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

September
2008

Events Calendar

October 6th:
Board Meeting
Safeco Insurance

October 16th:
Membership Meeting
Location TBA

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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.

September Membership Meeting Notice

Date: Thursday, September 25, 2008
5:30 p.m. registration begins / 6:00 p.m. dinner/program

Location: Portland Homebuilders Exchange
15555 SW Bangy Rd., Lake Oswego, OR

Cost: \$25.00

Menu: Grilled Chicken with Lemon Caper Sauce, Mixed Green Salad with Dressings, Fresh Season Vegetables, Rolls & Butter, Chef's Choice of Dessert

Program: Installation of Chapter 54 Officers and Directors

Please plan to attend our Installation ceremony. We want to thank your outgoing Officers and Board for their time and support to our Chapter, whereby our achievements would not be possible without their leadership. We will welcome and formally induct our 2008-09 Officers and Board of Directors in a beautiful and impressive candle lighting ceremony. Join your fellow women of NAWIC to pledge your support for the women we have chosen to be our leaders.

RSVP: Edie Bales (503) 697-0171 or email: edibal@safeco.com **by noon, Monday, September 22nd**, 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, Edie Bales

If you have not renewed your membership, please do so soon to avoid the \$25 late fee. Renewal forms and fees must be received in the National office by October 1st. If any of you are having problems doing it on line, or have not received a renewal form, please let me know as soon as possible and I'll help.

The Region 9 Annual Planning Conference is coming up soon. The Spokane Chapter is hosting and has sent registration forms out. If you have not received one, let me know. Lauren has found some reasonable airfares. APC is an informative and fun event.

Portland and the entire Region 9 were well represented at the National Convention. There were good speakers and seminars, lots of fun, gambling and beverages (very warm, NAWIC women take no chances of becoming dehydrated!) You will be hearing more in the Convention Reports from Carol Helms and me.

We will be installing our new board at the September membership meeting and I hope that you all will be able to attend and show your support.

My time as President is quickly coming to an end. I'm very thankful for my membership with NAWIC. I have gained so many new friends and also grown professionally. I have enjoyed my 2nd term of being your Chapter President. It is an honor to be involved with such an outstanding group of women. I cannot begin to tell you how much your support and friendships means to me. A special thank you to the 2007-2008 board for being supportive and to all Portland Members for forgiving my mess-ups and not giving me too much grief for being "parliamentary procedure challenged".

~Edie Bales, 2008-09 Chapter President

**NAWIC Region 9 Annual Planning Conference
Back To Basics
October 18, 2008 – Spokane, WA**

Doubletree Hotel Spokane City Center
322 N. Spokane Falls Court
Spokane, WA 99201
800-222-8733
www.doubletree.com

Room Block deadline September 19th – Rate: Single \$110.00
\$10.00 per additional guest includes continental breakfast
Group/Convention Code: NAW

Registration Information

Name _____
Company _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____
First NAWIC APC Yes No

Registration Fee – Includes Business Meetings, Saturday Lunch, Transportation to and from Equipment Rodeo	\$ 60.00
LATE Registration – After October 6, 2008	70.00
Guest – Saturday Lunch	35.00
Guest – Equipment Rodeo	25.00
TOTAL	

Checks payable to: NAWIC 2008 APC

Mail registration or for more information contact:
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2008-2009 Committees

YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED to ensure our chapter has another great year in 2008-2009! The new NAWIC year will be here before you know it. I'll be President and I need your help. I'm looking for committee chairs and members. Don't be shy, so what if you've never done it before, or done it so long ago you forgot...you will have help and guidance from me or perhaps another more qualified member! Please see the list below. You can email me at holmesl@hswconstructors.com, or call me at 503-869-7933 and tell me where you want to help out! It is going to be a fabulous year; you will not want to miss out.

Finance: This committee consists of outgoing & incoming President and Treasurer
Edie Bales, Lauren Holmes, Erin Holmes & Evelyn Stratton

Professional Education: Develop programs & projects for members. This committee will set the monthly membership meeting locations, menu and the program (speaker, etc) for each meeting.

Chair: _____ **Committee Members:** Amanda Wilson

Audit: This committee audits the chapter finances

Chair: Evelyn Stratton **Committee Members:** _____

Ways & Means: This committee will be responsible for our chapter fundraiser (Golf Tournament). We need a Chair and many committee members.

Chair: Julie Puderbaugh **Committee Members:** Betty Spencer, Gloria Bruning, Edie Bales, Betty Wollam, Lauren Holmes

Badges & Attendance: This committee does registration of members & guests at our monthly membership meeting. Distribute and collect member badges. Provides report of members and guests present, reconciles money & gives to treasurer.

Chair: Erin Holmes **Committee Members:** Evelyn Stratton

Block Kids: Our annual event for grade school children, who are given a certain number of Lego's & things and told to create something. Their work is judged by NAWIC members & other construction Industry people. Prizes are awarded.

Chair: Carol Helms **Committee Members:** Betty Spencer, Betty Wollam, Lauren Holmes

Bylaws: This committee is responsible for keeping our chapter and national bylaws current.

Chair: Evelyn Stratton **Committee Members:** _____

CAD: Our High School event. Held at the Schellenberg Center in Milwaukie. The students projects are judged by professionals and prizes awarded.

Chair: Erin Holmes **Committee Members:** Sherri McCurdy, Edie Bales

Chapter Sales & Raffle: Responsible for selling various items (Roadster Kit, Vests, etc) for Chapter. Also does raffle at monthly membership meetings to earn money for NEF.

Chair: Edie Bales **Committee Members:** Barbara Freeman

Membership: Responsible for promoting membership; sending NAWIC information & registration packets to prospective members:

Chair: Betty Spencer **Committee Members:** Edie Bales

Safety Committee: Responsible for keeping Chapter members current on safety issues.

Chair: Amber Cook **Committee Members:** _____

Newsletter: Publishes monthly chapter newsletter. Distributes to Portland Members, Region 9 Director, all Region 9 Chapter Presidents and list of prospective NAWIC members and those interested in what's going on!

Chair: Gloria Bruning **Committee Members:** _____

Public Relations: Sends press releases to various publications regarding Chapter activities

Chair: Betty Spencer **Committee Members:** _____

Scholarship: Liaison with Clackamas Community College for our Endowment Fund.

Chair: Barbara Freeman **Committee Members:** Gloria Bruning

WIC Week: Responsible for planning celebration of WIC Week in March. National gives various ideas and help.

Chair: Edie Bales **Committee Members:** Carol Helms, Gloria Bruning

Web Site: Responsible for keeping Website current.

Chair: Edie Bales Currently working with our Webmaster, Darlene.

New Renewal Policy

At NAWIC's Mid-Year Board Meeting in February, the Board of Directors passed a new renewal policy to be effective beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

The changes are as follows: Renewals **must be received** (not postmarked by) in the NAWIC Office by Oct. 1. After Oct. 1, a \$25 late fee will be assessed. The grace period has been eliminated.

In addition to the above changes, when and how you receive your renewal will also change. Members with an email address listed in the NAWIC Database will be emailed a link to renew online by the end of July (a paper invoice will not be mailed). Members who do not have an email address will be sent a renewal in the mail by the end of July.

To decrease processing time of your renewal, we strongly recommend that you renew online. If your email address changes, please be sure to update your information by visiting www.nawic.org > Member Sign In > Member Center > Update Your Info.



Our sincere congratulations to Betty Spencer on her engagement and upcoming nuptials.

We wish you both the very best!

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