



## Fargo-Moorhead, ND Chapter #246

# The Prairie Rose



*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.*

April / May 2015



## Message From FM #246

### April Showers bring May Flowers and CONSTRUCTION!!

April is just about over and May will be here in less than a week. Although we haven't had a lot of April showers it is finally starting to get green and we can start looking for all the May flowers to start blooming. With the warmer weather we know everyone will be gearing up to start their new projects for the year which will include new houses, new businesses and of course road construction (new roads and the repairing of our existing roads).

Spring in NAWIC brings regional Forums along with elections of our next year Chapter, Region and National leadership teams. The Fargo-Moorhead, ND Chapter nominating committee has been elected so when you receive a call from one of the committee members (Joanna, Maria or Emily) say **yes!!** Serving on the Board is a great opportunity to learn more about the Association as well as build your leadership skills.

Thank you to everyone who attended the April tour of the new Sanford Medical Center. Each time we tour there have been major updates on the status of the building project. More tours will be coming so please join us if you can.

Our May meeting will feature Cindy Bertsch, a Safety Specialist at Sanford. She will share with us what she does at Sanford to keep the employees and patients safe!!

Plans for upcoming events:

**June** - Family fun night at the Redhawks

**July** - tour of Sanford or a "meet & greet event"

**August** - Strategic Planning for 15-16

**September** - Golf tournament



*Amy Berg*

Fargo-Moorhead, ND  
Chapter #246

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2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Register for AMEC</b> (see Early Bird info below) <b>Elect Delegate for AMEC</b> <b>Review Chapter Standing Rules / Guidelines</b>			<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> <b>Lamperts' Ladies Night</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Women's Empower Hour</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Midwest Region (6) Forum</b> <b>Pacific Southwest Region Forum</b>	
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Northeast Region (1) Forum</b> <b>South Central Region (7) Forum</b> <b>North Central Region Forum</b>	
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Membership &amp; PR&amp;M reports due to Regional</b>	<b>21</b> <b>FM 246 Board &amp; Membership Meeting / Program 5PM</b>	<b>22</b>  <b>Admin Prof Day</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Midwest Region (13) Forum</b> <b>Southeast Region (2) Forum</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Women Connect Chamber Event (details- page 3)</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

## Upcoming 2015 / 2016 Events

MIDWEST REGION ANNUAL FORUM - 2016	ANNUAL MEETING & EDUCATION CONFERENCE (AMEC)	MIDWEST REGION 2015 ANNUAL PLANNING CONFERENCE
<b>Branson, MO</b> <b>Is the site for the 2016 Midwest Region Forum</b>  <a href="http://www.bransontourismcenter.com">www.bransontourismcenter.com</a> <b>For more information about the area</b>	 <b>SAVE THE DATE</b> <b>60th Annual Meeting</b>  Early Bird Registration - Mar 2 - April 30, 2015 Members: \$595 Non-members: \$695  Watch for future registration rates or go to the NAWIC website > Annual Meeting.	   <b>October 2 - 3, 2015</b> <b>Des Moines, IA</b>  <b>Details coming soon!!</b>
April 28 - 30, 2016 Branson, MO	September 2 - 5, 2015 Nashville, TN	October 2 - 3, 2015 Des Moines, IA



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
- Nominating Committee reports slate of candidates for Chapter officers - National officer ballots sent to members (via email or mail) - Attend Forums - Register for AMEC					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 South Central (5) Forum Northeast (14) Forum Southeast (3) Forum	
17	18	19 FM 246 Board & Membership Meeting / Program 5PM	20 Membership & PR&M reports due to Regional	21	22	23 National Officer Election Ballots Mailed Dawn Wiedewitsch
24	25 Monthly reports due to Director	26	27	28 Women Connect Chamber Event (details- page 3)	29	30
31	Happy Birthday - Dawn Wiedewitsch (May 23)			Happy NAWIC Anniversary • Phyllis Phillips (2014) • Joanna Slominski (2014)		

## Networking Events

**Women's Empower Hour** - Held the 1st Tuesday of each Month

5:30 - 7:30 pm Max Lounge; 1410 9th St. E.; West Fargo, ND

For more information go to [www.womensimpact.org](http://www.womensimpact.org)

