



Constructively Speaking

National Association of Women in Construction

Portland Chapter 54

Established in 1961

October 2009

MEETING INFORMATION:

Date: October 15, 2009
Thursday

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

Location: Safeco Ins./Liberty Group Office
16505 SW 72nd Ave., Building F
Portland, OR 97222 (See Directions on Page 3)
Edie's Cell #503 380-4523

Cost: \$25.00

Menu: Pizza and Soda

Program: APC – Loose Ends and Committees

Contact **Edie Bales** by noon, October 12th, if you need to cancel your standing reservation, are bringing a guest, or if you are a permanent cancel and will attend. edibal@safeco.com or 503.697.0171 Note: Due to reservation commitments, a minimum of 48 hours cancellation notice is required or you will be invoiced.

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

Ladies, put your seatbelts on! We're putting the pedal to the metal this year. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president, and thank you to my wonderful board for being excited and supportive. Everyone has great ideas, goals and wants to get their hands dirty, but it wouldn't be such a great chapter if it were not for our members – *you* are the heart of the Portland chapter. This year, our goal is to increase our membership, encouraging every current member to recruit one new member. Also, we have some great programs this year for our monthly membership meetings – Amanda has worked very hard on finding topics that you want to know about.

We are planning a Brewfest for sometime in the beginning of November that will be a fundraiser for our NFSF fund. Also, at our September meeting, we kicked off our chapter sales PartyLite fundraiser, with half the proceeds going directly to our chapter. I will be mailing packets and instructions to those who were not at the meeting. If you need a new order form or collection envelope, please let me know. The turn-in date for this fundraiser will be November 19th at the membership meeting, or arrange pick up with me. We'd like to have the items in for Christmas.

I will also be kicking off a "Lunch with the President" once a month – a time for members and friends to have a casual social hour. More info to come!

I'm very excited about this year, and I would love for everyone to join in with me in making it fun, memorable and educational. If you have ideas, concerns or just need to vent, don't hesitate to call or email me anytime. I will do my best to lead and grow our chapter this year. I have one favor to ask of you, members: please join at least one committee, even if you do a small part, every little bit helps, and the more help and ideas we have, the better things run. Our October meeting will be a committee planning session, so come check out the different committees and find one that interests you!

Ready...Steady...GO!

~ Dalene Schafer

NAWIC National Convention 2009 Report – Phoenix, Arizona

By: Dalene Schafer

Day One Wednesday

We arrived very early in the morning and went by the pool to kill time before the festivities started. Sunburn? Check. Misery for the rest of the trip? Check. Tip of the day: Don't forget sunscreen when going to Phoenix. Even after the fact I went through an entire bottle of sunscreen before Saturday.

Wednesday night was a Fiesta themed party "Viva la NAWIC" with yummy food, a Mariachi band and some really loud game. I called it a night after eating due to the sunburn and having to be at the airport at 6:00am.

Day Two - Thursday NAWIC business meeting started with an introduction by the Mayor of Phoenix Phil Gordon – who actively campaigned for passing the stimulus package to create jobs. There were 366 members in attendance at this year's convention.

Keynote speaker was Edith Washington, CCS. Member of CSI and past national president. She was quite the speaker. I enjoyed her very much. Some points that resonated with me from her speech:

- Empowering women in construction
- "what would happen if every woman at the office stayed home for one day?"
- prediction that the 78M baby boomers – between 2010 and 2014 jobs will multiply as the baby boomers are retiring – those baby boomers need to mentor the upcoming generation to carry on.

We all need to learn from each other to affectively change the world.

- Accept – see the situation for what it is, not for how you want to see it.
- Assess – what can you do about this situation?
- Act – take action in the situation, make something happen
- Adjust – sometimes the actions you take don't have the outcomes you anticipate so you need to adjust your view – take advantage of the outcome that DID result.

After that were awards and some presentations, reports and some other things. Issues came about when someone motioned to allow retired and associate members to vote. A long discussion ensued, partially because people did not quite understand the implications of voting yes on this. And when all was said and done, the vote was no, and we moved on.

We had a lovely Awards Lunch for NEF. This is apparently the lunch where I mentioned that we were going to "kick that other chapters ass" in membership growth for next year. So here is to putting my foot in my mouth, and let's ensure I don't make a fool of myself next year (wink, wink).

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October Membership Meeting Directions:

Travel on I-5 south, take Exit 291 Carmen Dr./King City, turn right and stay in the left lane, Turn left onto SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd. go to next light, SW 72nd and turn left. Turn right into 2nd opening into business park, turn left and follow to two story Safeco /Liberty Bldg.

