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Enhancing the Success of Women in the Construction Industry

And We're Off....

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For racing fans, those three little words may be the most exciting sentence to ever be uttered. For NAWICians, this month starts our new NAWIC year and what a year we will have planned!

For the next two years, we'll be keeping this simple philosophy in mind:

- **Good** meetings & events help up retain current members;
- **Great** meetings & events help us retain members and attract guests;
- **Consistently great** meetings & events help us retain members and gain new members!!

Annual Planning Conference (APC) will be Saturday, Oct 20th in Great Falls, MT. The "Bad Girls of Montana" have planned a fabulous weekend for us: a poolside welcome party Friday night (with a tiki bar!); lots of learning and leadership opportunities, and a scavenger hunt leadership activity (yes, Great Falls has been warned).

Annual Meeting & Convention in Orlando was fantastic! I'm sure you've all heard about all the wonderful seminars, speakers and workshops your fellow chapter members attended. Our national leadership team promises a great year; they will certainly take us to greater heights!

See you in Great Falls on October 19th!!

Now, A Word from Your Chapters

Salem: Nancy Carter, President

Fall is in the air and I love it. As another year is winding down and everyone is getting geared up for the holidays we're selling poinsettias as our annual fundraiser. I'm truly thankful for all my wonderful friends in NAWIC.

In December we will be having our annual Christmas party. We'll be inviting back former chapter members for dinner, an evening full of laughter with a Bunko game and our cookie & recipe exchange.

Boise 5: Charlene Meadows

Well, we have all enjoyed our summer, and are now eager to get back into the swing of things with the onset of Fall and cooler weather. We had the good fortune to have (7) members attend National Convention this year. All found it to be very educational and well worth the trip. We have our installation of officers coming up October 3. Our first committee meeting to plan the annual Dinner & Auction has already taken place, and we are well on the way to another successful event. This is our major fundraiser each year and provides the monies we are able to give for scholarships.

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Founded in 1955, NAWIC is a not for profit organization dedicated to enhancing the success of women in the construction industry. NAWIC serves all women who work in and for the construction industry.

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Hi Ladies,

I just returned rejuvenated & recharged from our 2007 Annual Convention. I had the pleasure to attend several great workshops & seminars, which I hope we can apply to the task of increasing our Women in the Trades market share. The National President Tamie Taylor gave a wonderful talk to our Anchorage division of Building trades about both Career Days & MAGIC. This is a good example of how we can try to introduce & apply what we are learning from NAWIC. If you have done something to help develop or retain craftswomen, please share this information with us. Anyone interested in helping out or providing input for the Tradeswomen Committee, contact me at: kathy1281@alaska.net I look forward to hearing from you!

Kathleen Bugbee
Regional Tradeswomen Chair

Regional Committee Leadership

Committee chairs:

- Safety – Ruth Fritts
- Tradeswomen – Kathleen Bugbee
- PR/Marketing – Cathy Hall, Sarah Webb
- Block Kids – Esther Hartshorn, Kelly Milstead
- PE – Gloria Bruning, Fil Spiegel
- CAD/Drafting – Sherrie McCurdy
- **BOMC – ??**
- Membership – Cathy Brady, Chris Jett
- Website – Robin Langkamp
- WIC Week – Pamela Keller
- Lifetime Achievement – Pam Wright*
- WIC of the Year – Molly McClure*
- Future Leader – Evie Clark
- Forum 2008 – Misty Dawn Crim, Evie Clark

* = current awardee

ALASKA...

Land of the Rising Sun...
The Great Land...
Northern Lights...
The Last Frontier...
Seward's Folly?

Site of Divine Region 9 Forum 2008!!

Deadlines

March 14, 2008

Block Kids

**Contact Esther Hartshorn or
Kelly Milstead for details**

March 28, 2008

**WIC of the Year
Molly McClure**

**Future Leader
Evie Clark**

**Lifetime Achievement
Pam Wright**

Come see for yourself why tourists from around the world make Alaska their once-in-a-lifetime dream vacation destination.

Mark you calendar for **April 24 - 26, 2008** to **Explore New Frontiers**.

Meet your favorite NAWIC celebrities who we *already* know are attending: President Tamie Taylor, Secretary Judy DeWeese, Immediate Past President Chris Wigginton. And many more too numerous to mention!

Plan to arrive early and/or stay after Forum to **explore** 586,412 square miles of territory and discover **new** horizons.

Don't read about this Forum in our regional history books. With **frontiers** of education, self-improvement, laughter, learning, and networking, this will be a Forum to remember!

Whatever your interests, you can be certain that Director Yasmine and the Alaska Chapter will make this a memorable week for you, your chapter and your traveling buddies!

