



# Region 4 - NAWIC's Core! News & Information

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Core Purpose: To enhance the success of women in the construction industry

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## Greetings from your Director!

I read something recently that stated: Dreaming about the next day saves preparation time. Think about it. Do you envision yourself accomplishing your goals? Do you close your eyes, take a deep breath, and say to yourself "I can do this!" when faced with a difficult task? What about further into the future. Do you see yourself getting that promotion at work or becoming your NAWIC chapter president? Try it sometime. Dream about your future and then get out there and do it!

*Christine*

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## Chapter News

Check out the Region 4 *Chapter Chatter* newsletter at [www.nawic4.org](http://www.nawic4.org) for all the news from our chapters.

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## Annual Planning Conference

Will we see you in Louisville? About 15% of our region's members usually attend APC. That means that 85% never get to experience the gathering of dynamic, encouraging and spectacular women in our region. Not only do we help each other succeed, we applaud each others achievements and develop a network that is invaluable to our companies and our professional careers. To those 85% out there – be sure to ask questions and learn from those 15% who will readily share their experience at a regional meeting with you! (And then make plans to travel to Forum in Detroit next April!)

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## NEF Building Design

Debbie Mazzola, CIT

Middle School Program

Exciting news of the new abbreviated Build-Design Program which can be implemented with many types of groups, such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, After School Programs, etc. Use your imagination. This program can be 4 hours long or spread out over 1 - 4 weeks. It is very flexible. Information will be available at APC in Louisville on Friday evening or feel free to contact me, Debbie Mazzola at [dmazzola@donleyinc.com](mailto:dmazzola@donleyinc.com). This is another opportunity to get children interested in the construction industry after Block Kids. Also, look for more information in future Region 4 Newsletters.

## Mark your Calendar for Region 4 Events:

Annual Planning Conference  
November 3, 2007  
The Galt House  
Louisville, Kentucky

Forum 2008  
April 11 – 13, 2008  
Marriott Ren-Cen  
Detroit, Michigan

National Convention  
September 3-6, 2008  
Flamingo  
Las Vegas, Nevada

## Region 4 - Chapter Presidents and Websites

NEW! REGION 4 WEBSITE!!  
[www.nawic4.org](http://www.nawic4.org)

Akron  
**Anke Myers**

Bluegrass  
**Kim Hellmueller**  
[www.bgnawic.org](http://www.bgnawic.org)

Bowling Green – South  
Central Kentucky  
**Kim Hansen**

Cincinnati  
**Candy Riley, CIT**  
[www.nawiccincinnati.org](http://www.nawiccincinnati.org)

Cleveland  
**Monica Hamed**  
[www.nawiccleland.org](http://www.nawiccleland.org)

Columbus  
**Suellen Cadle**

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## Business Owners and Managers

Diana Miller

If you are not aware, the Business Owners and Managers Council is now the Business Owners and Managers Committee. We are virtually starting from scratch in regards to this committee.

Are you or do you want to be a Business Owner or Manager??? Then this committee is for you! The goals for this committee are:

- ❖ Gather information from Regional members – do they want such a committee?
- ❖ What do the Business Owners & Managers in your Region want to see out of this committee?
- ❖ Assist in gathering articles for the BOMC Newsletter.
- ❖ Find out how many business owners and managers you have in your Region.
- ❖ Would they like to see a workshop at convention focusing on the business owner or manager?
- ❖ Provide suggestions on networking.
- ❖ What are some of the problems owners face owning their own business?
- ❖ Find out if there be enough interest from business owners and managers to change this committee back to a council?

We want this committee to be of the members, by the members and for the members so that every member is aware of BOMC's existence. We hope this can be something with meaning and real purpose, but we need everyone's input to accomplish our goal.

We are asking interested parties to submit ideas or questions. We will then make every effort to post those questions and answers in a venue for all members.

Please contact me with questions or comments.

Diana Miller, BOMC Chair – [DLM434@msn.com](mailto:DLM434@msn.com)

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## Safety News

Traci Hardin, CIT

### Material Handling/Storage – OSHA Construction Standard 1926.250

All jobs have walkways, aisles, stairs, and/or ladders for getting from one place to another. It's important to keep these areas safe and clear of loose objects. Workers often carry loads on these routes and can't always pick their steps or look around to be sure that nothing is going to trip them or fall on them. Never pile material in such a way that it will endanger a worker who has to work along these routes or areas. Brick, tile, pipe, steel rods and similar materials scattered about the job or insecurely piled on scaffolds or platforms can cause accidents. All material should be piled in the place set aside for it, but some rules apply for piling materials. The standards include:

**1926.250(a)(1)** - All materials stored in tiers shall be stacked, racked, blocked, interlocked, or otherwise secured to prevent sliding, falling or collapse.