### Chamber Events

- **Business After Hours** - Held on Thursday night (bi-monthly) - Location varies

April 16 - 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Ramada Plaza & Suites and Conference Center

- **Women Connect** - Avalon Events Center West, 2525 Ninth Ave S.; Fargo, ND

April 28 - 3:30 - 5:00 pm

"Women for Women- Female Relationships in the Workplace"

May 28 - 3:30 - 5:00 pm

"Connecting with Presence"

For more information go to [www.fmchamber.com](http://www.fmchamber.com)



## Fargo-Moorhead, ND Chapter #246

### *Monthly Membership Meeting/Program Notice*

***Tuesday, May 19, 2015***

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Holiday Inn (**Club I**) I-29 & 13th Ave. - Fargo, ND

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- **Board / Membership Meeting** 5:30 pm
- **Dinner** 5:45 pm  
(Order from menu - paid by individuals)



**Program** 6:30 pm

### ***"Safety at Sanford Health"***

**Presented by:** ***Cindy Bertsch, Safety Specialist  
Sanford Health Fargo***

Bertsch conducts inspections of the physical environment of Sanford's buildings, assists in air quality issues (mold - asbestos), works with project managers on environmental issues before, during and after construction and basically anything dealing with OSHA.

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**RSVP by** **Friday, May 15** to: Amy Berg  
by phone: 218-234-6633  
or email: aberg.nawic@yahoo.com

**RSVP  
Required**



## Chapter Member Information

### Amy Berg, CBT, CIT

Joined - March 28, 1989

Innovative Window & Door Service, LLC  
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Detroit Lakes, MN 56501  
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### Lynn Madaus

Joined - December 1, 1996

Retired  
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Joined - December 1, 2014

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### Melanie Nordhougen, LEED AP

Joined - October 1, 2009

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### Phyllis Phillips

Joined - May 1, 2014

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Joined - October 1, 2006

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Joined - November 1, 2014

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Joined - May 1, 2014

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Joined - October 1, 2014

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### Dawn Wiedewitsch

Joined - February 1, 1998

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This could be you!!



This could be you!!



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## 2014 / 2015 Officers

NATIONAL		LOCAL	
<b>President</b>	- Sandy Field, CBT, CIT	<b>President</b>	- Amy Berg, CBT, CIT
<b>President Elect</b>	- Riki Lovejoy, CBT, CIT	<b>Vice President / IPP</b>	- Dawn Wiedewitsch
<b>Vice President</b>	- Connie Leopard, CIT	<b>Secretary</b>	- Phyllis Phillips
<b>Secretary</b>	- Amy Berg, CBT, CIT	<b>Treasurer</b>	- Suzi Retzlaff
<b>Treasurer</b>	- Stephanie Crane, CIT	<b>Director</b>	- Joanna Slominski
<b>Imm. Past President</b>	- Yasmine Branden, CCA	<b>Director</b>	- Melanie Nordhougen



### Quote of the Month

*"You can do what I cannot do.  
I can do what you cannot do.  
Together, we can do great things."*

*From: Mother Teresa*

### If you have anything you would like added to the Newsletter:

Please contact: Amy Berg:

Phone: 218-234-6633  
(leave message)

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## Midwest Region (13) Information

### Director

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### WEBSITE

Visit the regional website at  
[www.nawic13.org](http://www.nawic13.org)

### NAWIC Office Contact Info

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Fort Worth, Texas 76104  
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### WEBSITE

Visit our national website at  
[www.nawic.org](http://www.nawic.org)

### FACEBOOK

Connect with us on Facebook at  
[facebook.com/nawicnational](https://facebook.com/nawicnational)



## Committee Reports

### MEMBERSHIP - JOANNA SLOMINSKI

*Do you know anyone who is employed in one of the many facets of the construction industry from entry level to CEO's of the companies? Invite them to join us for our next Membership Meeting/Program to learn more about NAWIC and the opportunities that are available to help them learn about themselves and the construction industry.*



**Do any of these describe your job? Then NAWIC is for you!!!**

- Accounting / Contract Administrator
- Engineers / Architects
- Project Managers
- Tradeswomen
- Business Owners
- Office Manager
- Operations Managers
- College Student In Construction Fields



**DUTIES:** Responsible for all activities to retain and expand membership in addition to planned, specific activities carried out by the committee members. ALL CHAPTER members will be involved in membership promotion on an individual level and as requested by the Committee Chair. The committee assignments include a team to carry out a new member orientation/mentor program.

