



*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.*

February 2017

Message From FM #246

Upcoming Events!!

Check out all the upcoming events the Fargo-Moorhead, ND Chapter have planned on the following pages:

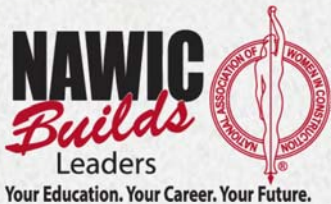
- February 21st - Monthly Membership Event
- February 24th-26th - booth at Home & Garden Show
- March 7th - Monthly Membership Event
- March 5th-11th - Women In Construction Week (WIC Week)
- April 18th - Monthly Membership Event

If you are interested in learning more about the National Association of Women in Construction - you are invited to attend any of these events.

Leadership Training Opportunities!!

Have you had an chance to connect with any of the leadership training that is being offered to members? If not, they are available for you to participate at your convenience by logging on to NAWIC.org / Member Center / Toolbox / You Tube Channel or Leadership and then click on whichever program you would like to learn more about.

Thank you to the Home Builders Association of Fargo-Moorhead for their sponsorship!!



NAWIC Needs You  
& You Need NAWIC !!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Regional Competitions due:</b> CAD/Design Drafting Block Kids  <b>Happy NAWIC Anniversary</b> - Dawn Wiedewitsch (1998)			<b>1</b> <i>National Candidate Applications Due</i>	<b>2</b> Business After Hours Chamber Event	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Maria Selk	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b> Block Kids Due to Regional Chair	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Monthly reports due to Director PR&M/M Survey due	<b>21</b> Membership MEETING	<b>22</b> NAWIC Training	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b> 3-9 PM	<b>25</b> 9am-6pm
<b>26</b> 11am-5pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Start talking up Forum / Elect Forum Delegates (if your regions election year)</li> <li>➤ IRS certification form &amp; filing verification to NAWIC office &amp; Director by Feb. 15</li> <li>➤ NAWIC Officer Candidate Bulletin Board on website 6 weeks before first Forum</li> <li>➤ Forum reports due to Director</li> <li>➤ <b>Continue to work on WIC Week plans</b></li> </ul>			

## Chamber Networking Events

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

**February 2** - Holiday Inn 4:30—6:30 PM  
**April 20** - Ramada  
**June 15** - Courtyard by Marriot  
**August 17** - Holiday Inn

- **Women Connect** - Locations vary - **3:30 - 5:00 pm** (Social hour 5:00 - 6:00 pm)

**February 23** "Digital Hacks to Simplify Your Life" - Presented by: Kirsten Jensen  
**March 28** "Women Living a Fast-Paced Lifestyle: Are You Keeping Up?" - Presented by: Dr. Ann Burnett  
**April 25** "Created for Kindness" - Presented by: Nicole Phillips



For more information or to register for these events go to [www.fmchamber.com](http://www.fmchamber.com)



2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>Happy NAWIC Anniversary - Amy Berg (1989)</div> <div>“Women History Month”</div> <div>~ Review Chapter Budget</div> <div>~ Elect Nominating Committee</div>			1	2	3	4
				NAWIC Mid-Year Board Meeting		
5	6	7 <div>Membership MEETING</div>	8 <div>International WOMEN'S DAY</div>	9	10	11
WIC Week / Girl Scout Week						
12 <div></div>	13	14	15	16	17 <div></div>	18
19	20 <div>Spring</div> <div>Monthly reports due to Director</div> <div>PR&amp;M/M Survey due</div>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 <div></div>	29 <div>NAWIC LEADERSHIP</div> <div>Training</div>	30	31	

## Upcoming Regional/National Events

### MIDWEST REGION ANNUAL FORUM - 2017

See  
website  
for  
Details!



April 27 - 29, 2017  
Omaha, NE

### ANNUAL MEETING & EDUCATION CONFERENCE (AMEC)

#### SAVE THE DATE 62nd Annual Meeting

Watch for information about all the things to do & see in Anaheim when you aren't attending the many seminars & workshops that will be available to enhance your career in the construction industry!!

Hyatt Regency Orange County

August 16-19, 2017  
Anaheim, CA

### MIDWEST REGION 2017 FALL CONFERENCE



Date & Location  
To Be Determined



## Upcoming Chapter Event Information



**Terracon**

### Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Location: **Holiday Inn (Club I & II)**  
3803 13th Ave S.  
Fargo, ND 58103

Time: **5:00 pm** Social Hour  
**5:30 pm** Dinner / Membership Meeting  
**6:00 pm** **Program**

Cost: **Order from menu - paid by individuals**

#### PROGRAM: Terracon Consultants, Inc. "Terra - Who?"

Presented by: Kristen Uecker

Terracon Consultants, Inc. is a multi-discipline firm specializing in environmental, facilities, geotechnical and material services.

