

# THE HARD HAT HERALD

## PORTLAND CHAPTER 54

**As material for the construction of our building, I pledge the agility of my hands,  
the ability of my mind, and the integrity of my heart.**



## Portland, OR

### Message From Your President

Welcome to a new NAWIC year! This year has certainly been a challenge. I hope you have had the chance to settle into working remotely and/or staying safe on the jobsite.

As we start out the next couple of months our meetings will remain in a virtual format, the safety of our members is our top priority, we will continue to adapt and move forward with education and networking events online; committees will stay active but we can't do it without you.

I want to make sure we are growing as an organization which is key to our success, I understand the social & economic impacts Covid-19 has had, not just on our members but our member companies as well.

Our one and only annual fundraising event BrewFest was postponed from October to March 2021. We want to continue the BrewFest tradition as a celebration at the end of WIC Week. Money raised during BrewFest helps fund our scholarship opportunities, education programs, community service, and participation in regional and national events to continue the success of the women in the construction industry.

Please let me know if there is anything, I can do to help your continued success in NAWIC. My thoughts and well wishes go out to any of you who have been affected by COVID-19 or the wildfires in Oregon.

**Charris Sonne-Phinney, President, Portland Chapter 54**

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#### CHAPTER 54 BOARD

##### President -

Charris Sonne-Phinney  
Anchor Insurance & Surety, Inc.

##### Vice President -

Erin Holmes  
Cochran, Inc.

##### Treasurer -

Joanna Westrich  
Lease Crutcher Lewis

##### Corresponding Secretary -

Amy Nemetz  
JE Dunn Construction

##### Recording Secretary -

Stacey Lin  
Swinerton

##### Directors -

Audra Petrie  
Turner Construction

Jo Meserth  
Turner Construction

Sara Quitugua  
Bremik Construction

Lindsey Kooistra  
Performance Contracting, Inc.

##### Parliamentarian -

Gloria Bruning  
Anchor Insurance & Surety, Inc.

**NEW MEMBERS**

10/01

**Annalise Heuser** – Milwaukee Tool**Jennifer Kurtz** – LMC Construction**ANNIVERSARIES****Lauren Holmes** – 15 years**Kelly Aust** – 7 years**Rebekah Kilgore** – 5 years**Angie Otto** – 5 years**Joanna Westrich** – 4 years**Misti Burdine** – 3 years**Audra Petrie** – 3 years**Ashley Fehringer** – 2 years**Mikelle Rogers** – 2 years**Karie Godzik** – 1 year**Brittany Mason** – 1 year**Katia Onishchenko** – 1 year**Lauri Rollings** – 1 year**Nathalie Roloff** – 1 year**UPCOMING EVENTS****Pacific Northwest Fall Conference****October 9, 2020 – Virtual****See attached flyer****Pacific Northwest Forum****Spring 2021 – Spokane, WA****Details to follow****MEETING SCHEDULE****Third Thursday of every month****October Meeting**

October 15, 2020

5:30 pm -7:00 pm

Virtual via Zoom

**Topic: NAWIC 101 & Happy Hour****Meeting Cost: Free****Join and learn about NAWIC.**

Flyer and zoom link sent by email.

Please contact Amy Nemetz to get on mailing list.

[Amy.Nemetz@jedunn.com](mailto:Amy.Nemetz@jedunn.com)**November Meeting**

November 19, 2020

5:30 PM -7:00 PM

Virtual via Zoom

**Meeting Cost: Free**

Flyer and zoom link sent by email.

Please contact Amy Nemetz to get on mailing list.

**December Meeting**

TBD

**Annual Holiday Party****Meeting Cost: Free**

Flyer and zoom link sent by email.

Please contact Amy Nemetz to get on mailing list.

**January Meeting**

January 21, 2021

**Meeting Cost: Free**

Flyer and zoom link sent by email.

