



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!

Happy New Year! As we begin another NAWIC year we are presented with the perfect opportunity to reflect on the values of NAWIC. It is also a time to make resolutions and refresh our commitment to our chapters.

What do you appreciate most about your chapter meetings? Is it the educational opportunities and expanded knowledge about the construction industry? Or has your experience honed your leadership skills? Have you brought in new clients or found a new subcontractor through our NAWIC network? Perhaps you value our Association for all of these reasons! Commit yourself to our core purpose – To enhance the success of women in the construction industry – by attending your chapter meetings, making new acquaintances, volunteering for committees and have fun doing it!

Region 5 Director Frankie Rivers, CIT had this quote in her newsletter last month and I thought it was worth sharing:

"You can't climb the ladder of success with your hands in your pockets."

Cheers,

Christine

Chapter News

New this month! Check out the Region 4 *Chapter Chatter* newsletter at www.nawic4.org for all the news from our 21 chapters.

Annual Planning Conference

Don't' miss this APC! The presentation from the **Survive Institute** will be well worth your investment. This safety and self-defense training will be inspiring, confidence building and quite possibly life-changing. And there's more! Workshops will cover conflict resolution, 'green' products and processes for your home, board of directors responsibilities, NAWIC 201 and a chapter committee roundtable discussion. Whew! All that in one day! (Saturday, November 3) And don't forget that we'll have chapter sales, sponsor tables, and NAWIC networking on Friday evening.

Questions? Contact Suzie Kayrouz, CIT skayrouz1@aye.net
or Pat Callicotte, CCA patc@radco.net

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 Websites

NEW! REGION 4 WEBSITE!!
www.nawic4.org

Bluegrass
www.bgnawic.org

Cincinnati
www.nawiccincinnati.org

Cleveland
www.nawiccleveland.org

Detroit
www.nawicdetroit.com

Fort Wayne
www.nawicfortwayne.org

Grand Rapids
www.nawic194.org

Kalamazoo/Battle Creek
www.nawickzoobc.com **NEW!**

Lansing
www.nawiclansing.org

Lorain County
www.nawic.netfirms.com

Louisville
www.nawic-lou.org

Toledo
www.nawictoledo.org

Membership

Renewal Deadline Fast Approaching

Did you know renewals are actually due to the NAWIC Office Oct. 1? Before you start to panic, you have until Oct. 31 to postmark and mail your renewal to the NAWIC Office. Renewals postmarked after Oct. 31 must pay the "Postmarked After Oct. 31" rate printed on the renewal. So, if you haven't renewed your membership for the 2007-2008 year, **please hurry**.

New NAWIC Membership Application Forms – Please destroy your membership application forms from previous years and use the new **2007-2008** application. A pdf file of the form is available at:

<http://www.nawic.org/images/nawic/documents/memapp.pdf>

Or, better yet, women wishing to become members of NAWIC can now apply online! Simply direct your potential members to the www.nawic.org website, go to the 'Become a Member' tab and then click on 'Online Membership Application.' Easy as pie! It would be a good idea to supply your recruit with your chapter name, number, and region number to facilitate the process.

Chapter Newsletters

Sally Falk

As your new Region 4 Newsletter chairperson I just want to introduce myself and let every chapter know that we will be having the newsletter competition again this year. As you are producing your chapter newsletter keep in mind the various criteria that makes a good newsletter and that also will help you when you submit your newsletter in the competition. Make sure you use the 5 rules of journalism- Who, What, Where, When and Why. Have a message from your president- spotlight your members and make sure everyone knows when and where the next meeting is. Be sure to include information about your program and/or the guest speaker. Limited the use of "cute" clip arts and jokes. Keep the newsletter professional. We have 21 chapters and I would love to have 21 newsletters in the competition in March. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Competition criteria will be available at APC.

Sally
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CAD/Design Drafting

Cheryl Fellem, CIT

Scholarship Competition

Now is the time to contact your schools and submit the scholarship information to the teachers. Should your chapter choose to participate in this program you can go online to NAWIC.org and download the complete "how-to" from NEF or attend APC in Louisville and pick up a complete packet at that time.

Here is a general time line to help you get started:

Set the date that student applications are due.

