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General Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month. Unless otherwise announced, meetings are held at:

Radisson Hotel (Riverfront)
270 Ann Street, NW
(just off US131)

Grand Rapids, Michigan
For additional information,
contact Char Terpsma CBT,
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Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. The location this year is Pleune Service Co.

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Please mention "NAWIC" in the subject line.

Statewide NAWIC Meeting Wednesday, August 10, 2011

Clara's on the River
44 North McCamly Street
Battle Creek, MI 49017

Guest Speaker: David Smith, Executive Vice President,
Asset Management of Hackman Capital

5:15 pm - 8:00 pm

Mail RSVP card and check to: Juliana Garner, AIA, CIT, c/o Byce & Associates Inc, 487 Portage Street, PO Box 50866, Kalamazoo, MI 49005-0866 **No Later than Thursday, August 4, 2011**

See inside this newsletter and on our website for further information.

President's Message

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – August 2011

As I write this message, we are experiencing one of the warmest... or should I say hottest weather we've had in awhile. Remember to drink plenty of water. Staying hydrated is important for your health and safety.



Our membership renewals have been emailed. Watch your "inbox" for the renewal notice. You may renew online or by mail, however the renewal must be received by the national office by October 1, 2011. If you do not have an email address listed in your NAWIC profile on the national website, your renewal notice will be mailed to you.

The Region 4 Leadership Saturday will be held August 6, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Messer Construction in Cincinnati, Ohio. This event will help the incoming chapter leaders get prepared for the upcoming year. Anyone interested in expanding their leadership skills is welcome to attend.

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**2010-2011
GENERAL MEETINGS**

September 7, 2011

Installation of 2011-2012

Officers & Directors

WIC of the Year Announcement

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The National NAWIC convention will be held August 31-September 3, 2011 in St. Louis, Missouri. Barb MacWilliams, CBT, CIT and Betty Veldhouse, CIT will be attending. I look forward to hearing about their experience.

WIC of the Year ballots have been mailed. Please take a minute to review the candidate profiles which are posted on the website and in this newsletter and vote for your choice. Ballots should be returned in the postage paid envelope by August 31, 2011.

The Board is always looking for new fund raising ideas. If you think of anything over the summer that might be a good fund raiser for our Chapter, please share it with us.

Our Statewide meeting will be held August 10, 2011. This is a great opportunity to meet and network with members from the Detroit, Battle Creek/Kalamazoo and Lansing Chapters. This year the meeting will be hosted by the Battle Creek/Kalamazoo Chapter. Look for reservation details in this newsletter and posted on the website.

As always, my door and email are both always open should you have a need to contact me.

Char Terpsma, CBT, CCA, CDS, CIT
President

MEETING MINUTES

Chapter 194 Meeting Minutes are located next to the newsletters on our website:

<http://www.nawic194.org/newsletters.htm>

NEW - MEMBERSHIP NOTICES

Check out the New Membership Notices page on Chapter 194 website. This page is just for the membership. It has information and forms for upcoming events.

http://www.nawic194.org/index_files/Page1469.htm

2011 Annual NAWIC Michigan Joint Chapters Meeting

Hosted by Kalamazoo/Battle Creek Chapter

Wednesday, August 10, 2011 5:15 pm—8:00 pm

At Clara's on the River
44 North McCamly Street
Battle Creek, MI 49017

Cost is \$35.00



For RSVP Card and other information please visit our website:

<http://www.nawic194.org/Links/Statewide%20NAWIC%20meeting%20-%202011.PDF>

**NAWIC'S CORE
PURPOSE**

*To enhance the
success of women
in the construction
industry.*

**CSI Great Lakes Region Conference
August 11 - 13, 2011
Amway Grand Plaza
Grand Rapids, MI**

Featuring three days of CSI Business meetings, leadership training, networking events and an Education day that will feature twelve education sessions and two keynote speakers: Mark Murray, President, Meijer Inc. and City of Grand Rapids Mayor, George Heartwell.