Kristen Uecker has been with Terracon for over 20 years, is a Senior Administration Assistant and also serves as the Corporate Services Representative for the Fargo office. Uecker is a graduate of Concordia College, married to Shannon, they have three daughters and live in Fargo.



### Tuesday, March 7, 2017



Location: **Holiday Inn (Club III)**  
3803 13th Ave S.  
Fargo, ND 58103

Time: **5:00 pm** Social Hour  
**5:30 pm** Dinner / Membership Meeting  
**6:00 pm** **Program**

Cost: **Order from menu - paid by individuals**

#### PROGRAM: "Drones in Civil Engineering - Now What?"

Presented by: Chad Qualley, of Houston Engineering, inc. (HEI)

Chad will be discussing the use of drone technology (aerial or small UAS) in Civil Engineering. He will outline the process of becoming a certified pilot with the FAA, what equipment is needed to fly, and what software is used to capture and process the data once it is complete. HEI uses drones for Hydro bathymetry or a remotely operated vehicle to get depths in bodies of water. This technique is a significant improvement over conventional survey, reducing effort and time. Chad will provide a demonstration using the data that is acquired from Drones in Civil 3d and ArcGIS software suites and will highlight examples where Drone technology has improved projects by including more data for decision making.

Chad Qualley is the CAD Manager / Survey Technical Coordinator for Houston Engineering. Certified sUAS remote pilot. He oversees implementation and rollouts for all Autodesk software including establishing and maintaining company CAD standards. Is a senior designer working on site grading, road and rail designs and all things survey. Chad has 18 years experience in the civil engineering field and has used Autodesk Civil 3D since it first appeared in 2004.

## Chapter Member Information

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**NAWIC** Needs You  
You Need **NAWIC**



**All Aboard!**  
**For Your NAWIC Journey**

- ◆ **SUPPORT**
- ◆ **ENCOURAGE**
- ◆ **GROW**



**#TakeAim4NAWIC**



## 2016 / 2017 Officers

NATIONAL		LOCAL	
<b>President</b>	- Connie Leipard, CIT	<b>President</b>	- Dawn Wiedewitsch
<b>President Elect</b>	- Catherine Shoenenberger	<b>Secretary</b>	- Amy Berg, CBT, CIT
<b>Vice President</b>	- Dove Sifers-Putman, CBT	<b>Treasurer</b>	- Emily Sumner
<b>Secretary</b>	- Diane Mike, CBT	<b>Director</b>	- Joanna Slominski
<b>Treasurer</b>	- Anne Pflieger, CIT	<b>Small Chapter Board</b>	
<b>IPP</b>	- Riki Lovejoy, CBT, CIT		



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

Please contact: Amy Berg:

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### Midwest Region Information

#### Director

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#### WEBSITE

Visit the regional website at

**MIDWEST REGION -**  
[www.nawicmidwestregion.org](http://www.nawicmidwestregion.org)

#### FACEBOOK

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

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[facebook.com/nawicnational](https://facebook.com/nawicnational)



## Committee Reports

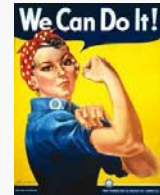
### MEMBERSHIP

*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. **16-17 National Goal - 80% retention with 20% growth per chapter.***



**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



To promote NAWIC and seek out new members we will have a booth at the Red River Valley Home & Garden Show February 24-26th sponsored by the Fargo-Moorhead Home Builders Association. Our booth is #C220 on the south end of the concourse level.

Show hours are:

Friday, February 24th	3:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Saturday, February 25th	9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Sunday, February 26th	11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**Membership Promotion**

### PR & MARKETING (COMMUNICATIONS / PUBLICITY)



The PR & Marketing committee have announced the roll out of their new awards for AMEC! They want to really **#hearNAWICroar** in the upcoming months and will be providing more information and guidance, but wanted to everyone to start working toward the awards now:

- ♦ **Best Website for Design and Content:** Is it up to date? Does it include widgets for social media? Does it contain links to the national and regional sites? Does it roar NAWIC?
- ♦ **Photo Contest:** Submit a creative photo or series of photos of a chapter event, showing how your chapter is "Enhancing and Promoting"
- ♦ **Social Media Challenge:** This award will be based on chapter responses and participation to the Survey Monkey questions related to PR/Marketing questions.

If you have ideas on how the Fargo-Moorhead, ND Chapter can achieve any of these - please volunteer to help with which ever area you can.

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

**NFSF:** Scholarship applications for the 2017 Onie Loeks Memorial Scholarship are due to NFSF by February 28th, 2017. Information for the scholarship is available online at: <http://www.nawic.org/nawic/NFSFScholarships.asp>



- An email has been sent to all the local colleges and universities to remind the instructors to pass the information on to the students.

