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President's Message By Nicole Martin

Mark Your Calendar

May 5th—
Monthly Board Meeting—Trane office

May 11—
Monthly Dinner Meeting—VFW, Mercer Island—
"Achieving Operational Excellence"

June 2—Monthly Board Meeting

June 2—
Construction Solutions Conference—
"Balancing Energy and the Indoor Environment—WSCTC

June 2— The Project Management Conference—WSCTC

June 8—VIP Night—To be determined.

After a year of planning, our Region 9 conference has come and gone! A special "thank you" to our Forum Co-chair Coordinators, Maureen Brynes and Darlyene Dennon. The amount of time and effort they put forth was evident all week-end. Special thanks to our Region 9 Director, Yasmine Branden for keeping us on track, and to our hard working steering committee members: Sue Z. Hart, Janifer Hays, Diane Lutterloh, Judy Jewell and Judy Redford. Other members who proved their weight in gold: Gwyn Hart, Linda Huber, Lily Iftner, Marcie Glenn, Marilyn Moch, Brenda Molner, Julie Stalzer, and Leona Wilkinson. Thank you for representing us well!

I'd especially like to thank our sponsors who during these economic times could have easily said, no. Instead they helped to make our conference a huge success. These outstanding

companies include our Gold Sponsors: Mowat Construction Company and Centennial Contractors Enterprises, Inc. Our Silver Sponsors: KBA Construction Management, Olympian Precast, AterWynne LLP, Johnson-Barrow, Inc., Holaday-Parks, Inc., Hoffman Construction Company, Hoffman Structures, Inc., McKinstry, CADMAN, Air Tec Co., Hudson Bay Insulation, Restorx of Washington, OPUS and American Reprographics Company. Thank you for supporting women in construction! Next year our regional forum will be hosted by the Eugene Chapter on May 13th -16th. If you didn't make it this year, I hope you will join us in Oregon for more great educational opportunities, NAWIC business and networking!

During NAWIC business at Forum Region 9 adopted new policies for the [Sarbanes-Oxley](#)

[\(SOX\) Act](#) and approved the Mid-Year's amendments to the By-Laws. These policies were adopted by the NAWIC Board of Directors on 02/28/2009. These policies were adopted by our Puget Sound Chapter #60 Board of Directors on 4/07/09. Please visit the national website to view the documents or ask a Board Member if you have any questions.

The Nomination committee is now working on our new slate of officers and directors for the 2009-2010 term. If you'd like to nominate a member, or would like to run yourself, please let Judy Jewell, Janifer Hays or Julie Stalzer know. On June 8th we'll be voting in a great new team!

See next page for Board positions and job descriptions.

Thanks for all you do for NAWIC!

"Cheerfulness, it would appear, is a matter which depends fully as much on the state of things within, as on the state of things without and around us." Charlotte Bronte



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Positions Available

Board of Directors & Committee Chairs

President:

Presides at all meetings and sets agendas, serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors, Sets the chapter's vision and establishes what we stand for. Liaison with regional and national chapters.

Vice President:

Performs duties of president, when absent. Set's up monthly meetings and programs, including procuring speakers, meeting locations, meals, etc.

Past President:

Serves as tribal elder and assists chapter President.

Treasurer:

Custodian of all chapter funds, including paying bills authorized by the board of directors, keeping itemized account of receipts & reimbursements, and presents written report at regular meetings of the chapter and Board of Directors.

Secretary:

Keeps minutes of all

regular and special meetings of all regular and special meetings of the chapter and Board of Directors, including keeping permanent records.

Director #1: Membership Committee Chair

Responsible for recruiting new members, provide current membership count, and follow up with new guests. The main goals are to increase and retain membership.

Director #2: Fundraising Committee Chair

Raise money to fund chapter activities, including sponsoring members to regional and national NAWIC events and secure sponsorships funding for students.

Director #3: Scholarship Committee Chair

The Puget Sound Chapter offers scholarships to be determined by the Board and dependent on funds, but can include Computer Aided Drafting (CAD), a NAWIC Education Foundation Program that offers high school students a scholarship competition where they

design a construction project using CAD, and College/University Scholarships, a program which provides monetary assistance to students already in a construction program. Responsibilities include advertising to local schools and correspondence with the NAWIC Founder's Scholarship Foundation.

Director #4: Marketing Committee Chair

Provides chapter information, outreach to women in the industry, and educational opportunities, through press releases to the appropriate media contacts, trade show appearances, and other forms of marketing and/or public relations.

Director #5: Mentoring Committee Chair

Focused on providing members (mentee) a program to connect with another member (mentor) in order to enhance the success of women in the construction industry. Committee Members:

Other Committees include: Block Kids, Newsletter, & Website.



