



# Constructively Speaking

National Association of Women in Construction Portland Chapter 54  
Established in 1961

March 2009

## Events Calendar

**April 6th:**  
Board Meeting  
Safeco Insurance

**April 16th-18th:**  
Region 9 Forum  
Seattle, WA

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>:** (New Date!)  
Membership Meeting  
Home Builders  
Association

## Highlights

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**NAWIC Guideline No. 4**  
Each Member has a standing dinner reservation for the monthly meeting, unless otherwise specifically arranged. If a reservation is not canceled by noon on **Monday** of the week of the meeting, the Member will be billed for the cost of the dinner.

## March Membership Meeting Notice

**Date:** Thursday, March 19th, 2009  
5:30 p.m. registration begins / 6:00 p.m. dinner/program

**Location:** HBA Building - Banquet Room  
15555 SW Bangy Rd., Lake Oswego, OR 97035

**Cost:** \$25.00  
A variety of hearty appetizers will be served.

**Program:** *How you can adapt to the current state of our construction industry ...*

Round table presentation with the following participants: Eric Fruits, Ph.D., Jessica Adamson, Dan Graham, Connie Ashbrook and Yasmine Branden, CCA. See page 2 for further detail.

**RSVP: Edie Bales (503) 697-0171 or email: edith.bales@libertymutual.com by noon, Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> if you need to cancel your standing reservation, are bringing a guest, or if you are a permanent cancel and will attend. Note: A minimum of 48 hours cancellation notice is required or you will be invoiced.**

## A Message from our President, Lauren Holmes

Wow, March! I can not believe that I am about half way done with my term... time flies when you are having fun. Happy St. Patrick's Day, do not forget to wear green, or you might get pinched!

Our Block Kids event last month was a great success. A big thank you to Carol Helms, her committee, the judges and the DJC for all their hard work, time and article. The top three projects were awesome and I think the winner has a good chance placing regionally. Also this month is the CAD competition. I wish the kids good luck and happy drafting!

Last months speakers from Columbia River Crossings were great, and I am very excited to about our panel discussion about the economy and construction in the 'new economy'. Also, a big thank you to everyone who participated in the Oregon Food bank drive. We collected over \$100 as well as a few bags of food.

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# CONSTRUCTION EVENT

*Join Us!*

NETWORKING

GOOD FOOD

DRINKS

How you can adapt to the current state of our construction industry...

## ROUND TABLE PRESENTATION:

March 19<sup>th</sup>

5:30 - 8:30 pm

Cost: \$25

- Eric Fruits, Ph.D.  
President, Economics International Corp. & PSU Professor
- Jessica Adamson  
Representative for U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley
- Dan Graham  
President, Northwest College of Construction
- Connie Ashbrook  
Executive Director, Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc.
- Yasmine A Branden, CCA  
VP- Production, Neil Kelly Co. & NAWIC Region 9 Director

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**President Lauren's March Letter Continued:**

Oregon Retreat is this weekend, and is sure to be a great time! Grab a friend and head to the beach for a celebration of various holidays, our chapter will be hosting a fun game of BINGO with the spirit of St. Patrick's Day... don't forget to bring your four leaf clovers and rabbits feet!

Forum is coming, and registration rates go up after this week! Come find out who will win the Future Leader, WIC of the Year and the Lifetime Achievement Award. We voted and Amanda Wilson, Carol Helms and Edie Bales will be on hand to see how they stack up against the region! They are already winners to us, and I think they have a great chance to take home these top honors.

*President Lauren Holmes*



Our Professional Education Committee has been hard at work planning our meeting topics and locations for the next few months. Here is what is tentatively scheduled:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic/Speaker</b>	<b>Location</b>
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Supporting Women and Minorities in Construction Raleigh Lewis, MWESB State Agency	Elephant's Room NW Portland
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Communicating with a Surveyor Tony Brooks	Elephant's Room NW Portland
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	PSI Testing Lab Tour Professional Service Industries, Inc.	PSI N Portland

**EVENTS & ITEMS OF INTEREST**



**ASPE - Columbia Pacific Chapter 54**  
(American Society of Professional Estimators)

For information on ASPE Meetings and events, please visit their website at:

<http://www.aspeportland.org>

To make reservations for their meetings visit:

<http://www.aspeportland.org/Reservation.asp>

Questions: Curt Kolar, 503.368.8291

**NAWIC UPCOMING EVENTS!**

April 16-18, 2009  
Forum  
Seattle, Washington

August 26-29, 2009  
National Convention  
Phoenix, Arizona



It's that time of year again! Please start thinking about how you'd like to serve your chapter by participating as a board member. Our nominating committee will be selected soon.

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NKBA Columbia River Chapter**

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