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## CHAPTER 54 COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2020-2021

### Professional Development & Education

Liz Cowen & Charris Sonne-Phinney

### Finance/Budget

Joanna Westrich

### Membership

Audra Petrie

### Marketing & Industry Outreach

Open Chair & Charris Sonne-Phinney

### WIC Week

Stacey Lin

### Communications

Amy Nemetz & Dalene Bloom

### Fundraising/BrewFest

Open Chair

### Block Kids

Sara Quitugna & Kelly Aust

### Scholarship

Lauren Holmes

### Community Service

Leanna Smith & Amy Nemetz

### Design Drafting

Erin Holmes

### Emerging Professionals

Misti Burdine

**Please contact the committee Chair(s) if you are interested in joining any of these committees!**

## Chapter News & Announcements

### Membership Announcement: COVID-19 Hardship

YOU, our NAWIC Members, are and always will be the Association's top priority. NAWIC wants to ensure that YOU stay connected and supported through this difficult time we are facing in 2020. Continuing to maintain your NAWIC connections and support systems within your own chapters, regions and nationally is an important part of building strong relationships both professionally and personally. Therefore, we are automatically extending all memberships through Dec. 31, 2020. Each member's type and good standing status as of Sept. 30, 2020 will continue through this extension.

Extending your NAWIC membership provides additional time and opportunity for members, whether affected by the COVID-19 pandemic or not, to utilize the resources provided by NAWIC. You will continue to maintain your access to the Career Center and webinars, as well as professional development and networking opportunities to name just a few of your membership benefits. Please note that this extension will not waive, reduce, or eliminate any part of the membership dues for the 2020-21 NAWIC year.

In addition to the extension, a two-payment option will be available for members to choose when renewing their memberships. Our goal is to have the payment plan option available by Nov. 1, 2020. Watch for more announcements in the coming months!

### NAWIC PINOT!

Donate \$20 to our Chapter and get a bottle of Apolloni Vinyard's Pinot.

Contact Joanna Westrich for more details, [donate here](#)



## **INDUSTRY RELATED | LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS**

### **CSI – Not your Normal Concrete**

Thursday October 22, 2021

5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Virtual Event

More info: <http://portland.csinet.org/>

### **ASPE**

More info: <http://aspe54.org/>

### **NAIOP**

More info: <http://naioporegon.org/calendar.php>

### **AGC**

More info: <http://www.agc-oregon.org/events/>

### **ABC**

More info: <http://www.abcpnw.org/events>

### **OTI – Build With Us! Online Event**

Saturday October 10, 2021

5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Virtual Event

More info: <http://www.avcast.me/otw>

## Industry News

### 2020 DJC Women of Vision Awards

October 21, 2020 4:00 – 5:30 pm

DJC Women of Vision is an educational & awards program that supports the women who are shaping our build environment with their leadership, mentoring efforts, community involvement & the promotion of industry diversity.

NAWIC Portland Congratulates all 42 honorees, including our very own

**Rebekah Kilgore with Hoffman Construction!**



## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

### NAWIC NEWS

Please send all articles and contact recommendations for this chapter to [amy.nemetz@jedunn.com](mailto:amy.nemetz@jedunn.com) by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### TWITTER

Follow Us on Twitter  
@NAWICPortland54 use  
#NAWICpdx for photos and  
comments

### CONTACT INFO UPDATE

Members can update contact information through the member center which can be found after signing in at [www.nawic.org](http://www.nawic.org)

### FACEBOOK

Connect with us on Facebook at  
[www.facebook.com/NAWICPDX54](https://www.facebook.com/NAWICPDX54)  
use #NAWICpdx for photos and  
comments

### WEBSITE

Visit our website at  
<http://www.nawicportland54.org>

### INSTAGRAM

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Rebuilding Together Portland is a nonprofit organization that assists low-income homeowners with needed home repairs at no cost. RBTP help the elderly, people with disabilities, families with children, and veterans throughout Portland.

NAWIC has partnered with RBTP for their National Rebuild Day Program.

House Captain Joanna Westrich did a great job of leading our group! She has helped lead us the last 3 years!



