



The Heart of the Hammer

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome to a new year in NAWIC- we have some new and exciting things in the works for this year and are looking for volunteers in many different areas. If you would like to give a little time to NAWIC please contact me (stephanien@synergy-trt.com) and we can fit you into something that would benefit both you and the chapter.

One of the exciting things you will see is that we are finally setting up a group to begin studying for the CIT test, for more information on this please contact Amanda Bass at amanda@constructionmidwest.com or 763-536-8336.

Last year we launched our local chapter website- check this out for current event information- <http://www.nawicmplsstpaul.org/index.htm>

Our next two months of meetings sound very interesting- October is on the basics of Geothermal Technology presentation by Dave Shield of Inner Earth Energy (www.innerearthenergy.com). Someone from OSHA will be presenting our November Meeting. Of course do not forget our Holiday Party is coming up around the corner- December 8th. Hope to see you at these events!

Have a Wonderful Fall!
Stephanie



Our Congratulations go to Newlyweds
Amanda Bass
And
Amy McCrossen
Kathryn Larson



Did you know??????

Region 13 represents Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin & Omaha, Nebraska, and currently has 16 Chapters.



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THANK YOU

To the volunteers that helped on fall Hearts and Hammers House



On September 15th, NAWIC and Mortenson Construction again partnered on fixing up a house for Hearts and Hammers. The fun started at 7:00 am by doing our morning stretches, and then on to scrapping and painting. By 2:00 in the afternoon the house was all painted. A small group also, worked on landscaping. Patty Erickson, earned a new name by the homeowner "the plant lady". Thanks to her help, the neglected corner of their yard, was transformed into a wonderful landscaped area with mulch and hostas.

This was our third year volunteering with Hearts and Hammers and the fourth house we worked on. We plan on doing another house either in the spring and/or fall next year so look for information in the future.



NOVEMBER 16TH MEETING ---

The featured Speaker will be speaking about

OSHA



Plan on attending this educational meeting.....



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Save the Date
Dec. 8th 

**NAWIC Holiday
Brunch And Auction**

Look for further information coming soon.....

Donations wanted

SAFETY IS A SUCCESS AT 2007-2008 ANNUAL MEETING AND CONVENTION – from the NAWIC Safety & Health Awareness Committee Fall 2007 Report Submitted by Bethany McMahon, CIT, National Safety & Health Committee Chair

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By Barbara Ling
NAWIC Safety & Health Committee Region 13 Chair

The NAWIC Safety Committee for 2006-2007 successfully presented an Associate Workshop on developing a successful company safety program at the 2007-2008 Annual Meeting and Convention in Orlando, FL.

The safety program, presented by Liberty Mutual, enlightened members on how a successful company safety program can increase positive safety behaviors and decrease incidents and insurance premiums.

The National Safety Committee's goal this year is to make safety a part of every chapter. It is encouraged that each chapter enlist a Chapter Safety Chair Lady, include a "Safety Minute" in monthly meetings and newsletters, and, to also dedicate one membership meeting each year to the topic of safety.

The NAWIC Safety Committee is looking at possible partnerships with the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE), National Safety Council (NSC) and "Click Safety" for member discount rates on safety training and education opportunities.

New NAWIC President Tamie Taylor, CDS, CDT, CIT fully supports the goals of the Safety Committee. She has proposed that at least one safety-themed workshop be held at the 2008 Annual Meeting and convention in Las Vegas.

There is interest in offering a Regional Safety Award. Eligibility requirements are yet to be defined, but, would be based on the question, "What does your company and/or chapter do for your safety program that sets you above the rest?" Proposals must be submitted by January 1st for approval and budget.



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2007-2008 COMMITTEE ROSTERS

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE— Stephanie Nicholson, President

Audit: Jennifer Stavich &
Budget: Stephanie Nicholson, Sue Gilbertson, Jennifer Stavich
Bylaws/Parliamentarian
Long Range Planning:
Nominating (2 board & 1 general member): Amanda Johnston,
Dinner Meeting Reservations: Crystal Rundle

EDUCATION COMMITTEE— Amanda Johnston, Vice President

Block Kids:
Education:
Program Planning:
Local Scholarship:
NEF Liaison:
WIC WEEK Joni Fletty

MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION— Patty Erickson, Director of Membership

Calling/ Mentoring:
Chapter Hostess:
Chapter Roster: Michelle Knutson
Membership Promotion/ Retention:

PUBLIC RELATIONS— Sarah Everson, Director of Public Relations

NAWIC Specs: Barb Weinzetl
Ads:
Industry Liaison:
Notes & Quotes:
Occupation Research & Referral:
Website Amanda Johnston
PR/Marketing:

SPECIAL EVENTS Mary Pennington- Hoyt, Director of Special Events

Construction Industry:
Golf Tournament:
Holiday Party: Mary Glennon, Sue Gilbertson

SPECIAL SERVICES Sue Gilbertson, Director of Special Services

Historian:
2007 Member of the Year Award: Amanda Johnston
Photography:
Plaques & NAWIC Jewelry (NAMETAGS): Jennifer Stavich