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REGION ONE NEWS



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For those newer members, who may not be aware, NAWIC Region 1 owns a star in the Lacerta Constellation. This star was a gift commemorating the 25th Anniversary of our Region. The star is visible from October 22 to November 8 and you will find the galaxy map a little later on. I thought it would be an interesting piece of history to share with those who have

not been members since 1990 – which are most of us! In 1990 Joann Strano of the Long Island, NY chapter was director and Carol Ericson of the Connecticut-New York Line chapter was National President.

Have you registered for the Annual Meeting yet??? As part of the national bylaws, all chapters MUST have representation at the Annual Meeting of our Association – who is your rep? Have you volunteered? Remember that the cost of registration increases \$100 on July 1st! If you are in need of or looking for a roommate to help keep the costs down let me know and I will help to connect you.

Don't forget to voice your choice for National office as the polls will close on Saturday, June 30th.

Many of you were not able to make the Region 1 spring Forum in Philadelphia at the end of April and I do encourage all of you to experience a Regional event in the near future as we can only survive effectively with the involvement of our membership. The first two topics in the "Parts of a Project" series were presented as Estimating and Contract Language. In addition, we were joined by our National President-elect, Cindy Johnsen, welcomed by Ben Franklin and enjoyed many of the Philly-centric tastes throughout the weekend. Saturday morning brought a series of roundtables from fashion to the Dept of Labor. Minutes from this regional event follow. I thank all of you that participated and hope to see you again, and many more in Atlantic City on October 20, 2012 for the fall Forum. Details will be distributed in the coming weeks.

Maura



NATIONAL NEWS

Annual Meeting and Educational Conference 2012

Standard Member Registration is currently \$615 for this year's Annual Meeting and our Standing Rules are now clear that each Chapter is required to send at least one delegate to the Annual Meeting. Join us NOW! Late registration starts July 1st and the member rate will jump to \$715. (There's \$100 toward airfare!) The Sheraton Downtown Denver is VERY nice and sits on a walkable promenade with shops restaurants. Find out more, including the schedule , at <http://www.nawic.org/nawic/Convention.asp>. If you are ready to go and just have waited to the very last minute go [here!](#)

National Board Elections

National Election ballots have been sent out in electronic form to those with a valid email address and via US Mail for all others. Here is a short cut to the candidate profiles:

<http://www.nawicnow.org/candidates/>

Voting can be found at <https://eballot4.votenet.com/nawic/login.cfm>

You will need your username (usually first and last put together in lowercase) and your member ID – this can be found by logging into www.nawic.org and clicking on “update your info” (see registrant ID) The process takes about 1 minute so please make your voice known as we have competition for Treasurer and Secretary this year.

Welcome to our new members!

MARCH - JUNE 2012

- 67 – Leslie Nimmerrichter – *Mandley Excavating, LLC*
- 96 – Stephanie Northime – *Eastern Highway Specialists, Inc.*
- 96 – Leslie Westervelt – *Mason Building Group, Inc.*
- 135 – Jennifer Herd – *student*
- 135 – Jill Keifer – *P. Flanigan & Sons, Inc.*
- 135 – Monica Pineau – *Best Construction LLC*
- 135 – Glinda Harris – *Commercial Interiors, Inc.*
- 145 – Jessica Priselac – *Duane Morris LLP*
- 165 – Beth Nesteriak – *Metropolitan District*
- 165 – Sharon McQuillan – *One Mechanical Group*
- 161 – Ali Mills – *Plum Contracting, Inc.*
- 240 – Susan Bertoline – *Sound Refrigeration & Air Conditioning, Inc.*
- 379 – Katherine Jennings – *Network Brokerage of Westchester*
- 379 – Ana Alicea-Diffley
- At-Large – Joanna Kalkstein – *Lend Lease (US) Construction LMB, Inc.*





