



# Constructively Speaking

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

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## Events Calendar

- 07/20 - July  
Membership  
Meeting
- 08/28 - Joint Board  
Meeting at Clydes  
Prime Rib
- 09/6-9 - National  
Convention
- 09/21 - September  
Membership  
Meeting - Officer  
Installation

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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.

## August Membership Meeting Notice *"Employer Appreciation" Night!*

**Date:** August 17, 2006  
Thursday

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

**Location:** RiverPlace Marriott Residence Inn  
2115 SW River Parkway 503.552.9500  
Directions & Map: [www.marriott.com/PDXRI](http://www.marriott.com/PDXRI)

**Cost:** \$25.00

**Dinner:** Classic Schnitzel - Dijon schnitzel chicken breast breaded and grilled. Served with Mediterranean Greek salad, harvest rice pilaf, fresh cut fruit display, sourdough sunflower rolls and apple frangipane tart for dessert.

### *Employer Appreciation Night*

**Program:** David Kaiser, Digits Design. Speaking on his non-profit group "The Davey Project". Its purpose is to get computers in schools he helps build in Latin America.

Contact Evelyn Stratton **by noon, Aug. 14th**, if you need to cancel your standing reservation, are bringing a guest, or if you are a permanent cancel and will attend. [destrat@hevanet.com](mailto:destrat@hevanet.com) or 503.654.2469 (Please no calls before 10am!)

## President's Message

*By:* Shelley Richards, P.E., CIT, CCA

Last month's bunko party/membership meeting at Julie Puderbaugh's was a huge success. Thank you to all who attended. I heard a lot of people requesting we do another bunko party in six months or so. We will see what the new committee plans for next year's activities – so stay tuned!!

It's not too late to go to National with Yasmine, Gloria and I, so if you are interested, please look up the details on the national website. We would love to see all of you in Kansas City.

Gloria is off to a great start on getting people signed up to help out on

committees next year, but could always use more help. Please give her a call and let her know if you would like to participate on a committee level. If you can't participate on a committee, she would definitely love to at least get your ideas for next year.

Reminder to the incoming and outgoing board members that we have a joint board meeting on August 28<sup>th</sup> at Clyde's Prime Rib. The meeting starts at 5:30. I need the outgoing board members to bring a copy of their

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position duties and be prepared to discuss with the incoming board members. Also bring any manuals or books that need to be passed on!

All of you should have received your dues renewal forms. If you have not, please contact National. Dues are due by October 31<sup>st</sup>. If not paid by then, there is a late renewal fee.

I hope you all have a great month and see you at the membership meeting!

Thank you!

Shelley D. Richards

### NAWIC National Officer Results!

Congratulations to our 2006-2007  
NAWIC National Officers!

President -  
**Christine Wigginton, CIT**

President Elect -  
**Tamie K. Taylor, CDT, CIT**

Vice President -  
**Pat J. McDonald, CIT**

Secretary -  
**Robin Fulton Meyer, CIT**

Treasurer -  
**Debra M. Gregoire, CIT**

### Membership Renewal Time!

Current members should have received renewal forms from National by this time. If you have not received a renewal registration notice, please contact National.

Note, if paying by Visa or Mastercard, you can renew on-line.

Renew prior to 10/31 to avoid a late fee. All chapter officers must have their renewals in no later than 11/17/06.

### NAWIC National Convention Kansas City, MO September 6-9

It's not too late to register! It's a great event that you will enjoy. It's a great way to see the workings of NAWIC, meet women from all over the country, learn from workshops & speakers. And as if you need any other reason to go...there is a rumor that Yasmine Branden and Kelly Milstead will be playing a major role in an event with Chris Wigginton. They may come away craving cheese and with a fear of mouse traps.

You won't want to miss it!



*Our sincere sympathy to  
Helen Newcomb and her  
family. Helen's father  
passed away August 8<sup>th</sup>.*

**Quad-Regional Summer Conference**  
**Regions 8, 9, 10, 12**  
**July 14 – 15 Seattle, WA**

The 70 attendees were welcomed to Seattle with fantastic weather. The regional directors were kind enough to perfectly time the conference with the start of the Nordstrom Anniversary Sale!