Select a delivery point for accepting the drawings.

Get the problem into the teachers hands asap!

Make sure you allow enough time to observe the regional deadline of: **MARCH 30, 2008.**

Committee Information

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For questions I can be reached by phone at 888 745 0378 or email at
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See you at APC,

Cheryl

Professional Education

Jan Sullivan, CDS, CIT

Calling All Chapters!

Region 4 will have a Professional Education Competition with the award to be presented at Forum, 2008. The rules for the judging of the award will be as follows:

1. Choose a program given at one of your membership meetings between May, 2007 and February, 2008.
2. Submit no more than a two page, double spaced, single sided narrative on 8 ½" by 11" paper about how that program encourages your members' growth and success as individuals in the industry, aids in validating your members' membership in NAWIC, and/or enhances the success of women in the construction industry.
3. Submission may be accompanied by one page (8 ½" by 11") of photos of the meeting. This is optional.
4. Surveys may be included from those in attendance about the program. Survey form to be used is found in the Professional Education Handbook, page 19, Exhibit D. (You may find this on the NAWIC website.) Including surveys is also optional.
5. Submissions must be in my hands no later than March 15, 2008. Any program received after that date, will not be considered due to the limited time in order to judge and order awards to be presented at our Forum. Any submission that does not meet the above criteria will not be included in the judging.

Our contest was discussed at the Leadership Summit on August 4, 2007. The above rules are a result of that discussion. It is our hope to allow any of our chapters, no matter of their size or location, to be equal in this Professional Education competition. So think back to the programs you have had and plan to the future.

Jan

Safety News

Traci Hardin, CIT

As your Region 4 Safety Committee Chair I look forward to again serving on this committee. I was able to meet with other Regional Chairs and our National Chair, Bethany McMahon at Convention. We discussed a course of action for the new term to bring additional value to NAWIC and make safety resources available to the membership at all levels. The committee will pursue reviewing partnerships with the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) and/or the National Safety Council. We hope if we can secure partnerships with these associations, it will

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strengthen our association in developing an alliance with OSHA. We want to see chapters pursue members who specialize in safety services and consulting. These memberships can enable chapters to sponsor safety training for their member companies. Also we will provide Monthly Safety Meetings and tidbits that chapters can use at their monthly memberships and newsletters. This information can benefit all chapters and their members.

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Welcome New Members!

Akron

Jennifer Keyes, Keyes Mini Excavating

Bluegrass

Kimberlee Perry, KY Dept. of Labor, OSHA Ed. & Training

Judy Taylor

Detroit

Laura Giove, The Home Depot

Fort Wayne

Cheryl Mason, Mason Engineering and Construction

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Alicia Rader, Greenwalt Sponsel & Co.

Lansing

Heidi Hitz, Clark Construction Co.

Louisville

Jenny Schlich, CDI Waste Recycling

Bits & Pieces

NAWIC Accepted as CURT Association Member

NAWIC is proud to announce it has been accepted as an Association Member of the Construction Users Round Table (CURT). The CURT organization consists of influential construction-industry owners such as DuPont, General Electric, Westinghouse, etc. Only nine other associations have been accepted as association members of CURT!

Executive Vice President Dede Hughes comments, "It is a real feather in our cap to be accepted to this organization. We have been involved with CURT for many years now, and NAWIC is making a huge inroad with this decision."

Grand Rapids chapter sponsors Civic Theatre production

This chapter is marketing NAWIC in a unique way. The chapter worked with member companies to underwrite advertising in a production of DreamGirls. What a great way to spread the word about our Association! Contact Chapter President Cheri Rysko for more information. cheri@vanderhyde.com

Detroit and Lansing chapters commit to MAGIC!

Camp MAGIC! (Mentoring A Girl In Construction) is designed to offer high school girls the opportunity to learn about the countless avenues of employment for women in the construction industry and to engage them via hands-on training in the basic skills of carpentry, electrical, and welding. MAGIC was introduced to NAWIC convention attendees. Contact Detroit President Kathi Dobson kdobson@alberici.com or Lansing member Melanie Myers mamyers@oaklandcc.edu to learn more.

NAWIC Builds – education. career. future – Build your life with NAWIC