### PR & MARKETING (COMMUNICATIONS / PUBLICITY) - EMILY SUMNER



The Fargo-Moorhead chapter has a long history of dynamic and active women in the community. We need to take advantage of this vibrant group's networking capabilities. It is goal of mine to eventually use technology as a mode of communication to members, supporters, and potential new members. Creating a contact list to announce our monthly activities is an effective way to raise awareness of chapter events, opportunities with the universities in town. Making students aware the importance of career building through membership in a professional association will help to build our chapter's presence among potential new younger members.

### \$CHOLAR\$HIP - DUE TO NFSF BY FEBRUARY 28TH!!! - JOANNA SLOMINSKI

**NFSF:** Please let all students you know who are enrolled in one of the many construction fields that they may be eligible for a scholarship from the NAWIC Founders' Scholarship Foundation (NFSF). Applications are available on the NAWIC website - [www.nawic.org](http://www.nawic.org)> Education> NFSF and must be returned to the Foundation by **February 28th** each year to be considered.



### BYLAWS / STANDING RULES - DAWN WIEDEWITSCH

There were several changes to the NAWIC Bylaws due to the redistricting of the Regions. Each member needs to go to the NAWIC website and download the most current copies of the NAWIC manual.

- **The Chapter Standing Rules were approved by the Chapter Board and have been forwarded to the National Chair, NAWIC Office, Regional Director and attached to the January Board minutes.**

**DUTIES:** Responsible for preparation and presentation of all Bylaw and Chapter Standing Rule amendments.

## Committee Reports

### WAYS & MEANS (FUNDRAISING) - MARIA SELK

#### *Sponsorship Opportunities*

Information packet is available on the chapter website: [www.nawicfm246.org](http://www.nawicfm246.org)

**Golf Tournament - Save the Date - September 15, 2015**

**Auction - Save the Date - November 19, 2015**

**DUTIES:** Responsible for all Chapter fundraising activities. Subcommittees will oversee annual activities such as the Annual Auction, Golf Tournament and/or other activities.

**IMPORTANT** - do you have any ideas for Chapter Fundraisers?

### FINANCE - AUDIT / BUDGET - SUZI RETZLAFF

**AUDIT:** 13-14 Audit is done - Filed in Chapter records.

**BUDGET:** Reviewed and adopted as presented - March 2015

### PARLIAMENTARIAN - DAWN WIEDEWITSCH

**DUTIES:** Will help the President keep the meeting running smoothly.

### NAWIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION (NEF) - SEE PAGE 10 FOR MORE DETAILS

**DUTIES:** Will promote the NAWIC Education Foundation (NEF) programs within the Chapter and Community and also gain financial support for these programs which include Block Kids, CAD Design/Drafting contests for students and the adult educational programs (see info on page 10)

### WIC WEEK - MARCH 1 - 7, 2015 - MELANIE NORDHOUGEN

## Women In Construction (WIC) Week

*“Diamond in the rough, stronger than ever!”*

The 2015 WIC is done - watch for next years info here!!!



### PROFESSION DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION - AMY BERG / LYNN MADAUS



**See page 9 for monthly Membership Meetings & Program**

If you haven't had the opportunity make sure to go to the NAWIC national website [www.nawic.org](http://www.nawic.org) and click on the banner to check out the Professional Development and Education Program page and all it has to offer the members. There are 6 Tracks of professional and personal growth programs (some of the tracks are still under construction) as well as Education options. There are also links to an Online Bookstore, Podcasts/Webinars, Career Center, Continuing Education, NEF and Conversations with NAWIC.

There is a competition on the National level from February 1st - July 31st. The point is to **Start a Conversation**.

- Collaborate with other chapters in the IDEA Exchange found in the "Conversations with NAWIC:"
- Send an article to [nawicpdc@gmail.com](mailto:nawicpdc@gmail.com) for the national chair to post on the PDE Facebook page
- These are tracked weekly and the Chapter that uses this tool the most will be recognized at AMEC.



