Message From FM #246

FM246 celebrates 40 years in June!!

On June 3rd, 1978 the Fargo-Moorhead, ND chapter #246 was chartered.

On June 7th, 2018 we will be hosting a 40th Ribbon Cutting ceremony with the Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber at Old Chicago.

On June 14th, 2018 members and guests will gather at the Holiday Inn in Fargo to celebrate our 40 years of “NAWIC Through the Decades”. In attendance will be our Regional Director Vickie Nickels from the Gr. Kansas Chapter #100 along with some past members.

If you want to learn more about NAWIC and Fargo-Moorhead, ND #246 please join us:

Thursday June 14th, 2018
Holiday Inn, Fargo, ND
Social 5:30 pm | Dinner 6:00 pm | Program 7:00 pm

For details and registration form go to www.nawicfm246.org / Events
Or contact Amy at aberg.nawic@yahoo.com / 218.234.6633

NAWIC Needs You & You Need NAWIC !!
Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat
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~ Chapter Elections - must be done in June (send results in ASAP)
~ Give incoming President “Ceremonies Book” and mentor her

1 | NAWIC Awards applications due

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3 | FM #246 40th Anniversary

4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | Happy Birthday Amy B.

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Chamber Networking Events

- **BUSINESS AFTER HOURS** - Held on Thursday night (bi-monthly)
  - Location as noted
    June 21 - Courtyard by Marriot Moorhead
    August 16 - Hilton Garden Inn Fargo

- **WOMEN CONNECT** - Locations vary - **3:30 - 5:00 pm** (Social hour 5:00 - 6:00 pm)
  June 26 (Tues) “The Business Case for Women’s Leadership Programs”; Presented by Jennie Huotari Eide Bally LLP
  July 26 (Thurs) “My Lighthouse”; Presented by Debbie Stang, Midco

For more information (location & cost) or to register for these events go to [www.fmchamber.com](http://www.fmchamber.com)
### Upcoming Regional/National Events

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#### Upcoming Regional/National Events

**Midwest Region Annual Forum - 2019**

- **April 26-27, 2019**
  - **Chicago, IL**
  - More details to come!!

**Annual Conference**

- **2018 Fall Conference**
  - **August 15-18, 2018**
    - **Orlando, FL**
    - More details to come!!

**Midwest Region 2018 Fall Conference**

- **October 26-27, 2018**
  - **Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN**
  - More details to come!!

- **63rd Annual Meeting**
  - Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista
  - Early Bird Registration - **April 30, 2017**
    - Members: **$635**
    - Non-members: **$735**
  - Details at [www.nawic.org](http://www.nawic.org)
2017 / 2018 Officers

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

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

FACEBOOK
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[facebook.com/groups/nawicmidwest](http://facebook.com/groups/nawicmidwest)

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# Chapter Member Information

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**All Aboard!**

For Your NAWIC Journey

- **Support**
  - **Encourage**
  - **Grow**

#TakeAim4NAWIC

**NAWIC Needs You**

**You Need**

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Fargo-Moorhead, ND #246 - JUNE 2018
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. **17-18 National Goals** - 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

**PROMOTE NAWIC!!**

Promote NAWIC by telling everyone you meet (in the industry or not, family, friends, co-workers and associates) about us and the opportunities that await them. Don’t forget to forward the Event Invites also!!

*Welcome to Paula Klein, owner of SMARTT Interior Construction, LLC* a prefab interior construction contractor.

**PR & MARKETING (COMMUNICATIONS / PUBLICITY)**

Press Releases continue to be sent out for the monthly membership meetings and we continue to receive requests for information from prospective members through our website.

The Membership & Marketing 17-18 National Competition and guidelines have been announced. There are three ways to win:

* Social Media - Chapter Facebook posts with the greatest reach
* Sponsorship - Chapter with the greatest increase in sponsorships (over last year
* Event—Chapter event with the best event turnout

*there will be one winner from each chapter size category: small, medium & large

**SCHOLARSHIP - DUE TO NFSF BY FEBRUARY 28TH!!!**

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

➢ If you know anyone who is enrolled in a construction related program at any of the local colleges or universities please let them know they should apply for a scholarship through NFSF and the chance to receive either an Onie Loeks Memorial Scholarship and/or one from the Foundation.

**BYLAWS / STANDING RULES - NATIONAL CHAIR: SHARON ADKINS**

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.