WHERE TO FIND US

www.nawic.org

67 – Greater DC

www.nawicdc.org

96 – Wilmington, DE

www.nawicde.org

135 – Baltimore, MD

www.nawicbaltimore.org

145 – Philadelphia, PA

www.nawicphiladelphia.org

161 – Pittsburgh, PA

www.nawic.inpgh.org

165 – Hartford, CT

www.nawic165.org

240 – NYC/Long Island

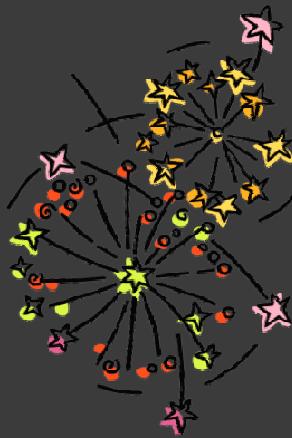
www.nawicnyc-li.com

379 – Westchester County, NY

www.nawicwestchester.wildapricot.org

Region One website

Under Construction



NAWIC IN THE COMMUNITY

Construction Today magazine

The Philadelphia area AGC chapter, General Building Contractor's Association (GBCA), produces the Construction Today magazine several times a year and has recently released the very first issue dedicated solely to Women in Design and Construction. We are proud to have it highlight two members of the Philadelphia chapter. Wendy Body is a Senior Project Manager and 26 year veteran at Alvin H. Butz in the Lehigh Valley and Heidi Ritter is Vice President and General Counsel at Ritter Contracting in the Philadelphia area. Also highlighted in an in-depth article is our Region 1 Forum presenting sponsor, Emily Bittenbender, president of Bittenbender Construction of Philadelphia. Congratulations to these ladies and the rest of the women representing our industry who are profiled in this edition! To read their stories, go to
<http://www.gbcacommunity.com/construction-today/>.



There is more to life
than increasing its
speed.

- Mahatma Ghandi

REGION 10 FORUM



On May 18-19 I was able to travel to the beautiful northern California coast of Monterey for the Region 10 Forum, hosted by the Santa Clara chapter. Director Patty Lawson welcomed myself along with National Vice President, Yas Branden, and Region 7 Director, Gracey Narey. The Philadelphia president, Christine Workman travelled with me and Pat Meadors from the Fort Worth chapter travelled with Gracey for a Region 10 record of 5 out-of-towners to help celebrate the Region 10 50th Anniversary. The weather was beautiful, yet surprisingly chilly, for two days on the west coast beach – our session looked out on the Pacific Ocean.

A California Lien Law Seminar was offered on Friday afternoon with Welcome Party, complete with bonfire, on the beach on Friday evening. After the welcome party, the San Francisco chapter treated us out-of-towners to a wonderful dinner in town. Saturday morning welcomed an attendance of 57 with all chapters except Guam in attendance (they will be in Denver). After the welcomes and establishment of rules, the election for the 2012-2014 director was held and Donna Revis of the Santa Clara chapter was elected to serve as the next Region 10 Director. National and Regional reports were given followed by an interactive Mock Trial. Lunch brought an entertaining and rowdy game of “un-wrap the box”. The winners received gift cards but the process promoted teamwork. After lunch we again had an interactive presentation, this time given by an employee loyalty specialist on how to inspire members to get more involved. The evening concluded with a semi-formal banquet with live entertainment. It is always interesting to witness out of Region events for inspiration and interaction with members and colleagues throughout the country – you never know when you may need that new connection.

Thank you to Director Lawson and Region 10 for your generous hospitality!

Let us not forget
those who have
and continue to
fight for OUR
independence!





HOUSEKEEPING

As the NAWIC year nears the end, there are many duties to be completed and forms to be filled and submitted. Here are a few – please volunteer to help where you can as all of our priorities are constantly evolving and yet the work still must be done.

Elections

By now each chapter must have held elections for next year's officers. The Chapter Leadership Forms need to be submitted to the National office. This records the 2012-2013 President, Treasurer, and Membership Chair for each chapter. (If you are struggling to fill positions or have not held elections, please contact me immediately.

Chapter Standing Rules

Each chapter must review their Standing Rules annually for compliance with National revisions (1-6) as well as relevance of items after number 6. If you have not already done so (most are culprits) please dig these up have the board review and submit to myself and Debra Gregoire, National By-Laws Chair for review.

Annual Meeting Delegates

Remember that each Chapter must send a representative to the Annual Meeting (notice the importance as this is the 3rd mention in 6 pages)! Volunteer! Each chapter is entitled to one delegate for each 10 members as of July 1. Delegates must be Active or Corporate members in good standing. This event not only provides Association information, but also creates a forum for networking across the country as well as a variety of technical and life-skill seminars.