## Committee Reports

### PROFESSION DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION - AMY BERG/LYNN MADAUS

**DUTIES:** Responsible for all arranging monthly meeting programs and provide program information to the Secretary (for thank you notes), Media Relations and Newsletter. The Chair may also submit seminar recommendations to Ways and Means.

**IMPORTANT** - do you have any ideas for Programs, Seminars and other items to promote NAWIC?

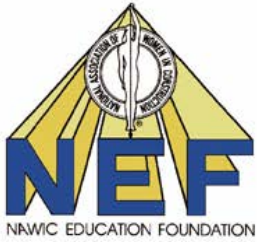
### 2014 - 2015 Monthly Meeting/Program Schedule

OCTOBER 21, 2014	NOVEMBER 20, 2014	DECEMBER 16, 2014
<b>Program: Tour of New Sanford Medical Center</b> Presenter: Mortenson Construction Location: Club I, Holiday Inn	<b>Program: 36th Annual Construction Industry Auction</b> Fundraiser to support our industry programs and scholarships Location: Holiday Inn	<b>Program: Technology Training</b> Presenter: Emily Sumner <i>Bring your laptops or tablets for hands-on technology training!!</i> Facebook, LinkedIn & more Gift exchange & Toy Donation Location: Club I, Holiday Inn
JANUARY 20, 2015	FEBRUARY 17, 2015	MARCH 17, 2015
<b>Tour of New Sanford Medical Center</b> Presenter: Mortenson Construction Location: Sanford Jobsite 5461 23rd Ave S; Fargo, ND Sponsor (s): Available	<b>Program: Finding &amp; Hiring Qualified Candidates</b> Presenter: Rikka Brandon <i>Do you have questions about finding qualified candidates for employment - Rikka is here to help answer some of them.</i> Location: Club I, Holiday Inn	<b>Program: Networking &amp; Rap Session</b> Presenter: Members Location: Club I, Holiday Inn St. Patrick's Day 
APRIL 21, 2015	MAY 19, 2015	JUNE 16, 2015
<b>Tour of New Sanford Medical Center</b> Presenter: Mortenson Construction Location: Sanford Jobsite 5461 23rd Ave S; Fargo, ND Sponsor (s): Available	<b>Program: Safety Program at Sanford</b> Presenter: Cindy Bertsch, Safety Specialist Location: Club I, Holiday Inn Sponsor (s): Available	<b>Program: TBD</b> Presenter: Location: Club I, Holiday Inn Sponsor (s): Available
JULY 21, 2015	AUGUST 18, 2015	SEPTEMBER 15, 2015
<b>Tour of New Sanford Medical Center</b> Presenter: Mortenson Construction Location: Sanford Jobsite 5461 23rd Ave S; Fargo, ND Sponsor (s): Available	<b>Program: Strategic Planning for 15-16</b> Presenter: Location: Club I, Holiday Inn Sponsor (s): Available	<b>Program: Annual Golf Tournament</b> Presenter: Location: Rose Creek Sponsor (s): Available

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# NAWIC Education Foundation



*Educating the Construction Industry Today . . . and Tomorrow.*

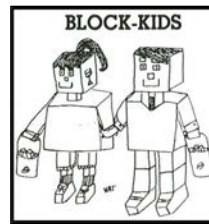
**We've Moved**

**NAWIC Education Foundation**  
1800 Pembroke Drive, Suite #300  
Orlando, FL 32810  
NEF Administrator - Patti Susko

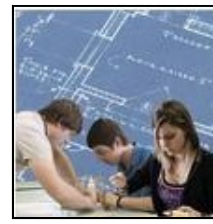
Phone #: 407-667-3417  
Toll Free: 866-277-2883  
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## ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Certified Construction Associate (CCA)  
Construction Document Specialist (CDS)  
Construction Industry Technician (CIT)  
Construction Industry Specialist (CIS)  
Construction Bookkeeping Technician (CBT)



Grades 1 - 6



Grades 8 - 12



Grades 9 - 12

## Youth Programs

### CAD/Design Drafting -



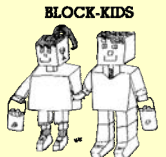
**The 2014-2015 CAD/Design Drafting Problem and info is now available on the NAWIC Education Foundation website.**



- Congratulations to Andrew Heckaman of Dickinson High School on winning the Chapter and the Region 13 competitions. His entry has submitted for the National competition. We wish Andrew the best of luck at the National level.