### BYLAWS / STANDING RULES

Each member needs to go to the NAWIC website and download the most current copies of the NAWIC operational manual which contains the current NAWIC bylaws.

- **The Chapter Standing Rules were approved and will be reviewed in April.**

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



## Committee Reports

### WAYS & MEANS (FUNDRAISING)

#### Sponsorship Opportunities

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

**Auction - November 16, 2017** Never to early to start planning!!

**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

**AUDIT:** The 15-16 audit has been completed.

**BUDGET:** 16-17 budget has been adopted and will be reviewed in April.



### PARILIAMENTARIAN

**DUTIES:** Will help the President keep the meeting running smoothly using Roberts Rules Newly Revised

### 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 5 - 11, 2017



#### Women In Construction (WIC) Week

*"Support, Encourage, Grow!"*

11/18 - Commitment form due (turned in to Regional Chair at Fall Conference)

Our monthly meeting date has been changed so it will be held during WIC this year.

Details for the meeting are on page 4 - you won't want to miss this meeting!!

#### "Drones in Civil Engineering - Now What?"

Presented by: Chad Qualley, of Houston Engineering, inc. (HEI)



### PROFESSION DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

See page 9 for monthly Membership Meetings & Program Schedule



- ♦ Chapter's must hold 10 Membership meetings per year and do Association business at 6 of them.
- ♦ 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.



## Committee Reports

### PROFESSION DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION -

**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 ideas for Programs, Seminars and other items to promote NAWIC?

### 2016 - 2017 Monthly Meeting/Program Schedule

OCTOBER 18, 2016	NOVEMBER 17, 2016	DECEMBER 20, 2016
<p>Program: <b>Block Kids/ Auction Planning</b></p> <p>Location: Amy's House 416 44th Ave S Moorhead, MN</p> <p>Meeting type: <b>Planning</b> Planned by: Amy</p>	<p>Program: <b>38th Annual Construction Industry Auction</b> <i>Fundraiser to support our industry programs and scholarships</i></p> <p>Location: Holiday Inn, Royale Room Fargo, ND</p> <p>Meeting type: <b>Community</b> Planned by: All Members</p>	<p>Program: <b>Creatively Uncorked</b></p> <p>Presenter: Studio Artist</p> <p>Location: Creatively Uncorked West Fargo, ND</p> <p>(see Page 5 for Details)</p> <p>Meeting type: <b>Networking</b></p>
JANUARY 24, 2017	FEBRUARY 21, 2017	MARCH 7, 2017 WIC Week
<p>Program: <b>Women Connect</b></p> <p>Presenter: Jessica N. Turner</p> <p>Location: Holiday Inn Fargo</p> <p>Meeting type: <b>Networking</b></p>	<p>Program: <b>Terracon Environmental &amp; Geotechnical Consulting and Engineering</b></p> <p>Presenter: Kristen Uecker</p> <p>Location: Holiday Inn, Fargo</p> <p>Meeting type: <b>Speaker</b> (see Page 4 for Details)</p>	<p>Program: <b>Drones in Civil Engineering</b></p> <p>Presenter: Chad Qualley, Houston Engineering</p> <p>Location: Holiday Inn Fargo</p> <p>(see Page 4 for Details)</p> 
APRIL 18, 2017	MAY 16, 2017	JUNE 20, 2017
<p>Program: <b>Fargo Water Treatment Plant</b></p> <p>Presenter: Kat Dobson</p> <p>Location: Jobsite</p> <p>Meeting type: <b>Tour / Speaker</b> Planned by: Membership</p>	<p>Program: <b>TBD</b></p> <p>Presenter:</p> <p>Location:</p> <p>Meeting type:</p> <p>Planned by: Membership</p>	<p>Program: <b>TBD</b></p> <p>Presenter:</p> <p>Location:</p> <p>Meeting type:</p> <p>Planned by: Membership</p>
JULY 18, 2017	AUGUST 15, 2017	SEPTEMBER 19, 2017
<p>Program: <b>TBD</b></p> <p>Presenter:</p> <p>Location:</p> <p>Meeting type:</p> <p>Planned by: Membership</p>	<p>Program: <b>TBD</b></p> <p>Presenter:</p> <p>Location:</p> <p>Meeting type:</p> <p>Planned by: Membership</p>	<p>Program: <b>Strategic Planning</b></p> <p>Presenter:</p> <p>Location:</p> <p>Meeting type: <b>Planning</b> Planned by: Amy</p>

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

### NAWIC Education Foundation

1800 Pembroke Drive, Suite #300  
Orlando, FL 32810

NEF Administrator - Patti Susko

Phone #: 407-667-3417

Toll Free: 866-277-2883

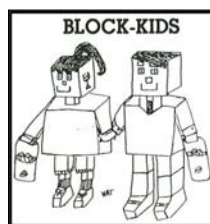
Email: [nawicedu@gmail.com](mailto:nawicedu@gmail.com)

Website: [www.nef-edu.org](http://www.nef-edu.org)

**NEF has a new  
email & website  
addresses!!**

### 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



- We have 6 students that have sent in applications:
- 5 from Dickinson High School
- 1 from Moorhead High School
- Submittals are due: **March 15, 2017**

#### Block Kids



The winner from each of our events (3/12/16 & 11/5/16) will be judged using the pictures and judging forms. The winner from these 2 will go on to the Regional competition which is due February 15th.

