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To Enhance the Success of Women in the Construction Industry

President's Message

By Nicole Martin

I'm proud to start the month off as your Chapter President and excited about the events we have the next couple of months!

I'd like to introduce our two new additions to the Board: Marcie Glenn, owner & CEO of Another Source, and Julie Stalzer, Associate of the DLR Group. It's exciting to see some of our newest members stepping right into leadership roles. I'm sure their help and guidance will make our chapter stronger still!

On May 2nd our chapter had a busy booth at the Washington Women in Trades Fair. I'd like to thank Judy Jewell, Darlyene Dennon, and Marilynn Moch for taking time out of their busy schedules to be on hand to answer questions and promote NAWIC to the women of all ages that visited us.

This month we are busy with a couple of great events. On May 10th our chapter is participating in a Habitat for Humanity

Women's Build as a main sponsor. We are promoting this as a way to honor our mothers and will accept donations for Habitat for Humanity. **Please let us know if you or your company would like to make a donation!**

Our Programs Committee has continued to set up educational and fun meetings throughout the year.

At the end of the month, our chapter must nominate our new Board of Directors. We will vote in June, with the new positions starting October 1st. I encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and try something new. The rewards are plentiful both professionally and personally. If I can do this, so can you! Contact any of us on the board if you'd like help figuring out which Officer or Director position is right for you. Also, watch for ballots in the mail for the National Officer Elections. We really need to participate in this! With just over 5,000 members nationwide



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your vote really matters!

June is one of my favorite months for NAWIC. Save the date for our Annual VIP & Industry Appreciation Night at Rock Salt on June 9th. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We intend to enjoy a great meal, be inspired by Donna Shirey (Shirey Contracting) and gorge on cake. Instead of our annual auction we're doing something a bit crazy and betting on our desserts. We're also in need of corporate sponsors. Our invitations will be coming out soon. Share them with your boss, colleagues, friends, and family. This is a night to thank them for all their support over the year and show them what NAWIC is all about.

Upcoming Meetings

On Monday, May 12th, NAWIC will host *Getting Your Building Permit - A Dozen Things You Should Know* by Kelle Powell, director of Southsound Permit, at Grazie Ristorante Italiano in Bothell.

Please invite a guest and RSVP at www.nawicpugetsound.org or contact Nicole Lamanna at 425-289-1774 or via e-mail at nicolel@fergusonconstruction.com

On Monday, June 9, 2008, NAWIC will hold its annual VIP Dinner and Fundraiser at Rock Salt Restaurant in Seattle.

New Member Highlight

Eileen I. McKillop, Esq.

Attorney/Partner

Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker, LLP

Ms. McKillop is a partner at Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker. For the past 15 years, she represented numerous developers, general contractors, and subcontractors of all trades in construction defects actions, and is a frequent speaker at industry and legal

seminars on construction defect cases and insurance coverage issues facing the construction industry.

Prior to obtaining her law degree, she was an insurance claims adjuster and a workers' compensation claims examiner.

Ms. McKillop first heard about NAWIC through an associate and former NAWIC member, Diane Utz. She is interested in

getting to know other women in the construction field, both for her personal benefit and for marketing purposes.

Outside of work, Ms. McKillop is currently taking ballroom dance lessons and loving it. She also loves dressage horseback riding. She adds that she's single and still looking.

New Member Highlight

Juli A. Bacon

President

JB Consulting Systems, LLC

Ms. Bacon started JB Consulting Systems in 2001. They specialize in human resources and insurance consulting for small – to mid-size businesses in the construction industry. They also work with companies that are not construction-related. Ms. Bacon holds licenses in Property & Casualty and Life & Disability insurance. She's worked in a number of other industries, but has worked with construction-related companies for the majority of her professional experience.

Ms. Bacon's main responsibility at JB Consulting Systems, other than running the day to day business operations, is to be in charge of public relations and sales for the company.

Ms. Bacon first heard about NAWIC through a friend and business associate, Darylene Dennon of Solid Energy Painting and Total Care Contracting. She chose NAWIC because they appear to have a high level of professionalism associated with them, including their reputation for quality education and first rate networking with other women. She also wanted to be connected with other professional women

in the construction industry.

Ms. Bacon has a B.A. degree in Theater Arts, and originally moved to Washington to get her Master of Fine Arts at UW...which she adds has proven to be invaluable in her professional life.

Outside of work, Ms. Bacon enjoys snow skiing, which she took up in the last few years. Currently, she is recovering from an ACL knee surgery but is looking forward to getting back on the slopes with her daughter.