For further information and to register online go to:
<http://grandrapidsmi.csinet.org/>

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NAWIC International
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The Connection
https://www.nawic.org/nawic/Announcements_Oct07.asp

Announcements
http://www.nawic.org/nawic/Announcements_Oct07.asp?SnID=11715986

NEF – Education Insider
<http://www.nawiceducation.org>

Region 4
www.nawic4.org

AIA Grand Valley Chapter
<http://www.aiaqv.net/documents/261.html>

Construction Specifications Institute
Michigan Chapter
<http://www.csigrandrapids.org>

See NAWIC194 website for more links
www.nawic194.org/links.htm



NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS FOR 2011-2012 COMMITTEES



Committees are forming for the 2011-2012 season to enhance the success of our chapter. Contact Faye Staskewicz at fas@beckering.com for more information on volunteering on one or more committees.



Please help our Chapter be successful!!



**REGION 4
ANNUAL LEADERSHIP SATURDAY**

AUGUST 6, 2011

10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Messer Construction
2495 Langdon Farm Road
Cincinnati, OH 45237



Leadership Saturday is open to all 2011-2012 regional chairs, chapter officers, or other chapter leaders. Join us in learning essential NAWIC information to help in the upcoming NAWIC year.

Thank you to the generosity of Messer Construction and the Cincinnati Chapter, the cost per person has been completely sponsored for this event. Those in attendance will be treated to a continental breakfast and lunch.

RSVP by August 1 to Jenny Mangas at email: jmangas@tjdye.com or 513-842-2732.

More information is available on our Chapter website:
<http://www.nawic194.org/Links/Leadership%20Saturday2011.pdf>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For August

Melanie Myers—August 8
Faye Staskewicz - August 19
Jane Thelen—August 23
Katy Kurkiewicz - August 25



CATCH THE SPIRIT!

56th Annual Convention
August 31 - September 4, 2011
St. Louis, MO

Go to <http://www.nawic.org/nawic/Convention.asp?SnID=1524934224> for further information and registration details.

From the Membership Committee

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

Renewal notices are being emailed/mailed no later than the end of July. Please renew promptly and email Faye Staskewicz at fas@beckering.com to let her know that you have renewed so we can keep a record of our membership for next year.

WIC of the Year 2010-2011



WIC of the Year 2010-2011

Dear NAWIC Members:

Thank you for taking the time to participate in the nomination process for the WIC of the Year for 2010-2011.

The prestigious WIC of the Year Award is given to one member in our chapter in honor of her NAWIC dedication and efforts of this past year.

The following have been nominated for this award:

Bonnie Jangda

Char Terpsma, CBT, CCA, CDS, CIT

Jane Thelen

Judy Van Dyken, CIT

Ballots have been mailed to the address listed in the roster. If you have not received your ballot, please contact Barb MacWilliams, CBT, CIT at bmacwilliams@rivercitymech.com.

When you receive your ballot, choose the member who has represented NAWIC and has worked for the good of all members of Chapter #194. **Ballot must be returned by August 31, 2011.**

The award will be presented at our September meeting.

Good luck to all of the candidates. Each nominee is very deserving.

Thank you again to the membership for nominating your fellow members for this award!

Sincerely,

The WIC of the Year Committee

Joy Folkersma

Barb MacWilliams CBT, CIT

WIC of the Year Candidates

**NAWIC WIC of the Year Nominee Profile for –
Bonnie Jangda**



Employer: NATIONAL SAFETY SOLUTIONS

Position Held: OWNER, Consultant

Job Description: Consultant in the area of SAFETY for Construction and general industry facilities.

Year that you joined NAWIC: 2008

Reason(s) for joining: Meet and interface with peers in the construction industry.