Friday evening was the welcome party, where we raised money for NEF. We sold "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" raffle tickets and had loads of fun with the construction board game.

Saturday morning, Bob Park gave his awesome "Extreme Construction" presentation. Lots of great questions from the NAWICians and Bob was, again, a fabulous presenter. Linda Broyles gave a Tomboy Tools session on repairing drywall. Kaye Kloster (Portland member) and Suzy Sullivan of Ford Graphics spoke to us about "Internet Plan Rooms". We learned that these plan rooms are great tools for tracking historical plans for dispute resolutions; specifically, **who** got **what** **when**.

After lunch on the outside patio, we were hustled back into the room for an "11<sup>th</sup> Hour Bid Opening" session. We had 10 groups working a bid package in an incredibly chaotic hour – phones ringing, cell phones crackling in the midst of bid updates, faxes humming, and everyone talking at once. It was amazing how many of the groups didn't complete all the requirements of the bid, including putting the company name on the envelope, two copies of the bid (many of us had the two copies but with different final numbers!). It was a great learning exercise for those who had never been involved with the bidding process. And it gave us all a new or renewed appreciation for **everyone** involved in the bid process.

We spent the rest of the afternoon in break-out sessions. I attended the "Budgets" session given by National Vice President (and incoming President-Elect) Tamie Taylor, CIT, CDT. Did you know that CSI will be moving from 16 divisions to 50 divisions? We talked about the various work types under each division – labor, materials, equipment, subcontractors, and "other". She gave us great tips on how to more effectively track our budgets, discussed various budgeting systems (Excel, Timberline, Peachtree, Costpoint, etc), and even gave us an example of one of her tracking systems.

I also attended "Projects & Team Leadership" given by National Treasurer (and incoming Vice President) Pat McDonald, CIT. We reviewed conflict resolution styles. We discussed the "5 C's of Teamwork": **CONCENTRATE** on your company's goals; **COMMUNICATE** with others; **COMPROMISE** to get the job done but don't compromise your standards; **CONGRATULATE** others; and **COOPERATE** with coworkers.

We had a general review of chapter policies. In order for a member to be reimbursed by a chapter, that person **MUST** submit a report and/or give a presentation on the event. The report must remain part of the official minutes. If a chapter is out of compliance, there can be dire consequences for the chapter, including revocation of the charter. Additionally, the standing rules must include the reimbursement policy. We were given a reminder to have our bylaws reviewed annually by the Parliamentarian to ensure compliance with any updated standing rules, bylaws or guidelines. Finally, the Standing Rules should be attached to all minutes.

We witnessed the passing of the gavel ceremony for Region 12's Director. Invitations were issued for the 4 regional Annual Planning Conferences (APCs). At the adjourning gavel, we all ran the few blocks to Nordstrom for more shopping (I got a great deal on a pair of kick-butt shoes, Ralph Lauren necklace and a silver Foxcroft wrinkle-free shirt)!

Respectfully submitted,  
Yasmine A. Branden, CCA

## Portland Chapter 54 2006-2007 Committees

Gloria wishes to thank all of you who have stepped up and volunteered to chair or serve on our committees next year. It's still not too late to be added to a committee or fill a chair position. Contact Gloria if so inclined. [gbruning@anchorias.com](mailto:gbruning@anchorias.com) or 503.224.2500

### Finance

Gloria Bruning  
Shelley Richards  
Helen Newcomb  
Evelyn Stratton

### Construction Industry

Helen Newcomb  
Judy Redford  
Edie Bales

### Membership

Betty Spencer, Co-Chair  
Julie Puderbaugh, Co-Chair

### Audit

Evelyn Stratton

### Ways & Means

Julie Puderbaugh, Chair  
Helen Newcomb  
Amber Cook

### Badges & Attendance

Rosalie Hayward  
Evelyn Stratton

### Block Kids

Bonnie Riddle, Chair  
Betty Spencer  
Helen Newcomb  
Amber Cook

### Bylaws

Evelyn Stratton

### Chapter Raffle

Bonnie Riddle

### CAD

Sherri McCurdy, Chair  
Edie Bales

### Chapter Sales

Yasmine Branden

### Newsletter

Edie Bales, Chair

### Scholarship

Sharon Lorenzen, Chair

### WIC Week

Anne Wagner, Chair

### Website

Edie Bales, Chair  
Darlene

Marquardt,

Webmaster



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Visit us at <http://www.nawicportland54.org>