Chapter Dues Updates

Treasurers must complete the Chapter dues update forms and return to the National Office by June 30.

Pre-Annual Meeting Board Meeting

If anyone has any concerns or issues they would like to review so that I can bring to the National Board during the next Meeting, please let me know ASAP. We have two chances as I will be in Seattle at the end of July for the 2012-2013 Board Orientation where we will welcome the new Directors from the even regions as well as the new Executive Committee.

This July 4th – remember that the flag and eagle symbolize the strength of our independence, our greatest gift.



CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS



67 – Greater Washington DC

TBD

96 – Wilmington, DE

August 9 – Latern Queen dinner cruise

135 – Baltimore, MD

August 24 – Friends and Family at Camden Yards (Orioles Game)

145 – Philadelphia, PA

July 16 – Hard Hat Happy Hour at Manayunk Brewery

August 20 – US Department of Labor Presentation

161 – Pittsburgh, PA

July 24 – Networking Event at Hofbrauhaus

165 – Hartford, CT

July 27 – Lady Katherine Cruise

240 – Greater New York/Long Island

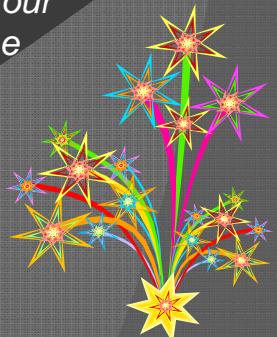
TBD

379 – Westchester County, NY

TBD



Summer is a slow time for NAWIC events but all Chapters must remember that we must hold at least 10 membership meetings a year to maintain our status as a Business League. Social events seem to be the order of the day – when will you schedule yours – I will be there!





REGION ONE LEADERSHIP

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

67 – Greater Washington DC

Vidya Naidu

96 – Wilmington, DE

Gladys King

135 – Baltimore , MD

Suzanne Boisseau

145 – Philadelphia, PA

Christine Workman

161 – Pittsburgh, PA

Maureen Sweeney

165 – Hartford, CT

Floresia Allen

240 – Gr. New York, Long Island

Patricia Almonte

379 – West Chester County, NY

Amy Bourdeau

REGION ONE FUND

Guardian Controller

Helen Eck (145)

Trustees

Suzanne Boisseau (135)

Cheryl Fearn (96)

REGIONAL COMMITTEES

Parliamentarian

Sheila Martin (145)

Membership

Karen Burton (96)

Construction Profession &
Education (CPE)

OPEN

Public Relations & Marketing

Carol Feeley (240)

Health and Safety

OPEN

Women In Construction Week

Mary Barnhart (96)

Legislative Awareness

Selina Kedziora (145)

NAWIC Education Foundation
Liasion

Sharon Adkins (165)

Block Kids

Helen Eck (145)

CAD/Hand Drafting

Sharon Adkins (165)

NEF Fundraiser

OPEN





USEFUL INFORMATION

REGIONAL/NATIONAL EVENTS

Annual Meeting – August 29-Sept 1, 2012

Denver, CO – Sheraton Denver Downtown

Fall Forum – October 20, 2012
Atlantic City, NJ – location TBD

Spring Forum – May 17-18, 2013

Hosted by Westchester Cty, NY – location TBD

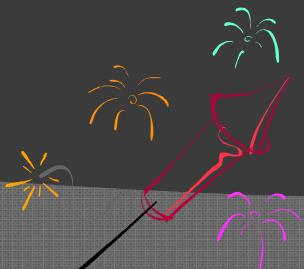
Annual Meeting – August 28-31, 2013
Bellevue, WA – Hyatt Regency

Fall Forum – November 2, 2013

Hartford, CT – location TBD

Forum – May 16-17, 2014
Pittsburgh, PA – location TBD

- Make sure your websites are up-to-date – please volunteer if you are technologically inclined – your president will thank you!
- Send me articles for the Community page – I'm still waiting!
- Let me know if you need help making connections
- Check out the National website for member benefits, NEF information, job postings, etc. www.nawic.org (everyone has a login)
- Remember – we are all volunteers! Each of us needs to pitch in for our chapters to thrive – what can you do to help?



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