Committees Served on for the year 2010-11

Construction Profession & Education

Committees Chaired for the year 2010-11

Construction Profession & Education

Were you an Officer or on the Board of Directors of NAWIC for the year 2010-11

Yes, I am on the Board of Directors as a Director

Please list forums, national conventions and mini conferences that you have attended or plan to attend for the year 2010-11

None are planned

List any extra volunteer work or committees that you have assisted on as a representative of NAWIC for the year 2010-11. Also, list ways that you have promoted NAWIC to our community.

Coordinated and served at God's Kitchen, December 2010

I will discuss NAWIC with all women I reach in the construction field.
I will also discuss NAWIC as the learning group for Women in Construction.

WIC of the Year Candidates

**NAWIC WIC of the Year Nominee Profile for:
Char Terpsma CBT, CCA, CDS, CIT**



Employer: Pleune Service Company

Position Held: Credit Administrator

Job Description: I am responsible for daily deposits, waivers, collections, NOC's/NOF's and lien filing; monitoring service accounts for credit status, producing sworn statements for construction job billings, AIA billing prep, monitoring construction job status for completion, customer relations, credit card/bank reconciliation, notary and assisting A/P and sales coordinator.

Year joined NAWIC: 2005

Reason(s) for joining: I joined NAWIC primarily for the networking opportunity and quickly discovered an added benefit of the great educational opportunity, as well. Both have been extremely helpful in working in the construction industry. I am pleased to be part of such an awesome group of women.

Committees Served on for the year 2010-11: Served on the Finance Committee and served as ex-officio member of all other chapter committees except the nominating committee

Committees Chaired for the year 2010-11: Finance

Were you an Officer or on the Board of Directors of NAWIC for the year 2010-11: Yes. President

Please list forums, national conventions and mini conferences that you have attended or plan to attend for the year 2010-11:

APC – Indianapolis - 2010

Forum – Lansing - 2011

List any extra volunteer work or committees that you have assisted on as a representative of NAWIC for the year 2010-11. Also, list ways that you have promoted NAWIC to our community.

Served on the Joint Association Planning Committee

Served as the Region 4 NEF Liaison

Promoted NAWIC at the 2011 West Michigan Design and Construction Expo

Represented NAWIC in volunteering at the Women's Resource Center

Represented NAWIC in volunteering at the Kid's Food Basket

Recruited 4 new chapter members in 2010-11

I love networking and getting to know our NAWIC chapter members and often share information about NAWIC with other potential members (and/or their bosses).

WIC of the Year Candidates

**NAWIC WIC of the Year Nominee Profile for -
Jane Thelen**



Employer: Rockford Construction Company

Position Held: Controller

Job Description: Responsible for daily accounting activities, monthly financial statements and treasury management activities

Year joined NAWIC: June 2010

Reason(s) for joining: Networking and Community Service

Committees Served on for the year 2010-11: Finance

Committees Chaired for the year 2010-11: None

Were you an Officer or on the Board of Directors of NAWIC for the year 2010-11:
Treasurer

Please list forums, national conventions and mini conferences that you have attended or plan to attend for the year 2010-11: None

List any extra volunteer work or committees that you have assisted on as a representative of NAWIC for the year 2010-11. Also, list ways that you have promoted NAWIC to our community.

Served at God's Kitchen
Collaborated with board on future fund raisers and advertising for NAWIC

WIC of the Year Candidates

**NAWIC WIC of the Year Nominee Profile for -
Judy Van Dyken, CIT**



Employer: Rockford Package Supply

Position Held: Accountant

Job Description: Accounts receivable, accounts payable, bank statements and credit card reconciliation, month end closing.

Year joined NAWIC: March 2008

Reason(s) for joining: Joining NAWIC was an easy choice! The organization offers so much from networking with passionate, committed women & volunteering in a variety of community settings to wonderful continuing educational opportunities.

Committees Served on for the year 2010-11:

Community Benefit/Giving
Monthly Raffle

Committees Chaired for the year 2010-11:

Community Benefit/Giving
Monthly Raffle

Were you an Officer or on the Board of Directors of NAWIC for the year 2010-11:

I was not on the board in 2010-2011

Please list forums, national conventions and mini conferences that you have attended or plan to attend for the year 2010-11:

APC- Indianapolis - 2010 (All NAWIC conferences/conventions have been great to attend)

List any extra volunteer work or committees that you have assisted on as a representative of NAWIC for the year 2010-11. Also, list ways that you have promoted NAWIC to our community.

