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Presidents Message



Leslie Nelson, President
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - NOVEMBER 2014

I blinked, and here it is already November! I like to take time each November to focus on the things in my life that make me thankful. Expanding on that idea, I want to thank the new Board of Directors for being off to a great start! Our first board meeting was very productive; we are trying to make this the best year yet for NAWIC Grand Rapids.

I'd also like to thank all of you for renewing your membership with NAWIC. We do not take that investment lightly, and hope you will find that the programs, networking opportunities, and volunteer events are worth your time and energy. We did not have 100% of our members renew their memberships (always our goal) but we are starting this year on a positive note, with 20% more members than last year at this time. We received the National Award for Most Chapter Growth last year. Do you think we can repeat that feat? I do! Thanks to Jenny Waugh (Rockford Construction) for all her hard work as Membership Chair last year. Alyssa Veneklase (Pioneer Construction) has some big shoes to fill as our new Membership Chair-but we know she is up for the challenge!

Our October meeting was a fantastic job site tour of the Hampton Inn on Michigan Street. They were setting beams and we even got to see one of the 80 ton concrete cross beams be lifted into place by a 300 ton crane! Everyone who attended really enjoyed the tour and our dinner afterward at El Barrio. We welcomed new member Jen Schottke and recognized Char Terpsma for having 100% attendance at our chapter meetings during the 2013-2014 program year. Our November meeting will be a joint meeting with the other Michigan chapters, held in Lansing. A flyer with details is included in this newsletter. I hope you will consider joining us! This meeting will be a great opportunity to meet NAWIC members in the other Michigan chapters, and learn about an awesome program that the Detroit Chapter has developed.

Have you checked out the our chapter Facebook page? If you are on Facebook, the link to our page is <https://www.facebook.com/NAWIC194?ref=bookmarks>. If you have pictures or events to share with the chapter, this is a great tool.

Please know that I am available by phone, by email, and in person should you have questions, ideas, or need help. When I am not traveling, my schedule is very flexible during the day so don't hesitate to contact me. I can't wait to see each of you at an upcoming meeting or event!

Leslie Nelson, President



THE WATER
COOLER



A brief overview of what you need to know:

- **October 30, 2014**
West Michigan Design &
Construction Expo
- **November 20, 2014**
Joint Chapter Meeting
- **December 10, 2014**
Presentation TBD and Christmas
Party

Recap of October Meeting



November Meeting Notice

Michigan

Joint

Chapters

Meeting:

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

**Crowne Plaza Lansing West,
Bordeaux Room**

**925 S Creyts Road, Lansing MI
48917 (just north of I496)**

517/391-1294

Cost: \$35 per person

**(Make checks payable to AGC of
Michigan)**

Select Entrée with RSVP:

- Michigan Lake Perch
- Braised Chicken

**RSVP: November 7, 2014 by
contacting Barbara Strachan at
bstrachan@agcmichigan.org or
517/908-8059**

Presentation:



**Project
Accelerate**

By the Detroit NAWIC Chapter

Agenda:

5:45-6:15 PM Network

6:15-7:00 PM Dinner

7:00-7:45 PM Presentation

7:45-8:00 PM Q & A

**8:00-8:20 PM Chapter
Announcements**

8:30 Adjourn

Chapter Fundraiser

2014 NAWIC Poinsettia Flower Order Form



Sizes, Colors & Prices

Plants per pot: 6" = 1; 8"=2; 10"=3; 12"=4

Red, White, Pink, Burgundy, Marble (pink on white), and Jingle Bells (white flecks on red)

6" = \$8.00 10" = \$25.00

8" = \$15.00 12" = \$35.00

All Poinsettias come with seasonal pot covers.

**Please write in the sizes of the plants you would like, the color(s) and the quantity of plants you would like to order
USE AS MANY LINES AS YOU NEED!**

Name	Company	Phone	Size	Color	Quantity	Total \$

Orders must be placed by Monday, NOVEMBER 24, 2014 at noon.
 You will be notified when the plants are available to be picked up on Thursday, December 4, 2014.
 Plants must be paid for before or at time of pick up.
 Make checks payable to NAWIC #194.
 Call, fax or e-mail your orders to Barbara Nugent.

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Thank you.

2014 West Michigan Design and Construction Expo

2014 West Michigan Design and Construction EXPO

OCTOBER 30, 2014



BUILDING KNOWLEDGE

EVENT HOURS:

12:30 PM - 6:00 PM

EXPO Floor : 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Speaker Series: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Networking: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM



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2014 SPEAKER SERIES

SESSION 1 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	<u>What's in Your Front End?</u> <u>Understanding General Requirements</u> *CEU Registered Class	<u>Top Five Challenges</u> <u>Facility Managers Face</u>
SESSION 2 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	<u>Rigid Insulation –</u> <u>An Investment in</u> <u>Energy Efficiency (HSW)</u> *CEU Registered Class	<u>The Most Important Tools in</u> <u>Your Kit: Using Negotiation</u> <u>Skills in the</u> <u>Construction Setting</u>
SESSION 3 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	<u>Laser Scanning (LiDAR)</u> *CEU Registered Class	<u>Cloud Based tools for</u> <u>Building Design,</u> <u>Construction & Management</u>

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Announcements



October 30 - [West Michigan Design & Construction Expo](#)

The Pinnacle Center
330 Highland Drive, Hudsonville
EXPO Floor 12:30pm – 6:00pm
Networking 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Classes 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Want to sign up to help at the NAWIC Booth? Contact: Alyssa@pioneerinc.com



Happy Birthday



Jennifer Breymeyer
November 9



Happy Anniversary



Faye Staskewicz November 1997
Raissa Riley November 2012
E.B. Clousing November 2013

NAWIC Core Values:

Believe, Persevere, Dare.

NAWIC Core Purpose:

To enhance the success of women in the construction industry.

Have a question or an announcement? Contact the Newsletter Editor!

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2014-2015 Chapter 194 Committees

2014 -2015 North Central Region

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The 2014-2015 NAWIC year is here!

Are you ready to get more involved?

We have committees that focus on membership and programs for the chapter. Please talk to Char Terpsma or Leslie Nelson if you have questions or are ready to get more involved.

This is your opportunity to help shape the year for our chapter!

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LINKS

NAWIC International
www.nawic.org

National Announcements
www.nawic.org/nawic/Announcements

NEF – Education Insider
www.nawiceducation.org

North Central Region
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NAWIC EXPLANATIONS

NAWIC: National Association of Women In Construction

North Central Region: 1: NAWIC is divided into 14 regions 2: North Central Region represents Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia 3: Currently has 15 Chapters 4: Currently there are no Chapters located in West Virginia 5: North Central Region 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.

Annual Meeting and Educational Conference

AMEC: 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. North Central Region = 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.

NFSF: 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.