**Chapter 54 THANKS Joanna for her dedication!**

**House Captain Joanna also had a few shout outs and THANK You!**

Leanna Smith, Matt Smith, the Clarkes and K&D Window Coverings.

Bremik Crew - Sara, Riley, Kyler, Alyse, Kalie, Nic, Jake and Chris

Carla Massey

Chris Delaney

Anastasia Dixon & Brett Dixon

Anne Hopwood

Charris Sonne-Phinney

Cecilia Larson

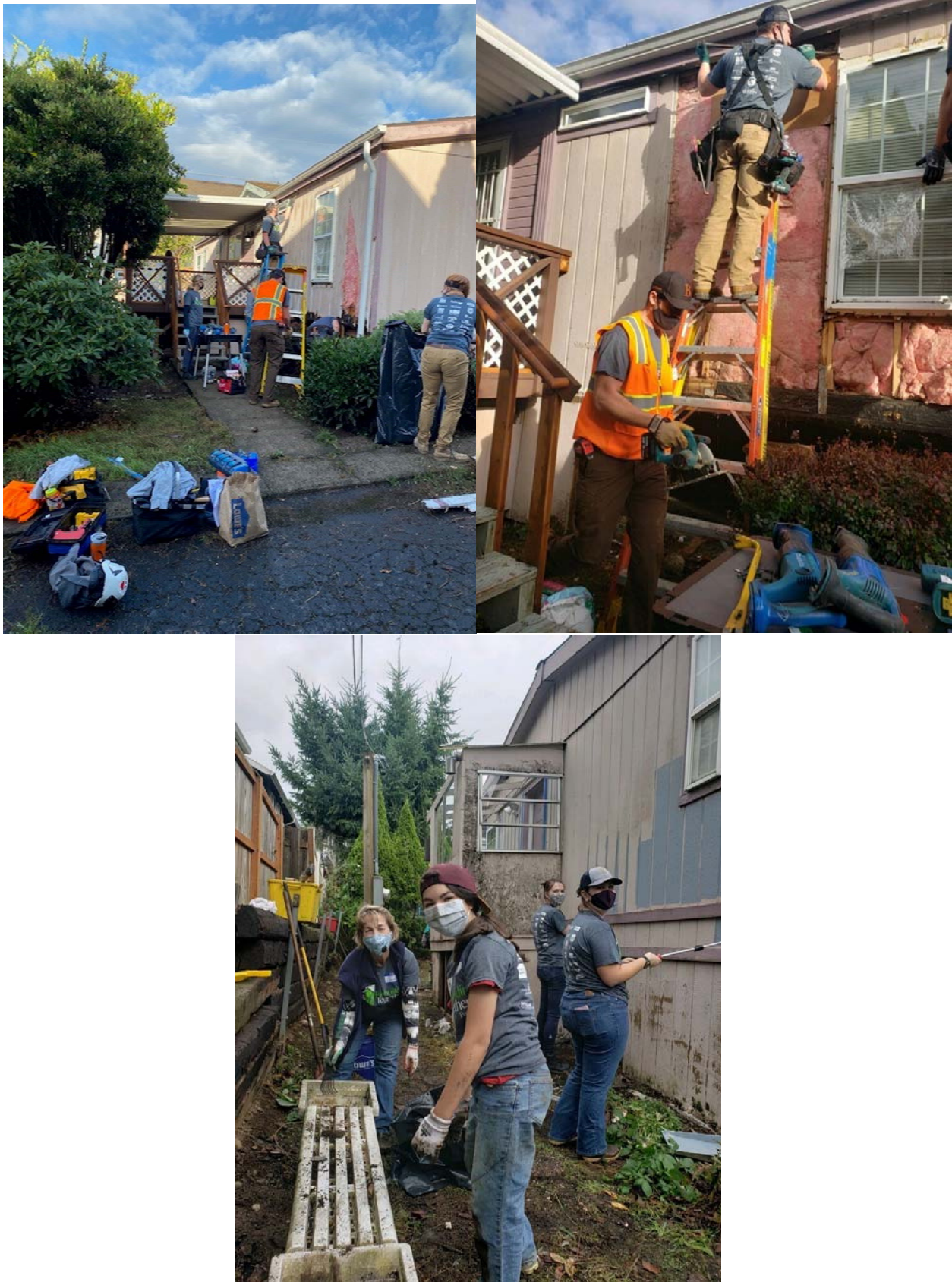
Liz Cowen

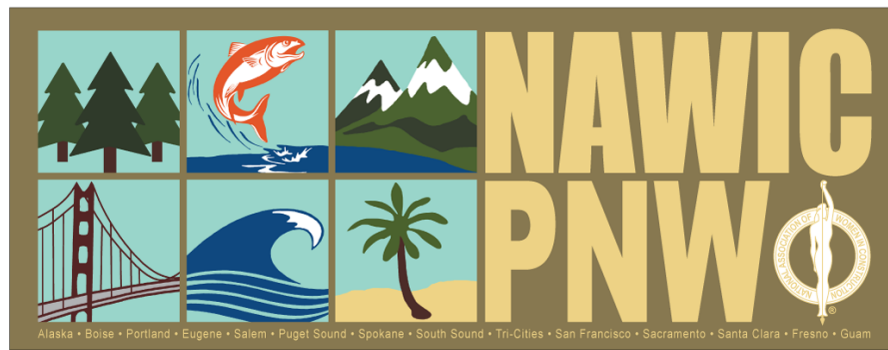












# Fall Conference 2020 Presenters



**‘Women In Construction: No Time for F\*ckery’** presented by Lori Eberly, Executive Coach and Founder of Radius ECD.

F\*ckery is an ugly word, offensive, even. As it should be.

Habits that damage trust ARE ugly and offensive. Left unchecked, these habits cause lost productivity, disable effective communication, punish good workers, reward bad ones, and threaten the success of your leadership and your company.

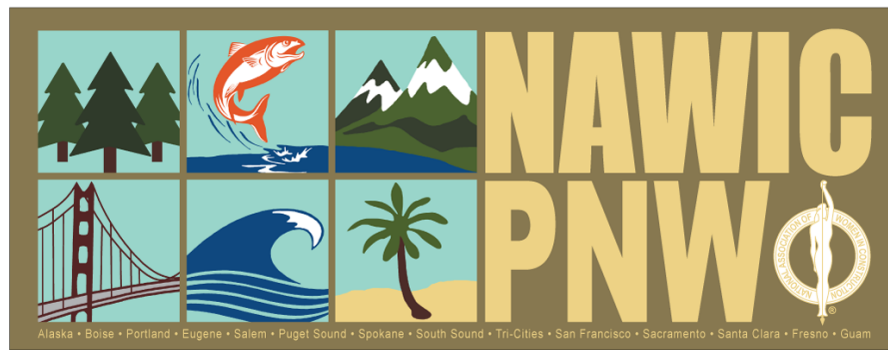


**‘Project Photo Documentation: Updates in Technology’** presented by Brooke Gemmell, Senior Innovation Engineer at Skanska.

Come learn about innovations in progress photo documentation and virtual tours using programs like 360 cameras, StructionSite and Matterport Scanning.







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**‘Meet Montana Chapter 387’** hosted by Olivia Adolph, Chapter President and Estimator at COP Construction.

Meet the women from Montana! Learn what they’ve been working on and how our newest chapter is planning on taking on the Big Sky state!

**‘NAWIC Block Kids COVID Guidelines’** presented by Elizabeth House, Region Block Kids chair and Project Manager at Fowler General Contractors. Block Kids is a fabulous program for K-6 students to learn about the construction industry. Find out about the important guidelines being implemented in the 2020-2021 year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



**‘2020-2021 NAWIC Chapter Standing Rules Updates’** presented by Kelly Milstead, Region By-laws Chair and Project Manager at Newton Building & Development

Changes have been made to your chapter standing rules. Come learn what changes occurred and what