**1926.250(a)(3)** - Aisles and passageways shall be kept clear to

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provide for the free and safe movement of material handling equipment or employees. Such areas shall be kept in good repair.

**1926.250(a)(4)** - When a difference in road or working levels exist, means such as ramps, blocking, or grading shall be used to ensure the safe movement of materials between the two levels.

**1926.250(b)(1)** - Material stored inside buildings under construction, **shall not be placed within 6 feet** of any hoist- way, or inside floor openings, nor within 10 feet of an exterior wall, which does not extend above the top of the material stored.

**1926.250(b)(4)** - Bagged materials shall be stacked by stepping back the layers and cross-keying the bags at least every 10 bags high.

**1926.250(b)(5)** - Materials shall not be stored on scaffolds or runways **in excess of supplies needed for immediate operations.**

**1926.250(c)** - "Housekeeping." Storage areas shall be kept free from accumulation of materials that constitute hazards from tripping, fire, explosion, or pest harborage. Vegetation control will be exercised when necessary.

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## Welcome New Members!

### Akron

Melissa Kendall, Precision Excavating & Grading Co.  
Delores Speicher, Northland Construction Corp.

### Cincinnati

J.J. Johnson-JioDucci, Middleton JioDucci Holdings, LLC  
Michelle Paraniuk, M.A.C. Paran Consulting Services, Inc.

### Cleveland

Mary Brenner, Althans Insurance Agency  
Donna Hickman, Hilliard Electric  
Heather Rillahan, Mr. Excavator, Inc.  
Verdell Thompson, Perk Company, Inc.

### Columbus

Patricia Dews, American Family Insurance

### Detroit

Wanda Hewlett Brown, Pioneer Contracting Services  
Patricia Deere, Pictures In Glass

### Indianapolis

JoAnne Ehr Gott, Pillar Group Risk Management, Inc  
Kim Glass, M.G. Scheutz Agency  
Megan Gossett, ERMCO, Inc.  
Julie Parker Rienecker, Lauth Property Group

### Toledo

Brenda Cole, Decorative Flooring Services

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## Bits & Pieces

**NEF – New phone number** - The NEF Office has moved to a new physical location which is 100 N. Palmetto Blvd, Clemson, SC 29631. However, the **mailing address remains the same: PO Box 549, Clemson, SC 29633.**

This move has necessitated a new phone number, (864) 656-3489, and

## Committee Information

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### Business Owners & Managers Committee

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new fax number, (864) 656-3490. As with any move, there are sometimes transitional issues to deal with. There may be an interruption in service for our toll-free number, 866-277-2883, and e-mail address. If you have problems, with the [nef@bellsouth.net](mailto:nef@bellsouth.net) e-mail address, we have established a temporary email at [nef1973@hotmail.com](mailto:nef1973@hotmail.com). All of this information is posted on the home page of the NEF website, [www.nawiceducation.org](http://www.nawiceducation.org).

We have made every attempt to keep the lines of communication open as we complete this move.

Thanks,  
Sherry J. Yarbrough, CIT, NEF President

**Director's Fund** – Each chapter is reminded to send in a total of \$2 per chapter member as of September 30, 2007. Our region has established guidelines that each chapter contributes \$1 per member to fund Block Kids and CAD/Design Drafting program awards. Another \$1 per member helps fund Director's expenses not covered by the national budget. Send payment to **Region 4 Director's Fund, c/o Diana Miller, Trustee, Box 434, Zanesville, IN 46799**. Better yet, bring it along to APC and hand deliver your contribution!

### **STATE DOT DBE LIAISONS AND CERTIFICATION OFFICERS**

Charles Coleman (334-244-6262) from Alabama called the NAWIC office recently about DOT. He was very excited to find out about NAWIC and he wanted to share the link below to contact all the other OFFICE OF SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS UTILIZATION (OSDBU) SERVICES across the US.

<http://osdbu.dot.gov/OSDBUSERVICES/DBEPROGRAM/StateDBELiaisonCertificationOfficers/tabid/269/Default.aspx>

## From the November Connection

**Detroit Member to Model for Carhartt** - If you attended Convention in Orlando this past September, you were treated to a fashion show by Carhartt, a NAWIC Premier Sponsor. At the fashion show, Carhartt introduced Carhartt for Women, a line of work wear and accessories designed just for women. **Ednette Mixon**, a member of the Detroit, Mich., Chapter, will be featured on the Spring 2008 catalog cover for women line. She will also be "on display" at the in-store fixtures.

**Louisville, Ky., Chapter In News** - The Louisville, Ky., Chapter was recently featured in the Construction Digest. The article, "Spotlighting NAWIC's Louisville Chapter," focused on how NAWIC encourages women to enter the construction industry. Way to go, ladies! To read the entire article go to <http://www.acppubs.com/article/CA6477090.html>. Past Louisville chapter President **Sherry Blakey**, president of Encon Contracting, LLC, was interviewed for the article.

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