

# DYNAMIC INDUSTRY

Association strives to enhance, empower women in construction



Kelly Aust



Janelle Markovich



because of the proven link to professional success. Membership in NAWIC provides opportunities for mentoring, networking, leadership development, skill advancement and learning about the latest industry trends. Belonging to the organization is a "must" for all women desiring to grow and succeed as leaders within the construction industry.

The Portland chapter of NAWIC encourages the growth of its members through professional development and education, industry outreach, efforts

to increase awareness and education about the construction industry to future generations and community service. "Developing women leaders by offering training and education to support their growth, networking and mentoring opportunities is a key part of the chapter," says President Kelly Aust, a project manager with Skanska. "We must raise the awareness of future generations about this dynamic industry and encourage their participation in it if we want to continue to see positive growth and diversity." The chapter offers educational programs, scholarships and participates in numerous activities to encourage this increased awareness in the K-12 and higher education areas.

"NAWIC has allowed me to increase my knowledge and skillset, expand my contacts not just locally but across the nation and to connect with others for support, resources and business

referrals," says board member Janelle Markovich, a sales executive at Propel Insurance. "NAWIC offers women a way to connect in the industry and offers opportunities for growth which we would not otherwise receive."

To learn more about the Portland chapter of NAWIC, visit [www.nawicportland54.org](http://www.nawicportland54.org) and join us at a future event!



SEPT.  
24-30

CANSTRUCTION 2018

**What:** An industry event, Canstruction has been supporting the Oregon Food Bank for the past 21 years and has provided 599,943 pounds of food and \$215,178 for the food bank, totaling more than 1.1 million meals. Last year, 17 firms took part, building eight "can" structures. More than 22,000 pounds of food was donated and \$6,728 raised, equaling 37,970 meals.

**Where:** Pioneer Place, 700 S.W. Fifth Ave., Portland.

**When:** Sept. 24-30

**Info:** [info@canstructionpdx.org](mailto:info@canstructionpdx.org); 503-891-9819

**W**omen are respected leaders actively contributing to the growth and success of the construction industry. The number of women in the industry continues to grow because it is viewed as an attractive career option. The National Association of Women In Construction is recognized as an industry leader whose core purpose is to enhance the success of women in the construction industry and to empower them to influence the direction of it.

Employers encourage their workers to seek education and training from NAWIC

**NAWIC**

## AROUND TOWN

SEPT. 28

Build With Us! And Woman on the Rise Awards

**What:** Oregon Tradeswomen Inc. will host their annual "Blue Collar Gala" fundraising event, including a silent auction. OTI will also present its 2nd annual "Woman on the Rise" awards honoring exceptional women in apprenticeship.

**Where:** The North Warehouse, 723 N. Tillamook St., Portland.

**When:** Sept. 28, 6 p.m.

**Info:** [www.tradeswomen.net](http://www.tradeswomen.net); 503-335-8200

OCT. 18

DJC Oregon Women of Vision 2018

**What:** The Daily Journal of Commerce will present awards to outstanding women leaders who work in and with the built environment in Oregon and Southwest Washington.

**Where:** Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront, 1401 S.W. Naito Parkway, Portland.

**When:** Oct. 18, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

**Info:** [www.djcoregon.com](http://www.djcoregon.com); 503-226-1311

OCT. 25

10th Annual NAWIC BrewFest and Silent Auction

**What:** The National Association of Women in Construction's Portland Chapter 54 will host its 10th Annual BrewFest and Silent Auction, with proceeds supporting NAWIC's scholarship fund and education programs.

**Where:** Rock Bottom Brewery, 206 S.W. Morrison St., Portland.

**When:** Oct. 25, 6-9 p.m.

**Info:** <http://www.nawicportland54.org/>

OCT. 27

NWUCA Holiday Auction

**What:** The Northwest Utility Contractors Association will hold its annual holiday auction, which benefits industry educational scholarships and community projects.

**Where:** Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront, 1401 S.W. Naito Parkway, Portland.

**When:** Oct. 27, 5:30 p.m.

**Info:** [info@nwuca.com](mailto:info@nwuca.com); 503-328-9725



DEC. 11-12

Business & The Environment: Conference \* Expo

**What:** The Northwest Environmental Business Council, State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and State of Washington Department of Ecology will host this conference covering environmental protection and compliance, new technologies and services, sustainable business practices, and trending policy issues.

**Where:** Red Lion Hotel on the River - Jantzen Beach, 909 N. Hayden Island Dr., Portland.

**When:** Dec. 11-12

**Info:** <https://www.businessandenvironment.com/>; [info@nebc.org](mailto:info@nebc.org); 503-227-6361