



NAWIC

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President's Message By Sue Z. Hart, Building Beyond the Walls

Mark Your Calendar

August 8th -
Budget Planning
for 2011—2012
programs and initiatives
(Board
Only)

September 12th -
Sound Transit
Tour
Location TBD

October 10th -
Oktoberfest Beer
Tasting and Silent
Auction/ Speed
Networking
Location TBD

NAWIC Puget
Sound meets the
2nd Monday of
each month, 12
months a year.
*NOTE: Exceptions.

My First Summer Job

I was asked recently to write about my first summer job for a blog and I thought I would share it with you. As you read this, think back on your first job. Did it leave an impression on you? How has it impacted your life?

My first real summer job was one of those “chance of a lifetime” opportunities where I worked with the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) at Mt. Rainier National Park. Our crew of eight, made up of seven 16 and 17 year olds from across Western Washington and a Crew Leader from Prescott College in Arizona was based out of Longmire, along with about five other crews. Each week we would hike into a different location on the Mountain to restore damaged trails. Our program design gave us an average of six hours to work and two hours of environmental education each day.

I had never had a job other than babysitting or farm work, and hiking or camping was not something my family did. Working with

YCC turned out to be one of the most impactful experiences of my life. Coming from a very small town, this job exposed me to another world, several new worlds actually. The job exposed me to different people, cultures and an education beyond anything I had ever known.

As we worked, not only did I learn new skills but also why we were doing them. People took the time to teach. I learned how our actions have long-term effects on our environment and each other. I learned about ant lions, what they are and what they do. I learned why it is so important to stay on the trails, the right way to restore them and how to tell the age of an Alpine tree. I learned how to short sheet a bed (a special skill that

served me well when I got home to my brothers).

I learned the right way to teach someone, how to work as a team, and how much we can accomplish when we are encouraged or encouraging. I learned I could do amazing things, even if I was a girl! Work can be fun and friends can be true. Wild animals and humans can coexist and you should always hang your food, and never leave butterscotch pudding out at night... it attracts bears. I learned everyone has a story and we should take the time to listen.

I have had many jobs and learned many new skills since that summer, but my time with YCC rooted in me a strong foundation of self that I am only now beginning to understand.

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deadline is the 25th,
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July Meeting Recap

By Sue Z. Hart

July's meeting was our annual potluck Planning Retreat. We had 12 participants attend at Cadman offices in Redmond. New and returning Board members added great value as we reviewed all of the exciting goals we accomplished last year! We carefully reviewed the goals we had hoped to achieve last year, the goals we did accomplish, and the areas where we need to do better. Committees are being formed and there is room for everyone to get involved. Please be thinking of ways you would like to get involved to make our NAWIC chapter the best it can be. The opportunities to get involved and make the most of your membership are endless!

As returning President, I have to say I am very excited about the blend of new and seasoned Board members. We have a great year ahead of us! Below is our tentative schedule of exciting meetings and events planned for the next year.

DATE	EVENT	MEMBER CONTACT
9/12/2011	Sound Transit Tour	Gwyn Hart
10/10/2011	Oktoberfest/speed networking	Lily Iftner, Petra Walker
11/14/2011	Living Futures & Tour?	Kris Beason
12/12/2011	Holiday Social (LinkedIn)	Sue Z. Hart
1/9/2012	Construction Innovation (BIM, prefab??)	Kris Beason
2/13/2012	Integrated Project Delivery & legal ramifications	Sue Maddox
3/12/2012	WIC Week & wine tasting	Nicole Martin
4/9/2012	VIP	Sue Z. Hart, Judy Jewell
5/14/2012	Karen Johnston's Fear of Public Speaking	Anh Tu Vu
6/11/2012	Microsoft Tour	Kris Beason
7/9/2012	Chapter Strategic Planning	

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- Washington Dept of Labor & Industry

Upcoming Events

Annual Budget Planning Meeting:

(Usually board members only; contact any board member if you wish to attend.) Monday, **August 8th** BBQ at Gwyn Hart's home. Time TBD

September Meeting:

Monday, **September 12th** - Sound Transit Tour (more details to come)

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Free For Members

Newsletter Editors

There are many wonderful benefits for being members of NAWIC. Not only do you get to take advantage of benefits offered from the National office through www.nawic.org, but there are also benefits locally.

The most obvious but not always utilized is our membership and the resources each of our members offer. Have you stopped to think of the variety of different professions our local NAWIC chapter holds? Our membership includes tradeswomen and per-

sonnel with specialties in HR, marketing, engineering, construction means and methods, HVAC systems, fire suppressant systems, specialty fabricators, tax specialists, construction accountants, lawyers, and many more. Although we do not publish a resource book, I challenge you to solicit information from a board member and let us help you find what you need (see board members on page 2).

Our other obvious but not always utilized benefit is our newsletter. For now, posting is free

for members. Tell us about a project or situation (lesson learned). Or, if you are a new member, tell us about yourself and your company.

