



Constructively Speaking

National Association of Women in Construction

Portland Chapter 54

Established in 1961

February 2010

MEETING INFORMATION

Joint meeting with ASPE!!!!

Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2010

Time: Registration/Social 5:30pm
Dinner/Bidding 6:00pm

Location: University Place

310 SW Lincoln, Portland **Parking free (tell attendant you're with ASPE)

Event Cost: \$30 w/reservation; \$40 without Checks payable to ASPE
Dinner guaranteed w/RSVP RSVP must be in by Feb 5th.

Program: Bid Day Simulation

See Page 2 For Additional Information

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.

A Message from our President, Dalene Schafer

Now that we are all back in the swing of things after the holidays, we are gearing up for the spring and summer, WIC week and everything else with TONS of momentum! We had a FABULOUS meeting this month with Corey Lohman from Emerick Construction Special Project Group, who spoke to us about the Fundamentals of Subcontracts. He was engaging and fun and gave us a heads-up on several key elements to successfully subcontracting with a general contractor.

Our chapter welcomed two new members this month, Samantha Jordan with Samantha Jordan Design and Kristen Dissen with Emerick Construction. Welcome ladies! I'm so glad you're a part of our chapter.

If you haven't registered for the February meeting yet, please do so! Erin Holmes coordinated a joint meeting with the American Society of Professional Estimators (ASPE) which will be held on **TUESDAY February 16** at University Place, 310 SW Lincoln, PSU, Portland and we will be participating in a Bid Day Simulation. If you need the form on which to RSVP, please email me (dalene.schafer@psiusa.com). Responses are due by **Friday, February 5**.

Some other things to take note of; March is our Women in Construction Week – and we will have several events lined up. Our Membership meeting will be a Wine and Cheese Reception Membership Drive. Please invite ladies you know to come who can benefit from being a NAWIC member! We also would like to make this event FREE so **we need SPONSORS!** If you are interested in being a sponsor, please let me know *as soon as possible*.

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**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ESTIMATORS
COLUMBIA PACIFIC CHAPTER 54**

Invites you to

Bid Day Simulation

Participate in the drama and suspense of *The Bid Room* without the risk!

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

University Place

310 SW Lincoln, PSU, Portland • 503-221-0140

Free parking (tell the attendant you're with ASPE)

Check in - 5:30PM • Dinner & Bidding - 6:00PM Sharp!

Event Cost \$40.00, or \$30.00 with Reservation*

* Dinner is guaranteed *only* with reservation

Payment by check or Letter of Intent must accompany reservation – Seating Limited

Reservations Due Friday, February 5

Submit to ASPE Chapter 54 PO Box 6661 Portland, OR 97228

We intend to "bid" Note the number of members already on your team(s)

_____ 4 – 5 per team

We may assign or borrow people in order to create a level playing field for each bidding team

Name(s): (use extra sheet if necessary)

We can cannot bring our own laptop(s) w/ battery (check one)

Contact: Phone _____ - _____ - _____ • Email _____

Payment enclosed \$_____.00 or Letter of Intent – check or cash at Door (check one)

The fine print: We must pay the caterer for "no-shows". No refund if you cannot attend. Letters of Intent are binding.

Questions? Curt Kolar 503-962-8840 kolarc@trimet.org

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We will also be having a community outreach event. Yasmine Branden will be heading up a Habitat for Humanity WomenBuild on Saturday March 27th. More details to follow.

And watch out – this summer Amanda Wilson and Carol Helms are gearing up for an awesome week of Magic Camp and are joining forces with the local unions and the Oregon Trades Women. They would *love* your help, so please get in touch with them if you'd like to put your skills to the test. Carol has a list of things she needs help with.

Let's keep this momentum going gals! I have a great feeling about the next few months. Let's show Portland how awesome Women in Construction are!