### NAWIC Member Services

If traveling, obtaining a publication subscription, business services or other special services don't forget that several companies offer NAWIC Members discounts on their services. See NAWIC Image or National Website <http://www.nawic.org>.

### Chapter 54 2006-2007 Officers!

- President –  
Gloria Bruning
- President Elect –  
Edie Bales
- Vice President –  
Bonnie Riddle
- Recording Secretary –  
Lauren Holmes
- Corresponding Secretary –  
Sharon Lorenzen
- Treasurer –  
Helen Newcomb
- Directors –  
Erin Holmes  
Annette Hill-Onstott  
Julie Puderbaugh  
Betty Spencer

**EVENTS OF INTEREST**



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

**Date:** Tuesday, August 15, 2006  
**Location:** University Place Restaurant  
310 SW Lincoln, Portland  
503.221.0140

**Program:** Unknown at this time.

**Social Time:** 5:30 pm  
**Dinner/Program:** 6:30 pm

**Cost:** \$25 with Reservation; \$30 without.  
**Reservations:**

<http://www.aspeportland.org/Reservation.asp>  
**Reservations due by noon Fri., 08/11/06**  
**Questions:** Curt Kolar, 503.368.8291

**NAWIC UPCOMING EVENTS!**

**Sept. 6 - 9 - National Convention, Kansas City, Missouri**

**Sept. 21 - Chapter 54 Membership Meeting @ Wilf's Restaurant  
2006-2007 Officer Installation**

**October 21 - Region 9 Annual Planning Conference, Salem, OR**

**May 17-20, 2007 - Region 9 Forum, Boise, ID**

**Girl Fest!**

**Saturday, September 30, 2006  
10:00 am to 6:00 pm  
The Portland Expo Center  
Hosted by Girl Scouts  
FREE Admission**

***" Everything Cool about being a Girl!"***  
Geared towards girls 5 - 18, most attend as family units. An opportunity for girls to try new things and sample the wide range of opportunities available to them. Girl Fest is free and open to all Girls and their families. Vendors and concessions will have booths and some will have products for sale.

**Oregon Small Business Fair  
September 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday  
Oregon Convention Center  
777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.**

***Free Admission***

This is the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Oregon Small Business Fair, a free event for small business owners and those thinking about becoming small-business owners to get free counseling on topics critical to them. Information booths will be staffed by agency representatives.

**Questions about the Fair?**

**Phone:** 503.329-4260

**Email:** [linda.c.repp@state.or.us](mailto:linda.c.repp@state.or.us)

**See Website with brochure on Fair:**

[http://oregon.gov/DCBS/SBO/docs/fair\\_bro\\_6\\_06.pdf](http://oregon.gov/DCBS/SBO/docs/fair_bro_6_06.pdf)



**NAWIC CHAPTER 54 - Milestones & Interesting Facts!**



**August Anniversaries!**



**Rosalie Hayward,**  
Our Founder!!  
**45 years**

**Anna Klosterman**  
1 year

**August Birthdays**



**Rosalie Hayward**      8/6

**Annette Hill-Onstott**      8/9

*If we overlooked your Birthday, we apologize! We may not know when it is. Let Edie know!*  
[edibal@safeco.com](mailto:edibal@safeco.com)

**Gloria Needs YOU!!!**

Behind every great NAWIC President, are great NAWIC members....that is you! Gloria will be getting her committees set for the coming year and will be needing help. Please give some thought to chairing a committee or becoming a committee member. It's not as hard or time consuming as you might think...and some committees like WIC Week, Retreat, Block Kids, CAD are a once a year commitment. You will not be alone, there is always a seasoned member, a member who's held the position before or your new President who can help answer any questions you might have.