Women Resource Center

Kids Food Basket

Continuing collaborations with Girl Scouts Shore to Shore Council and also with Habitat for Humanity.

Individually, I promote NAWIC through a signature line on all emails, frequently wearing NAWIC apparel, and discussing benefits of NAWIC with prospective members.

Thank you for the opportunity of being a member of Chapter #194

Judy Van Dyken

2010-2011 CHAPTER 194 COMMITTEES

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Cathy Pisciotta

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Jane Thelen
Barb MacWilliams CBT, CIT
Faye Staskewicz

Membership Committee

Faye Staskewicz*
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Julie Smigiel

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Bonnie Jangda

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Community Benefit/Giving

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WIC of the Year

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Barb MacWilliams CBT, CIT*

Ways & Means

Patron Ads

Golf - Scholarship Fund Raiser

Barb MacWilliams CBT, CIT*
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Flower Sales

Barbara Nugent CDS, CIT (Poinsettia)
Katy Kurkiewicz (Bulb Gardens)
Katy Kurkiewicz (Hanging Baskets)

Monthly Raffle

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Joy Folkersma
Cheri Rysko

Spartan UPC

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Monday Reminder

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NAWIC Core Values: Believe, Persevere, Dare

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

NAWIC EXPLANATIONS

NAWIC: National Association of Women In Construction

Region 4: 1: NAWIC is divided into 14 regions 2: Region 4 represents Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia 3: Currently has 21 chapters 4: Currently there are no chapters located in West Virginia 5: Region 4 is the largest region in respect to the number of members.

Regional Director: 1: Each Region is represented by a director that serves on the National Board. 2: The director is elected by the members of their region and their term is for two years. 3: Even numbered regions expire on even years; odd numbered regions expire on odd years, allowing for a 1 year overlap. 4: Region 4's next director will be elected at Spring Forum 2012 5: Presides over all regional events/activities and attends to needs of the chapters.

National Convention: 1: The coming together of NAWIC members from the United States and Canada, international affiliates and event sponsors, typically in September of every year 2: Keynote speakers, professional workshops and association workshops are offered during this three-four day event 3: Business requiring member voting is conducted 4: Installation of National Officers and Directors.

Forum: Forum \ 'For-em \ noun – 1: The coming together of NAWIC chapters (i.e. Region 4 = Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky), typically in the Spring of every year 2: Three day event, full of educational and networking opportunities via keynote speakers and workshops 3: Core purpose is to enhance the opportunities of women in the construction industry.

APC: Annual Planning Conference – 1: This regional one day event is typically held in October or November on a Saturday. 2: Workshops focus on officers' job descriptions and committee functions.

NEF: NAWIC Education Foundation – 1. Provides certification programs related to the construction industry 2: Provides K-12 programs that promote the construction industry 3: Provides online Health & Safety programs 4: Provides additional construction related educational opportunities.

NSFS: NAWIC Founders Scholarship Foundation – Administered by past NAWIC National Presidents, 2: Provides scholarships to individuals pursuing a college degree based on specific criteria, 3: Applications are due in February of every year.

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The NAWIC Ink is read and distributed throughout many West Michigan companies and Associations in the construction industry. The rates for this exposure are very reasonable and promote networking opportunities. When your company advertises with our organization you help support our mission to enhance the success of women in the construction industry.

The newsletter is published the last week of the month for the upcoming month. A new layout for NAWIC Ink brings about some changes in the advertising format.

Advertising Information

Rates are for one full year (12 issues)
 Blocks are available in two sizes
 2" x 3½" (approximate) \$30.00
 4" x 3½" (approximate) \$50.00
 Ad copy can be e-mailed in JPEG or PDF type file

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