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Connecting with the Industry

FORUM 2009 Recap by Maureen Byrnes

Forum weekend flew by and we all had a great time and learned a lot. Yasmine did a stellar job leading us through it and keeping us on track. The Monaco staff treated us really well and seemed very happy to have our group there. Every Chapter was represented, we met our attendance goal of 60, and we had 14 sponsors. The speakers, the core of the event, were fabulous. We expect to gain several new members as a result of the quality of the program.

NAWIC business included electing our new Director,

Cathy Brady, from the Tri-Cities Chapter. We were invited to attend the 2009 Convention in Phoenix in late August and to attend Annual Planning in October in Portland. We know 2010 Forum will be in Eugene and learned 2011 Forum will be in Cathy's home Chapter, Tri Cities. Perhaps most amazing of all was the announcement that Convention in 2013 is slated for Bellevue!

We had a fun time at the welcome party in the hospitality suite with everyone coming in and out and reg-

istering but it was the Murder Mystery fundraiser on Friday that produced a roomful of nonstop laughter. We made a ton of money for NEF and NFSF. Thanks to Janifer and Diane's hard work, we raised \$1420.

We plan to post photos on the web site real soon and should be able to report on the financial results of Forum within 30 days or so. It was a huge project and a lot of work, but, with amazing teamwork, our Chapter pulled it off and we should be very proud of the results.



Zero Energy House Tour by Darylen Dennon

On Thursday, 4/16/09, we arranged a private tour to start off our "Pacific Northwest Green Theme" for those arriving early to Forum 2009. We gathered up folks at the hotel and drove to the eastside of Lake Washington. We were met by Donna Shirey, our tour guide. Shirey Contracting of Issaquah is an award winning remodeler and custom builder, with a focus on sustainable building practices.

We walked around the entire home, still in the hard hat stage, listening to a multitude of information by Donna. The home will serve dual goals: arriving at net zero energy usage and showing homeowners how they can become more energy independent. The 1,700-square-foot, two-bedroom house, is designed to "show that smart choices can result in a home that minimizes energy use while maxi-

mizing comfort and style." Current estimates project the home's annual energy cost at no more than \$500, or an average of about \$40 per month. To achieve this, the design incorporates energy efficiency features, water conservation features, sustainably produced and durable materials, plus low impact site development and natural landscaping.



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Murderer Revealed! By Janifer Hays

The NEF Forum 2009 Fund Raiser was a fun time for all and the proceeds are the proof. The Murder Mystery event "One of the Girls" earned \$745 and the NEF and NFSF raffles account for the rest of the over \$1400 generated that evening. The Highlight of the evening was the great time everyone had in making contributions of all types! It was unfortunate to dis-

cover that NAWIC's own National Treasurer, Cindy Johnsen, was a murderer. Her sweet Leelawati character couldn't fool everyone, since we had two clever ladies who were able to guess it was she, Barbara Woith from Montana Chapter 128 and Stacey Dearing from Alaska Chapter 197. Linda Huber from our Puget Sound Chapter was voted Best Charac-

ter. However, it was noted that Linda slipped into her "Biker Chick" character pretty easily?? A Super job was done by all the Suspects and Characters, making it a memorable experience for all that evening. Many Thanks to **ALL** who made the fund raiser such a success in every way this year.

Echohaus Tour by Darylen Dennon

On Saturday, 4/18/09 we rounded all tour recipients up in front of the hotel and off we went to the Echohaus seven minutes away in Seattle's SoDo neighborhood, just a couple of miles south of Pioneer Square. We were welcomed by Matt,

our tour guide, who walked us through their spacious showroom which was remodeled in 2008. He provided us with a new retail experience based on the way people really shop for building materials. It is an interactive resource cen-

ter where you can play, create and discover. The Seattle showroom is a prototype for their other stores. Their mission is to offer sustainably made products that perform as well and look as stylish as conventional ones, without costing more.

Achieving Operational Excellence

Join us on May 11th to hear Perry England.

Perry is the Vice President for Building Performance at MacDonald-Miller Facility Solutions. He has been actively involved in making building systems work as far back as 1985 as a test and balance technician while in college.

His twenty-four year career has encompassed

both industrial and commercial applications as a practicing engineer for the Department of Energy facilities in Oak Ridge, Tennessee to managing the construction business in the Pacific Northwest for a leading building technology manufacturer. Most recently Perry has been a crusader for alternative delivery methods that motivate design build contractors and building

operators to deliver buildings with a lifecycle performance assurance guarantee.

His focus at MacDonald-Miller involves helping building operators and owners identify low cost improvements to save energy, improve comfort and extend the life expectancy of equipment while achieving operational excellence.