Dalene Schafer, President
NAWIC Portland Chapter 54

March Membership Meeting

Our Chapter is celebrating WIC (Women in Construction) week the entire month of March. We are having a membership drive at the March meeting. Bring a guest or two...show them what we are all about!

Membership Message by Lauren Holmes:

We are growing strong! In the last month Region 9 added (5) new members! Way to go Judy Jewel, Pamela Keller, and Linda Almendinger for each recruiting a new member, and an extra special shout out to Christina Fell for recruiting (2) new members last month.

The region is also competing amongst ourselves for the Chapter that recruits the most new members. Alaska is currently in the lead with (6) new members, and Salem and Portland are tied for second with (4) new members each. It is not too late, the competition continues until APC 2010! So get out there and recruit!

Welcome New Members:

Missy Townsend Chapter 198 recruited by Linda Almendinger
Deborah Reed Chapter 60 recruited by Judy Jewell
Kristen Dissen Chapter 54 recruited by Christina Fell
Samantha Jordan Chapter 54 recruited by Christina Fell
Cindy Macdonald Chapter 143 recruited by Pamela Keller

BLOCK KIDS COMPETITION

Your Help is Needed!!!!

Block Kids is an event that encourages and promotes construction to students in grades 1 through 6. The contest is held on the chapter, regional and then national level. Students are provided with identical kits of material and given 45 minutes to build something pertaining to construction. They are then judged on their project and their verbal explanation of it.

Portland Chapter 54's Event information:

Date: 2-26-2010

Time: 9-11 am

Where: Bolton Primary School, 5933 Holmes Street, West Linn, OR 97068

If you are available to volunteer or to help judge or know of someone in your office or a friend who would like to help, please let Ursula Lande know by Friday, February 5, or as soon as possible.

We also need donations of snacks and items for the goodie bags for 60 kids. If your company would like to donate money or has swag that they would be willing to donate that would be appealing to kids, please let me know. Pencils, squeeze balls (safety cones, hard hats, etc.), yo-yo's, stickers or notepads/sticky notes would all be fun and a great way to get your name out in the community. Who knows if one of the parents might have a need for the services your company provides!

If you have any questions, please give Ursula a call at (503) 856-6925!

Ursula Lande

Portland Chapter 54 Block Kids Chair

Do you believe in Magic? NAWIC Portland Chapter 54 does!

NAWIC members for the last few years have heard about the Magic Summer Camp many chapters have hosted. We kicked the idea around for the last couple years and 2010 three Magic Camps this July. We are partnering with local unions, educators and construction companies.

The week long day camps are free to participants and designed to introduce high school girls to exciting careers in construction. Campers will participate in hands-on skills and learn the numerous opportunities for a career in the construction industry.

A Magic Camp flyer is being distributed with our newsletter this month, giving additional information.

As you can imagine much help is needed. We need volunteers in many areas , sponsors, etc. PLEASE contact Carol Helms and find out what you can do to help us put on a Magic Camp that will inspire these young girls!

Carol Helms

Chelms@legendhomes.com

503.620.8080 X 207

Oregon Retreat 2010**March 6, 2010****Adobe Resort, Yachats, OR**

The 2010 Retreat, hosted by the Eugene Chapter, is just around the corner. This is always a fun event and a great way to network with our other chapters, make new friends and enjoy the Oregon Coast.

If you've not received a registration form, let Edie Bales know. If you have...fill it out and get it to the Eugene chapter asap!

EVENTS & Things 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

OSHA Safety & Health Workshops

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NAWIC UPCOMING EVENTS!

Feb. 16th – Joint Membership Meeting with ASPE – University Place

Mar. 4th – Board Meeting @ Legend Homes

Mar 6th & 7th – Oregon Retreat @ the Adobe in Yachats, hosted by the Eugene Chapter

Mar. 7th – 13th – WIC Week

Mar, 18th – Membership Meeting - Elephants

May 14 – 15, 2010 – Forum
Eugene, OR

**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>

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Sisters in the Building Trades - [www.SistersintheBuildingTrades.org](http://www.SistersintheBuildingTrades.org)  
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NAWIC CHAPTER 54 - Milestones & Interesting Facts!