It's true, you get back much more than you give when you get involved!

**Chapter Sales**

The Portland Chapter Sales Committee, may have just the thing you've been wanting.

**NAWIC Keychains** - Sturdy key ring with a lovely small plastic level filled with red liquid and NAWIC written on the side

**Stress Relievers** - Small White Rubber Hard Hats with NAWIC and a rose on them. Feeling stress...just squeeze the heck out of them!

**Polo Shirts & Vests** - Polo shirts are in white & black. Vests are black. You too could look as fashionable as Helen, Gloria or others!

See Yasmine Branden if interested! [Yasmine.branden@nwnatural.com](mailto:Yasmine.branden@nwnatural.com)

Also, NAWIC National Website has many sales items available.

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*The following companies have generously agreed to support our 2006 Golf Tournament. NAWIC Portland Chapter 54 thanks them and encourages you to use their services.*

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## **Web Links:**

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[www.nawicportland54.org](http://www.nawicportland54.org)

**NAWIC Region 9**  
[www.nawicregion9.org](http://www.nawicregion9.org)

**NAWIC National**  
[www.nawic.org](http://www.nawic.org)

**NEF**  
[www.nawiceducation.org](http://www.nawiceducation.org)

**NAWIC Eugene Chapter 77**  
[www.nawiceugene.com](http://www.nawiceugene.com)

**Oregon Dept. of Transportation**  
<http://egov.oregon.gov/ODOT>

**City of Portland**  
[www.portlandonline.com](http://www.portlandonline.com)

**AGC - Oregon Columbia Chapter**  
[www.agc-oregon.org](http://www.agc-oregon.org)

**Daily Journal of Commerce**  
[www.djc.or.com](http://www.djc.or.com)

**Listing of US Federal, State, US Foreign, Political Parties, & other related web sites:**  
[www.gksoft.com/govt/en/us.html](http://www.gksoft.com/govt/en/us.html)



**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](http://www.nawicportland54.org)

## Portland Chapter 54 2005 - 2006

### Officers and Directors

President	<i>Shelley Richards, P.E., CIT, CCA</i>
President Elect	<i>Gloria Bruning</i>
Vice President	<i>De Dishman</i>
Treasurer	<i>Helen Newcomb</i>
Recording Secretary	<i>Karen Johnson</i>
Corresponding Secretary	<i>Bonnie Riddle</i>
Directors	<i>Julie Puderbaugh, Betty Spencer, Judy Redford, Edie Bales</i>
Parliamentarian	<i>Anne Wagner</i>
Immediate Past President	<i>Yasmine Branden, CCA</i>

### Committees

**Finance:** *Yasmine Branden, Helen Newcomb, Evelyn Stratton, Shelley Richards*

**Construction Industry:** *Annette Hill-Onstott, Chair*

**Membership:** *Gloria Bruning & Julie Puderbaugh, Co-Chairs; Betty Spencer  
Evelyn Stratton – Membership Roster*

**Professional Education:** *Judy Redford Chairs  
Evelyn Stratton, (Reservations Only)*

**Audit:** *Evelyn Stratton*

**Ways & Means:** *Julie Puderbaugh, Chair of Golf Tournament; Helen Newcomb, Judy Redford*

**Badges & Attendance:** *Rosalie Hayward, Chair; Evelyn Stratton*

**Block Kids:** *Bonnie Riddle, Chair; Betty Spencer*

**Bylaws:** *Evelyn Stratton, Chair*

**CAD:** *Sherri McCurdy, Chair; Edie Bales*

**Chapter Sales:** *Yasmine Branden, Chair; Betty Spencer*

**Girl Scout Badge Program:** *Karen Johnson, Chair*

**Newsletter:** *Edie Bales, Chair*

**Public Relations:** *Yasmine Branden*

**Oregon Retreat 2006:**

**Scholarship:** *Gloria Bruning, Chair*

**WIC Week:** *Edie Bales & Gloria Bruning, Co-Chairs*

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