3/12/16 Keira Paulsen  
11/5/16 Ella Schaeffer

*Congratulations to Ella Schaeffer as the winner of the local competition. Ella's project has been sent on to the Regional competition.*

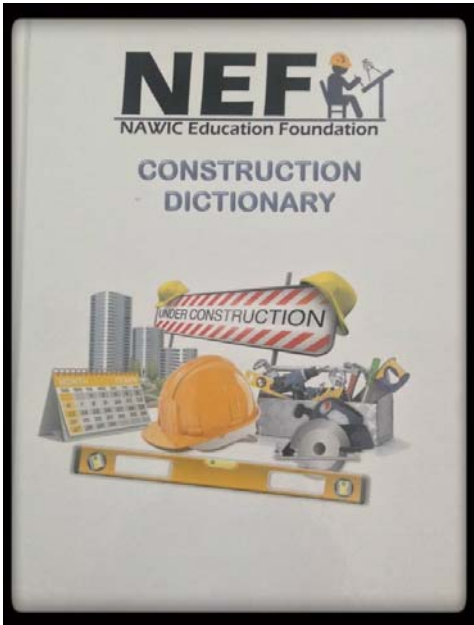
*Become an NEF Ambassador... Would you like to help promote NEF to all of the Construction Industry?*

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).



NEF's Construction Dictionary

**New/Updated** Edition with a fresh look...  
over 600 terms added!!!

Part #	List Price
7-01-01	\$ 65.00

**Get yours today!!!!**

**CORE PURPOSE**

TO ENHANCE THE  
SUCCESS OF WOMEN IN  
THE CONSTRUCTION  
INDUSTRY.

**CORE VALUES:**

- BELIEVE
- PERSEVERE



NAWIC Region Map



## Golf Towel

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

**\$10.00 each.**



## Back Pack

Port & Company  
14" X 17 1/2"

With Front Zipper Pocket

**\$10.00 each.**



## 6-Pk Cooler

**\$ 7.00 each**

Qty	Item	Cash/Check/Credit Card	Extended Cost
	Back Pack	\$ 10.00	\$
	Golf Towel	\$ 10.00	\$
	6-Pk Cooler	\$ 7.00	\$
		<b>Subtotal *</b>	<b>\$</b>
* Plus Shipping (based on item)			

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

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

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

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

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

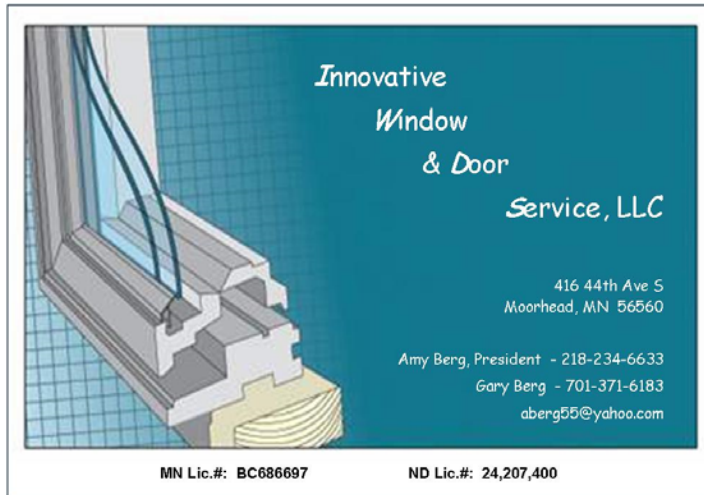
(please provide a contact email address and/or phone #)

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

**For more details contact: Amy Berg, CBT, CIT**  
**aberg.nawic@yahoo.com or 218-234-6633**



## Chapter #246 Sponsors



Block Kids  
Event  
Sponsors



### Sponsorships Available:

#### Annual Sponsorships:

- \$250 - General Contractor
- \$200 - Contractor \*
- \$150 - Sub-Contractor\*
- \* Select one of the following events
  - Auction Fundraiser
  - Block Kids Program

#### Event Sponsorships:

- \$100 - Project Manager
- \$ 50 - Trades Person
- \$ 25 - Construction Supporter
- Single Events
  - 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).