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Mark Your Calendar

April 12th
VIP Night
(Managing in the New Economy) - Aljoya

May 10th
Membership Mtg
(Sometimes the World Looks Better Upside Down) - Aljoya

June 14th
Membership Mtg
(Interactive Group Exercise/ Self-Defense) - Aljoya

July 12th
Strategic Planning for 2010/2011 - Aljoya

August 9th
Family Picnic - TBD

President's Message By Julie Stalzer, Stalzer Consulting

April is Industry Appreciation month for the NAWIC Puget Sound Chapter. This is the month we honor those in the construction industry who support NAWIC, whether it be as a member, a sponsor, or someone who supports women in general in the construction industry.

With the majority of the construction industry still predominately male, I take my hat off to those women who have entered the industry and worked through the ranks. I applaud the women business owners who have found their way and successfully competed in the industry.

I love the fact that NAWIC is made up of members from so many various aspects of the construction world. Our members are made up of administrative staff, marketing personnel, IT staff, accountants, attorneys, construction managers, and owners, to name just a few. With our combined experience and work-

ing knowledge of the construction industry we are able to help our members grow.

Our mentoring program has been in the development stage for the past few months and is ready to be rolled out. We all have talents and abilities that can be helpful and encouraging to one another. Please sure to let Jenni Wakida know of your interest to participate either as a mentor or a mentoree.

I am looking forward to our April meeting on the 12th at Aljoya on Mercer Island. This is our VIP and Industry Appreciation night. This night is a fundraiser for our National Founders' Scholarship Fund. The proceeds from our Dessert Dash will go to this fund. We will be honoring those who have worked very hard to make our chapter such a success this past year. I am anxious to hear our keynote speaker, Darlene Septelka share with us on "Managing

in the New Economy & Construction Women in Vietnam".

Come help us celebrate the Very Important People who make us who we are today. Please invite and bring those who have had an impact on you and your career.

Looking forward to seeing all of you on the 12th!

"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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NAWIC Board Positions - OPEN

From Your Nominating Committee: *Judy Jewell (Chair), Janifer Hays, and Diane Lutterhoh*

It's time again for us to nominate members to run for offices on the chapter "Board of Directors". As this process gets underway each of us will be called upon to decide who among us is best suited to each office and if we wish to be considered as a candidate ourselves.

Perhaps you would like to run for an office. Are you aware of the demands of that office? Are you in a position to make the commitment it will take to fulfill your duties if elected? Nominations are open until election at the June meeting. The term of office will be October 2010 - September 30, 2011. A planning retreat for the new and old Board Members is in August.

Please review the following overview of each office. While you read, keep in mind that this is meant only to be a guideline to help you determine if you want to run for an office and/or who you think is best suited to an office.

Duties of Officers:

President

Being a NAWIC chapter president can be a wonderful experience. It does however take up a good deal of time, usually around 30 hours per month. The following are basic responsibilities:

The President presides

over the monthly general meeting and board meetings. She is responsible for preparation of the agendas for both meetings. She appoints Board members.

The President is responsible for maintenance and storage of the chapter's permanent records. She is in receipt of all correspondences from National Headquarters and the Region 9 Director. All correspondences must be reviewed and then passed on to the appropriate committee chair or chapter members. She is the chapter's lifeline with National and Region 9 Director.

If at all possible, the President should attend most regional and national functions, i.e. Forum, National Convention, and Annual Planning Conference. In addition to attendance at these functions she must be available to actively participate. This may include being a committee member, speaking to the general session or leading a NAWIC seminar.

The President is responsible for submitting monthly, quarterly and yearly reports to the chapter, National and Region 9 Director. These reports describe Chapter current activities and future plans.

A President must be able to delegate responsibilities. She must then follow through to ensure those responsibilities are met.

Being chapter President

can be both hair-raising and rewarding. As President, your public speaking skills will be enhanced, you will gain confidence and organizational skills. You should end the year with a feeling of accomplishment.