Forum 2008 Co-coordinators: Misty Dawn Crim & Evie Clark

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION
POST-CONVENTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2007
CARIBE ROYALE RESORT, ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

SUMMARY OF ACTION

- Appointment of President Taylor to serve as NEF Executive Committee Member
- Appointment of Immediate Past President Wigginton and Secretary DeWeese to serve as NEF Trustees
- Approved changes to the NAWIC Manual, Section F, Page 12, renaming the Organization & Extension Guidelines to read “Chapter Chartering Committee (O&E Guidelines)” and placing the Chapter Chartering Guidelines in the NAWIC Manual, same section
- Approved appointment of a taskforce to review the Chapter Chartering Kit and Guidelines. Appointed were Chair, Director Branden, and Directors Mathis, Rivers, Parsons, Lovejoy-Blaylock, members. Taskforce to report at Mid-Year Board.
- Appointment of a taskforce to review NAWIC Policies 8, 13, and 36, regarding Councils. Appointed were Chair, President-Elect McDonald, and Immediate Past President Wigginton and Director Johnsen, members.
- Appointment of a taskforce to review Forum Rules and NAWIC Policy #26. Appointed were Chair, Vice President Meyer, and Director Campbell and Parliamentarian Clark, members.
- Approved to circulate Bylaw change to Affiliated Chapter Standing Rules #2 and #3 to be considered at Mid-Year Board Meeting 2008.
- Approved Bylaw Chairman Chris Wigginton review all Bylaws and Policies for continuity, clarity and consistency, and report with items for consideration at Mid-Year Board.
- Accepted the report of NEF President Yarbrough: (1) final testing date based on the old CDS course will be May, 2008; (2) K-12 Regional appointments are needed; (3) The Building/Design program is being revised into a new abbreviated program; (4) Due to IRS requirements, raffle ticket purchases cannot be credited to the Ladder Club program and NEF cannot give special pricing to NAWIC members; and (5) NEF Mid-Year Board of Directors Meeting tentatively scheduled for February 8-10, 2008, in San Diego, CA.
- NAWIC Mid-Year Board of Directors Meeting tentatively scheduled for February 28 – March 2, 2008, in Las Vegas, NV.

Region 9 Calendar

- 20 October 2007 APC
Great Falls, MT
- 24 – 26 April 2008 Forum
Anchorage, AK
- 3 – 6 Sept 2008 Annual Mtg &
Convention
Las Vegas, NV
- October 2008 APC
Spokane, WA
- 16 – 18 April 2009 Forum
Seattle, WA
- 26 – 29 Aug 2009 Annual Mtg &
Convention
Phoenix, AZ

*Pacific Builder and
Engineer “Briefs”:*

Boise – Ruth Fritts, safety director for McAlvain Construction, recently received certification as a safety and health construction specialist from the Pacific Northwest OSHA Education Center at the University of Washington.

*Another feather in
Ruth's hat!*

Chapter Presidents

Portland Chapter 54 – Gloria Bruning
Puget Sound Chapter 60 – Janice Lawrence
Eugene Chapter 77 – Robin Langkamp
Spokane Chapter 143 – Lori Barrick
Tacoma Chapter 187 – Cathy Hall
Tri-Cities Chapter 192 – Cathy Brady
Alaska Chapter 197 – Misty Dawn Crim
Salem Chapter 198 – Nancy Carter
Great Falls Chapter 228 – Linda Seibel
Boise Chapter 245 – Charlene Meadows

National News

Membership Renewal Time

Don't panic! You have until Oct 31 to mail your renewal to the NAWIC office. Renewals postmarked after Oct. 31 must pay the "Postmarked after Oct. 31" rate printed on the renewal. So, if you haven't renewed your membership for the 2007-2008 year, please hurry.

The quickest way to renew is Online. Visit www.nawic.org > Member Log
In > Member Center > Pay Dues to access your renewal information.

You can safely pay your renewal online using our secure site. Your payment is processed online, and your information is automatically updated in the NAWIC database.

NAWIC Education Foundation Update

By Nancy Eaton, National Past President

I'm sure you are aware of the NAWIC Education Foundation and all the great programs they provide. Starting with our K-12 programs, we offer the Block Kids geared for 1st thru 6th graders, the new and improved (2007) Build Design (for Middle School students) and CADD Drafting for the High School students.

We have recently updated our 6 part self study program, Certified Construction Associate (CCA). The NEW Certified Construction Document Specialist (CDS) has just been made available (September 2007). The Construction Industry Technician (CIT) is up to date. All of these programs are administered by Clemson University. We still provide the Introduction to Construction program which is used across the country by many. Our newest program, Construction Bookkeeping 101, is slated for completion by September 2009.

I'm sure you are also aware that keeping these programs up to date take LOTS of money. Donations made by our members are a major source of funding to keep these programs available (and up to date)

You can help by donating to our Annual Fundraiser. The suggested donation of \$10 per ticket will give you a chance to win a \$50 gift card at Annual Planning Conference or Forum as well as 3 additional chances to win either \$500, \$1000, or \$2000 at our Annual Meeting in September 2008.

Another program you might want to consider is the Ladder Club. The Ladder Club is a perpetual giving program where donations made in \$25 increments are recorded in the name of a chapter, a region or an individual donor. As certain levels of contributions are reached, a "Ladder Club Pin" is presented to the donor and represents the level of donations made. The first pin is awarded when \$100 has been donated.

We have initiated a "Corporate" or industry program where donations can be made by those who see the value that our Foundation is offering and who wants to see our educational efforts continue.

Won't you please consider donating to our Foundation? Give what you can, as often as you are able and support the NAWIC Education Foundation.

Thank you!