### Block Kids -

Introduces children to the construction industry in an effort to create an awareness of and to promote an interest in future careers in one of the many facets of the industry.



NOTE: All "blocks" shall be interlocking types of the "Micro" size 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 posts.  
(No "Duplo" size blocks).



**BECOME AN NEF AMBASSADOR...** Would you like to help promote NEF to all of the Construction Industry?

Ambassadors will receive:

- A **bronze pin** for completing **one** item,
- A **silver pin** for completing **two** items, and
- A **gold pin** for completing **three** items or more.



The criteria to become a NEF Ambassador and the nomination form are available on the NEF website at [www.nawiceducation.org](http://www.nawiceducation.org).

The Fargo-Moorhead, ND Chapter  
has the following NAWIC  
promotional items for sale

For more details contact:

Amy Berg, CBT, CIT  
aberg.nawic@yahoo.com

## Tote Bag

SanMar Microfiber  
14" X 17 1/2"

**\$30.00 each.**



## Back Pack

Port & Company  
14" X 17 1/2"

With Front Zipper Pocket

**\$10.00 each.**



## Golf Towel

With hook  
11 1/2" X 17 1/2"

**\$10.00 each.**



Qty	Item	Cash/Check	Credit Card	Extended Cost
	Tote Bag	\$ 30.00	31.25	\$
	Back Pack	\$ 10.00	10.50	\$
	Golf Towel	\$ 10.00	10.50	\$
	<b>Subtotal *</b>			\$
* Plus Shipping (based on item)				

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company \*\* \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Credit Card Number

Billing Postal Code

Exp Date

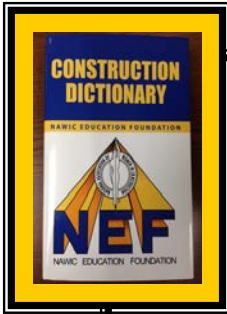
Security Code/CVV

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

(please provide a contact email address and/or phone #)

***We will contact you with the final amount due that will include the shipping charges.***





**Spring Sale Price - \$25.00**

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

## THIS MONTHS CONSTRUCTION WORDS:

*What do I mean?*

1) Epistomium

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2) Weft

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➤ Whoever brings the correct definition to the meeting will receive a small prize.

*Good luck to all!!!*

*(From - Construction Dictionary)*

*Answers from last month's Words:*

- 1) Abatvoix - A reflector of sound
- 2) Postern - A door of secondary importance, often beside a large gate.

*March winner (s) - Lynn got both correct*

# Sounds of Success:

## NAWIC CELEBRATES

60th Annual Meeting and Education Conference  
Nashville, Tenn. • Sept. 2 - 5, 2015



### CORE PURPOSE

TO ENHANCE THE SUCCESS  
OF WOMEN IN THE  
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

### CORE VALUES:

- BELIEVE
- PERSEVERE
- DARE

SPRING





## Chapter #246 Sponsors



**Innovative  
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& Door  
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Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

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Amy Berg, President - 218-234-6633  
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**MOORHEAD  
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Connecting Energy for Industry,  
MEI is your full-service electrical,  
technologies, and underground  
utilities solution provider.

**[www.moorheadelectric.com](http://www.moorheadelectric.com)**

## Chapter #246 Sponsors

### Sponsorships Available:

#### Annual Sponsorships:

- \$250 - General Contractor
- \$200 - Contractor \*
- \$150 - Sub-Contractor\*
- \* Select one of the following events
  - Golf Tournament
  - Auction Fundraiser

#### Event Sponsorships:

- \$100 - Project Manager
- \$ 50 - Trades Person
- \$ 25 - Construction Supporter
- Single Events
  - Block Kids Program
  - CAD/Design Drafting Competition
  - WIC Week Events
  - Networking Event(s)

For complete sponsorship details and the commitment form go to the chapter website at [www.nawicfm246.org](http://www.nawicfm246.org).



METROPOLITAN MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, INC.