Vice President

The Vice President is the President's right arm. She must be available to assist the President in every area. Attendance at Regional and National functions, while not mandatory, is a plus. The Vice President must be ready to assume the Presidency if the President cannot fulfill her term.

The Vice President is responsible for heading one of the major committees, i.e., fundraising, NAWIC Education Foundation, or speakers.

Secretary

The Secretary is responsible for notifying all members of the date and time of the meetings. She must record minutes of each general meeting and board meeting, and see that these minutes are made available to the general membership. This can be done by publishing the minutes in the monthly newsletter or reading them at the next general meeting.

Treasurer

Chapter Treasurer should be a person with basic bookkeeping knowledge. Fulfilling the obligations of this position takes approximately 25 hours per month.

MEMBER COMPANIES

*AAR Testing Laboratory Inc.**ABC of Western Washington**Ater Wynne LLP**Building Beyond the Walls**Cadman Inc.**Cochran Inc.**Construction Center of Excellence**CSI Seattle**ErgoFit Consulting Inc.**Hoffman Construction Co. of Washington**Holiday-Parks, Inc.**Jackson Dean Construction, Inc.**JE Dunn Construction Co., Inc.**Job Corps/NW DFSI**MacDonald-Miller Facility Solutions**Moss Adams LLP**Mowat Construction Co.**Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker, LLP**Olympian Precast Inc.**Otto Rosenau & Associates**Pacific Fire & Security, Inc.**Phoenix Builders LLC**PSF Mechanical Inc**Puget Sound Energy**SME Inc of Seattle**Stalzer Consulting**Stoneway Concrete**The Snowden Co., Inc.**Tueffers, Guckian & Gamon, PLLC**University of Washington*

Continuing Education

By Lily Iftner, CSI Seattle

Continuing education is the expansion of knowledge.

For some professionals, such as those holding special licenses and certifications, there may be a specific annual credit requirement.

Without continuing education, how does one hear about the latest technological advances? Or the latest building code revisions? Or the latest industry improvements affecting products and procedures? Or the latest published opinion or case law for attorneys? So it appears that these requirements are intended to encourage professionals to stay current with the latest developments in their profession.

Nevertheless, knowledge is power. Even without a special license or certification, continuing education can benefit everyone. These can be in the form of formal classrooms or seminars, or informal dinner presentations by various industry organizations. The formal events typically offer professional development hours (PDH) or continuing education units (CEU), which are typically equivalent to the hours of the presentation. NAWIC offers informal continuing education through their monthly membership meetings, at

Forum, National Convention, and Annual Planning Conference. Although credit hours are not offered, unless specifically noted, the knowledge gained may become an advantageous tool for later use.

Continuing education is great but they do not always touch on the heart of what you do, professionally. Seeking the perfect topic every year can be difficult, unless you are willing to travel throughout the 50 States and possibly internationally. This can be a problem for those needing to report the annual credit hours. Such a topic was discussed during the 2010 legislation.

This year, legislators in the State of Washington were presented a proposed law requiring professionally licensed engineers to report their annual PDH. This proposal can be found in House Bill HB 2602. This bill proposed that licensed engineers report at least 15.0 PDH per year or be denied renewal of their certificate of registration as an engineer.

As a licensed engineer, I was apprehensive. Not opposing continuing education, as I wholeheartedly believe in it, but apprehensive of what it could do to the State's budget in order

to manage such a large group of engineers.

In the end, HB 2602 rescinded the 15.0 PDH requirement and instead a new section was added to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) sections 18.43.090 and 43.24.086. Per the revisions, the Department of Licensing is to "submit recommendations to the legislature on establishing continuing education requirements for engineers".

In the end, licensed engineers will not need to report their PDH upon renewal; however, the type of continuing education appropriate for the engineer's profession will be better defined by the Department of Licensing.

To read the original proposal or the final proposed HB 2602, go to website:

dir.leg.wa.gov

To conclude, my only question to you is, "What have you learned lately?"

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