Active versus Corporate Membership

To clear up some confusion on meeting dues: regardless of which membership you are (active or corporate), you pay the \$25 monthly meeting dues and *any guests you bring from your company must pay the \$30 guest dues.*

Active Chapter Membership means the membership is under your name and is *not* transferrable to another person within your company, should you leave or become inactive.

Corporate Chapter Membership means

that your company can reassign the membership to someone else other than you.

Please remember, *any* guest should be paying the \$30 guest price for our monthly meetings.

No Frills Putting Tournament

If you've put any thought on attending the NAWIC National Convention in Las Vegas this year, the following is an advertisement for a NAWIC fundraising event, with all proceeds going to the NAWIC Education Fund (NEF):

Beginner or Old Pro, you will enjoy an afternoon of fun in the sun at one of Las Vegas' 18 hole golf course on Wednesday, September 3rd, 2008 from Noon to 5pm. Cost is \$75/person, balls and transportation from hotel is provided.

Afterwards, you will be treated to an Ice Cream Social, just before you're back in

the hotel for the "First Timers' Meeting" and "Welcome Party".

Transportation from the convention hotel is provided by Golf Clubs.

Please pre-register by July 31st and include the following information:

Name: _____

Chapter: _____

Region: _____ **E Mail:** _____

Phone: _____

Times You Have Golfed:

(0) _____ 1-5 _____ 6-10 _____ 11-

25 _____ 26+ _____

Beginners are ENCOURAGED to join
Husbands are ENCOURAGED to come

Mail registration to
Nancy Eaton
4610 Wynn Road
Las Vegas, NV 89103
by July 31 or email:
nancy@tomboytools.info

Make Checks Payable to NEF, (Credit Cards Welcome)

For registration forms, email
nicole.martin@macmiller.com.

Forum Report, Alaska - Part I

By Judy Jewell

We may say this every year, but here it is again...What a shame so few people from our chapter were able to take advantage of this fun and enlightening experience. As always too, I don't think the publicity that is distributed from Region 9 NAWIC Forum emphasizes the enriching experience. Our Puget Sound Chapter will host Forum in September 2009 and has already begun its publicity and information campaign. Region 9 includes ten chapters from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska, and Montana.

National NAWIC Officers, originally from Region 9, were also at Forum: Tami Taylor from Alaska, the current national President, and Chris Wigginton from Spokane, the Immediate Past President. Additionally, we met the current National Secretary, Judy DeWeese from San Antonio. These leaders are the epitome of what we are all striving to become. I must also include our impressive Region 9 Director Yasmine Brandon from Portland. She runs a very organized meeting. Lots of preparation makes for success.

I will start by reporting on business matters. National has gathered information from Membership Chairs across the country and one major change has been made as a result: all renewals will be due by October 1st. Late fees will apply to those renewals received after October 1st. This is bad for procrastinators but a major relief to chapters who haven't known which mem-

bers are renewing until January.

The recent funky cover of our NAWIC Image publication got a lot of flak from across the country. When they explained that the publicity shot that ended up on the cover came from ABC, I thought they meant Associated Builders and Contractors – but thankfully they meant ABC the television network. Anyway, they are listening to us and will avoid this happening again.

Our own Ann Jarvis received recognition for achieving 35 years of chapter membership. Congratulations Ann!

Recognition for Membership Recruitment went to Nicole Martin (formerly Kampmann), Darylene Dennon, and myself.

The notable events scheduled this year are as follows:

- NAWIC's 53rd Convention will be in Las Vegas, from September 3rd - 6th.
- Region 9's Annual Planning Conference will be held in Spokane, Washington on Saturday, October 18th.
- NAWIC's new NCCER (national center for construction education and research) Leadership Academy will be held in Clemson, South Carolina from October 25th - 28th. This academy provides women with the opportunity to evaluate their career and their manage-

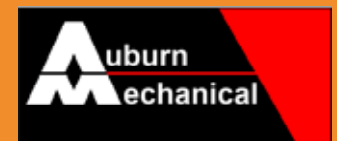
ment and leadership roles within their company and the construction industry. Those who should attend include business owners, education directors, office managers, project directors, project managers, project supervisors, and ad training coordinators. The topics covered include leadership and management styles, negotiating techniques, time management, conflict resolution, problem solving techniques, and conducting effective meetings (go to www.nccer.org for more information). You do not have to be a NAWIC member to attend. The cost is \$1,295 per person.

Forum 2010 will be hosted by the Eugene Chapter.



Yasmine Brandon, Region 9 Director

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