Crockford - Project Manager
Wilder Construction Company
Member since June 2006

Darylene J. Dennon - CEO/Owner
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Member since October 2002

Carrie S. Dossick - CM Assist. Professor
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Wilder Construction Company
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