When you arrive at the building go to the right & follow path to the green covered area between the buildings. Turn left and we will let you in the door.

**Portland Chapter 54 Fundraiser**

The chapter is trying a new fund raiser with PartyLite. They make top of the line Candles and Accessories and sell them in in-home parties. They have a new fundraising program. Our chapter will receive 50% of all sales.

If you would like to order and do not have a form, please contact Dalene Schafer at dalene.schafer@psiusa.com. Great Christmas Gifts!



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Then some more classes. I went to one led by the Keynote speaker, Edith Washington. It was quite fast paced, and my head hurt at the end from taking such ferocious notes, but she had some excellent tips on Construction Communication People Power

Here are a few:

- collaboration and trust. People not building trust because people are not collaborating with others
- bringing owner in at the beginning knowing more about the project etc
- try something different. Help people get to know each other. Get away from the conference table.
- Streamline your communications. Give it to people in one page. Like an executive summary

She went on to talk about conflict, listening, emails, phone calls and some others.

Next I went to the Chapter Board Training which was very good. We split up into mini “boards” (not of our choosing – to make it more fun ☺) and did a mock board meeting with specific issues that we had to over come. There was much discussion of each issue as a large group, and some discussion and Q&A afterwards. It was a very good session.

Day Three – Friday

This day I went to the terrible, yet highly anticipated Project Management course. Oi. What a waste of time. It started off with these lovely ladies behind me who would not be quiet. By lunch time we were two hours behind. If you want more details, I’d be happy to oblige.

Thankfully we had the lovely Installation lunch of the National Officers as a break. Its’ exciting to see normal women hold such a high honor in this society. We welcomed our new Region 9 Director officially into office – Cathy Brady.

Day Four – Saturday

Ahh, the last official day of conference is always bittersweet. My sunburn is peeling and itchy at this point. Exciting, I know! Today were workshops related to NAWIC things like NEF, Marketing, Membership, Treasurer etc. I attended the “President to President” talk, which was so so. The room was packed and we didn’t get to talk about as many things as I had hoped, as people were getting hung up on some small things, but over all it was good hearing some of the ideas that other Presidents have.

Then I attended the PR/marketing seminar. Boy was I nervous about this one (as a Marketing person myself, I had very high expectations). To my pleasant surprise – the new National Chair for PR/marketing is.... A PR PERSON!!! I was so excited, and had a great talk with her afterwards. I came away from that session feeling excited, armed with new ideas and ready to charge forward.

After that it was lunch time – and relax time before the Crystal Vision Awards Gala, in which three people recieved these awards. Judith Ritter, Catherine Escobar, and Jeffery Callahan. Each was well deserving of the award they recieved and all had facinating life stories. It was a very fun evening, and I got to know some other ladies in our region and I’m looking forward to seeing them at APC!

Thank you for the opportunity to represent Chapter 54 at the National Conference this year!

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

Do you know of a Construction Industry Related Event? If you share the information, it will be listed!

NAWIC UPCOMING EVENTS!

Oct. 15th – Membership Meeting
Safeco/Liberty Group office

Oct. 16 & 17 – Annual Planning Conference
Portland, OR

TBA - Octoberfest

Nov. 2 – Board Meeting @ Legend Homes

Nov. 19 – Membership Meeting @ Elephants Deli

Dec. 7 – Board Meeting @ Legend Homes

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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Coming Soon!

Octoberfest/Brewfest!

Dalene, Lauren and Erin are busy planning an Octoberfest/Brewfest hosted by our chapter. Further information on date, location and program will be coming soon!



NAWIC CHAPTER 54 - Milestones & Interesting Facts!

NAWIC Links

NAWIC Portland Chapter 54

www.nawicportland54.org

NAWIC Region 9

www.nawicregion9.org

NAWIC National

www.nawic.org

NEF

www.nawiceducation.org

October Anniversaries!



- Anne Cohen 2 yrs
- Lauren Holmes 4 yrs
- Megan Proulx 2 yrs
- Anne Wagner 27 yrs !!

October Birthdays



- Barbara Freeman 10/15
- Evelyn Stratton 10/20

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.

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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
Treasurer	Gloria Bruning
Recording Secretary	Erin Holmes
Corresponding Secretary	Marilyn Morrison
Directors	Yasmine Branden, Sondra Jameson, Ursula Lande, Edie Bales
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

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Chapter Sales & Raffle: _____, Chair; Dalene Schafer

Newsletter: Edie Bales, Chair

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Scholarship: Lauren Holmes, Chair; Dalene Schafer

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