



**National Association of Women in Construction  
Northeast Region 1 Forum 2015 Director's Report  
by Sharon Adkins**

It seems that the months from AMEC in September to January have gone by rather quickly! I did not expect to be so busy with work and my personal life, but that is how it ended up so I feel that I am forever catching up to my Director tasks.

I was very happy to be able to attend a good portion of the Northeast Region 14's Annual Planning Conference in Saratoga Springs New York the weekend of October 18<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately I had to leave for my son's regional band concert Saturday afternoon, but I was able to attend the chapter president's meeting Friday evening and the breakfast and morning program on Saturday. During AMEC and during APC I have been able to get to know many of the Region 14 members, and I am very confident that we are going to have a very strong Northeast Region. I was also pleased that two other Region 1 members attended the Region 14 APC.

The remainder of my efforts during the fall months were focused on preparations for Region 1's APC ("Fall Forum") which was November 7-8-9 in New York City hosted by the Greater New York/Long Island New York Chapter. The event was terrific. The tour of Rockefeller Center and the dinner after on Friday night were outstanding. The hotel accommodations and food were very good, and the speakers on Saturday did an excellent job engaging the group and providing valuable information.

The Northeast Region Task Force worked diligently to get our policies and guidelines drafted and approved by NAWIC Bylaws Chair Judy DeWeese. Members of the Task Force included from Region 1 Past Director Maura Hesdon and Region 1 Fund Guardian as well as Region 1 Fund Trustee Doreen Bartoldus. From Region 14 Past Directors Cari Durbin and Carol O'Donnell served on the task force. Both Director Catherine Schoenenberger and I think the Northeast Region is off to a good start.

I attended the NAWIC Mid-Year Board meeting in the end of February in Nashville TN at the Omni Nashville Hotel, site of AMEC 2015. Two motions which were passed at the meeting were regarding for Region 1 Chapters. The Pittsburgh PA Chapter requested a change to Region 4 (North Central Region) at the time of the redistricting. The Pittsburgh Chapter believes that this will benefit the chapter members because they are not only geographically closer to many of the North Central chapters, but also their businesses do more work with companies and cities in that area. The motion was passed. Also the Westchester Chapter requested a name change to Lower Hudson and that motion was also approved. They hope to attract members from both the New York and New Jersey sides of the river.

As this Forum comes to a close in Alexandria, I am amazed that my two year term as Director is already almost over. It has been an honor to serve the Region and a pleasure to work with so many talented and inspirational NAWIC women. I look forward to the exciting changes and opportunities ahead as members of the Northeast Region.