NAWIC is here for you. It is ultimately up to you to decide how you would like NAWIC to work for you.

Deadlines for newsletter postings are the 25th of each month. Send inquiries or articles to Maureen Byrnes mjbyrnes21@comcast.net and Tami Ellis tmcgon@hotmail.com.

NAWIC Puget Sound's Core Purpose

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Core Values

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New Board Members (2011-12)



Sue Z. Hart
President

Hello, I am Sue Z. Hart and have the great honor of returning as your Chapter President. I came to NAWIC as a speaker and was instantly impressed with the caliber of women of this organization. I find this quality consistent as I have worked and gotten to know NAWIC members across the United States. I joined our Chapter in 2008, became a Board member in 2009 and served as President this past year.

Outside of NAWIC I am an Independent Contractor for programs that enrich the construction industry and our world. My newest contract is with ABILITY Corps where I will help match people with disabilities to volunteer opportunities. I also created a volunteer

construction-training program, Building Beyond the Walls, which give participants the basic skills they need to become and feel confident volunteers for construction volunteering opportunities. I have my own company, Little Red Wagon University, which focuses on All Things Good, including my Laughter Therapy classes and presentations.

I have been serving on the Master Builders Career Connection Board since 2009; Workforce Development Construction Carnival since 2006; Advisory Committee for the Edmonds School District Construction Program since 2006; and served on the Board of Directors with Habitat for Humanity of Snohomish County for 6 years.

As I serve another year as your President, my hope is to help you become more engaged, empowered and educated through your membership. At the end of the year, I want you to feel that your NAWIC membership is the best investment you have ever made. I look forward to another exciting year and working with you and your amazing Board! Please feel free to contact me with any ideas or suggestions you might have at suezhart@comcast.net. Remember, I am here to serve you!

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Judy Jewell
Treasurer

I will be your treasurer for a second year. Last year I learned QuickBooks and the bare bones of simple Excel spreadsheets in order to accurately report our chapter's spending and make recommendations. This year, I will be not just reporting the numbers but honing my skills so our chapter spending and fundraising continues to match our priorities.

We'd like to do more longer range planning. I have lots of Board experience with NAWIC and other organizations that I enjoy sharing. NAWIC is good for my business because I never stop learning about new leadership techniques and construction methods that help me in my position as President of Olympian Precast.



Kris Beason
Director: Membership

My name is Kris Beason and I am looking forward to participating on the board for the 2011/2012 term. My focus this year will be to identify and recruit dynamic new members to actively participate in the organization, while promoting retention of our existing membership. In addition to my NAWIC board position, I am an active member of BO-MA, NAIOP, WBBA and IFMA. I also serve as a CREW Network Board Director, am immediate Past President of CREW Seattle & Sound, Board Member of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound, and a member of the YWCA Properties Committee.

I am currently the Project Executive overseeing the Special Projects Division at Skanska USA Building, with an annual volume of approximately \$100 million dollars. Responsible for preconstruction and construction of multiple projects, which includes hiring and supervision of project staff, negotiating contracts, budgeting, and generating business opportunities.

I hope that you will contact me at kris.beason@skanska.com if you have names of potential NAWIC members.

New Board Members (2011-12)



Lily Iftner
Director: Programs

Hi, my name is Lily Iftner, I will be one of your board members for the 2011/2012 term. I have been a NAWIC member since 1999 and have been active in various roles since inception. This year my focus will be on monthly membership meeting programs, assisting where I can to secure or confirm speakers and/or activities. You can look forward to more educational presentations and tours, professional networking, and a NAWIC family ready to adopt the next professional woman.

Outside of NAWIC, I am a civil engineer with construction experience, and currently principal and forensic engineer with CSI Seattle. NAWIC continues to support my endeavors by providing me industry information, direct and indirect resources, and my very own cheerleading squad when I need them. I'd love to talk you; send me an email at liftner@csiseattle.net.



Sue Maddox
Director

I am Sue Maddox the Contract Administrator at Jackson Dean Construction and a board member for 2011 - 2012. I have been a member of NAWIC since I started in the Seattle construction industry 23 years ago. I have served as the NAWIC Treasurer many times and as a board member multiple times. I have enjoyed relationships with the variety of professionals that have been members of NAWIC both past and present. I am committed to NAWIC to further education, community involvement and lasting relationships.

We look forward to a productive year and with your help and the addition of new members we can spread the success of NAWIC to others!!



Anh Tu Vu
Director

My name is Anh Tu Vu and I look forward to serving as a board member for the 2011/2012 term. I will be supporting the monthly membership meeting programs and am excited about our upcoming events to further foster education, networking and community outreach.

In addition to NAWIC, I am a member of the Society for Marketing Professional Services (SMPS). I also belong to the ArtsFund Associates Volunteer program to fundraise and support arts groups in Puget Sound.

I am currently a marketing specialist at Holaday-Parks, a mechanical contractor in Seattle since 1889.