



Constructively Speaking

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

April 2009

Events Calendar

May 7th: NEW!
CAD Awards Dinner
Spaghetti Factory
Clackamas
Board Meeting to follow

May 14th-16th:
Women in Trades Fair
NECA/IBEW, Portland

May 21st:
Membership Meeting
Elephants Deli

June 12th:
Golf Tournament
Meriwether-Hillsboro

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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.

April Membership Meeting Notice

Date:

Thursday, April 23rd, 2009 **New Date!**
5:30 p.m. registration begins / 6:00 p.m. dinner/program

Location:

Elephants Garden Room
115 NW 22nd Ave., Portland, OR 97210

Cost:

\$25.00

Menu:

Buffet including Chicken, Black Bean and Tortilla Casserole
Two Hearts in One Salad
French Baguette / Butter
Seasonal Fruit Tartlet
Coffee/Tea

Program:

"Supporting Women and Minorities in Construction"

Speaker: Raleigh Lewis, MWESB State Agency

RSVP: Edie Bales (503) 697-0171 or email: edith.bales@libertymutual.com by noon, Monday, April 20th 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

April is here, and so is the rain... and snow? We are having one crazy weather year!

Our CAD competition was a great success. A big thank you to Erin Holmes and her committee and judges. The top three projects were amazing and truly inspired. We are planning an awards dinner on May 7th at the Clackamas Spaghetti Factory for the winning students to honor their achievements in CAD drafting. Come join us in honoring all of their hard work.

Last months round table discussion was a huge success. Great job to all the members that brought a guest(s) along. Let's keep up the good work and strive to make April's attendance even greater.

Forum is coming. It is never too late to join us in Seattle for the fun. It is sure to be a great event with a focus on "Green" construction. If you can not make it, do not worry, Dalene and I will be giving full reports upon return.

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Oregon announces 2009 workplace deaths *Construction deaths down, trucking fatalities up*

(Salem) – Forty-four people covered by the Oregon's workers' compensation system died on the job during 2008. The new figures were announced today by Oregon OSHA Administrator Michael Wood during his opening remarks of the 2009 Oregon Governor's Occupational Safety and Health (GOSH) Conference at the Oregon Convention Center. The data is compiled by the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS).

The 2008 total is a significant increase from 2007's total of 35 fatalities. However, the 2008 figure includes eight workers killed in a firefighting helicopter crash in the Northern California wilderness. The eight workers were among 15 who died in the agriculture, forestry, and fishing industry. The second highest concentration of deaths was in truck transportation, which accounted for six deaths. Overall, 12 of the deaths – more than 27 percent of the total – were the result of motor vehicle crashes.

Oregon is one of just a few states that require workplace motor vehicle accidents to be reported. Since 2007, Oregon OSHA has been analyzing data from the collisions and from employers about the use of vehicles for business and driver safety procedures.

The numbers show a dramatic improvement in construction, where there were 12 deaths in 2007. In 2008, five workers died on construction jobs.

"I am pleased to see the upward trend in construction deaths didn't continue," said Michael Wood, Oregon OSHA administrator. "But five deaths are still too many and I know we can do more to reduce those risks."

Historically, the lowest number of workers killed on the job was in 2005, when 31 fatalities occurred. There was an average of 55 workplace deaths per year in Oregon in the 1990s and 81 per year in the 1980s.

"We have made great strides in recent decades in reducing deaths as well as workplace injuries and illnesses," said Cory Streisinger, DCBS director. "But, there are still Oregonians who don't get to go home to their families. We must work harder to ensure their safety every day."

Oregon OSHA offers educational workshops, consultation services, training videos, and Web site information to help Oregon employers create or improve their safety and health programs.

DCBS compiles fatality statistics from records of death claim benefits paid by Oregon workers' compensation insurers during the calendar year. The data reported may exclude workplace fatalities involving self-employed individuals, city of Portland police and fire employees, federal employees, and incidents occurring in Oregon to individuals with out-of-state employers. These workers are either not subject to Oregon workers' compensation coverage requirements or are covered by other compensation systems.

Deaths that occur during a prior calendar year may appear in the compensable fatality count for a later year because of the time required to process a claim.

Complete data on all deaths caused by injuries in Oregon workplaces, regardless of whether they are covered by workers' compensation insurance, are computed separately and reported in the annual Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) administered by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The 2008 CFOI report is not expected for release until the fall of 2009.

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Oregon OSHA, a division of the Department of Consumer & Business Services, enforces the state's workplace safety and health rules and works to improve workplace safety and health for all Oregon workers. For more information, go to www.orosha.org.

The Department of Consumer and Business Services is Oregon's largest business regulatory and consumer protection agency. For more information, visit www.dcbcs.oregon.gov.

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President Lauren's April Letter Continued:

The golf tournament has been set. Join us Friday June 12th at the Meriwether Golf Course in Hillsboro for a fabulous day of golf, and a wonderful night complete with a delicious steak dinner. Please help us get sponsors for the event and start spread the word to all of your golfing friends. Julie promises that the sun will be shining, so you will not want to miss this event!

Finally, elections will be upon us before we know it. Start thinking about what board position and committee you would like to serve on for the 2009 - 2010 year. Dalene is going to be an amazing President and you will not want to miss your opportunity to serve along with her!

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:

Date	Topic/Speaker(s)	Location
May 21 st	"Communicating with a Surveyor" Tony Brooks "A Practical Approach to LEED" Summer Gordon	Elephant's Garden Room NW Portland
June 18 th	PSI Testing Lab Tour Professional Service Industries, Inc.	PSI N Portland
July 16 th	NAWIC Bunco-Summer BBQ	Julie Puderbaugh's home-Oregon City

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

October 16-17, 2009
Annual Planning Conference
RiverPlace Marriott
Portland, Oregon



**National Kitchen & Bath Association
NKBA Columbia River Chapter**

In an effort to keep you connected with all of the latest events, news and information in the kitchen and bath industry, please visit:
<http://www.nkba.org>

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 at our April meeting.

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