NAWIC Links

NAWIC Portland Chapter
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www.nawicportland54.org

NAWIC Region 9
www.nawicregion9.org

NAWIC National
www.nawic.org

NEF
www.nawiceducation.org

**February
Anniversaries!**



Carol Helms

Dalene Schafer

February Birthdays



Didn't find any February Birthdays!

If your birthday was missed, it's only because we don't have it! Please notify Edie Bales of your special day so we don't miss it again!

NAWIC History

The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) originally began as Women in Construction of Fort Worth, Texas. It was founded in 1953 by 16 women working in the construction industry. Knowing that women represented only a small fraction of the construction industry, the founders organized NAWIC to create a support network. Women in Construction of Fort Worth was so successful that it gained its national charter in 1955 and became the National Association of Women in Construction.

WEB SITE SPONSORS WANTED!!

ONLY \$25!!!

What a great opportunity to get your name and or company on one of the greatest Web Sites in the world! Millions of people have an opportunity to look at NAWIC Portland Chapter 54 Web Site! For only \$25, we will reproduce your business card, put your name & company name with a link to your web site on ours for an entire year! Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Contact Edie Bales at edibal@safeco.com or 603.697.0171 for details. Visit us at <http://www.nawicportland54.org>

NAWIC PORTLAND 54 SPONSORS

The following companies have generously sponsored our 2009 Golf Tournament. Chapter 54 appreciates their support and encourages you to use their services. We are also grateful to the individuals who sponsored the event

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Region 9 Contacts

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Region 9 Chapter Presidents

Portland #54 – Dalene Schafer
Puget Sound #60 – Julie Stalzer
Eugene #77 – Nancy Ograin
Spokane #143 – Jessica Moody
Tacoma #187 – Charlotte Jones
Tri Cities #192 – Cyndie Lorenz
Alaska #197 – Kathleen Bugbee
Salem #198 – Vickie Tewalt
Great Falls #228 – Barbara Woith
Boise #245 – Molly McClure



Core Values:

- Believe in ourselves as women
- Persevere with the strength of our convictions
- Dare to move into new horizons.

Core Purpose:

To enhance the success of women in the Construction Industry.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.nawicportland54.org

Portland Chapter 54 2009-2010

Officers, Directors & Committees

President	Dalene Schafer
President Elect	Carol Helms
Vice President	Amanda Wilson
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Corresponding Secretary	Marilyn Morrison
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Immediate Past President	Lauren Holmes

Committees

Finance: Dalene Schafer, Lauren Holmes, Gloria Bruning, Evelyn Stratton

Membership: Lauren Holmes, Chair; Edie Bales, Amanda Wilson & Dalene Schafer
Evelyn Stratton – Membership Roster

Professional Education: Amanda Wilson, Chair; Dalene Schafer, Christina Fell
Edie Bales (Reservations Only)

Audit: Evelyn Stratton

Ways & Means: Carol Helms, Chair of Golf Tournament; Amanda Wilson,
Dalene Schafer, Christina Fell

Badges & Attendance: Evelyn Stratton, _____

Block Kids: Ursula Lande, Chair; Betty Wollam, Dalene Schafer

Bylaws: Evelyn Stratton, Chair; Betty Wollam

CAD: Erin Holmes, Chair

Chapter Sales & Raffle: _____, Chair; Dalene Schafer

Newsletter: Edie Bales, Chair

Public Relations: Sondra Jameson, Chair; Amanda Wilson

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WIC Week: Marilyn Morrison, Chair; Dalene Schafer, Amanda Wilson, Lauren Holmes

Web Site: Edie Bales, Chair; Darlene Marquardt, Webmaster