➢ **Due to be reviewed in the 2018-19 fiscal year.**

**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

Auction - Our 40th Annual Auction is scheduled for November 15, 2018 at the Holiday Inn.

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 16-17 audit has been finalized and the IRS 990 compliance & E-postcard have been filed.

BUDGET: The 17-18 budget has been adopted. / Reviewed and adjusted 5/2018

PARLIAMENTARIAN

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

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, Design/Drafting contests for students and the adult educational programs (see info on page 10)

WIC WEEK - MARCH 4 - 10, 2018

Women In Construction (WIC) Week

Dates to Remember: Commitment Form Due 1/5/2018 (done)
Poster / Pin Orders Due ** 2/1/2018 (picked up at AMEC)
Recap Form Due 4/2/2018 (submitted)

Another WIC Week is done. Pictures were included in the March Newsletter.
What can we do for next year to help grow the chapter?

“No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world.” Robin Williams

PROFESSION DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

See page 9 for monthly Membership Meetings & Program Schedule

♦ Chapter’s must hold 10 Membership meetings per year and conduct Association business at 4 of them.
♦ If you haven’t had the opportunity, make sure to go to the NAWIC national website 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

### Professional 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?

### 2017 - 2018 Monthly Meeting/Program Schedule

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| OCTOBER 18, 2017   | **WIC Fall Mixer**  
**Women in all facets of the industry getting together!**  
Location: 300 Lime Apartments Clubroom - Fargo, ND | 300 Lime Apartments Clubroom - Fargo, ND | Networking           | Members         |
| NOVEMBER 16, 2017  | **39th Annual Construction Industry Auction**  
**Fundraiser to support our industry programs and scholarships**  
Location: Holiday Inn, Royale Room Fargo, ND | Holiday Inn, Royale Room Fargo, ND | Community            | All Members     |
| DECEMBER 19, 2017  | **Holiday Fire Safety**  
Presenter: Dale Trosen, President ND Firefighters Association  
Location: Speak Easy Moorhead, MN | Speak Easy Moorhead, MN | Membership           | Kara Skarphol   |
| JANUARY 23, 2018   | **Women Connect**  
**“Why Winners Win”**  
Presenter: Robyn Benincasa  
Location: Delta by Marriot Fargo, ND | Delta by Marriot Fargo, ND | Networking           | Members         |
| FEBRUARY 20, 2018  | **Fargo Water Treatment Plant Tour**  
Presenter: Kat Dobson  
Location: Jobsite | Jobsite | Tour / Speaker       | Membership         |
| MARCH 8, 2018      | **Membership Mixer**  
Program: Midwest Region Forum | Midwest Region Forum | Membership           |                 |
| APRIL 19, 2018     | **Border States Electric**  
Presenter: Mortenson / MEI  
Location: Jobsite / 2400 38th St. S. Intersection of I-29 & I-94 followed by dinner at Old Chicago | Jobsite / 2400 38th St. S. Intersection of I-29 & I-94 followed by dinner at Old Chicago | Tour               | Membership       |
| MAY 17-19th, 2018  | **Midwest Region Forum**  
Chartered - June 3, 1978  
FM246 is 40  
Go to www.nawicfm246.org for details | Midwest Region Forum | Planning            | Amy             |
| JUNE 14, 2018      | **Cork & Canvas (Art & Wine Walk)**  
Location: Downtown Fargo | Downtown Fargo | Networking           | Membership       |
| JULY 12, 2018      | **No Membership Event**  
Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista | Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista | Planning            | Amy             |
| AUGUST 2018        | **Strategic Planning**  
Presenter:  
Location: TBD | Strategic Planning | Planning            | Amy             |
Educating the Construction Industry Today . . . and Tomorrow

**ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Certified Construction Associate (CCA) 6-parts
- Construction Document Technician (CDT)
- Estimating & Scheduling Practitioner (ESP)

Construction Industry Technician (CIT)
Construction Industry Specialist (CIS)
Construction Bookkeeping Technician (CBT)

Design Drafting

The 2017-2018 problem for the High School & College Divisions is a “Mobile Tiny House”!!

**Great News!!**

Luke Gulbranson won 1st Place in the College Division at the National Level.

He will be recognized and presented with all three awards on June 14th at our 40th Anniversary Celebration.

Block Kids

**National Winners have been announced!!**

1st Place - Isaac Dei / 5th grade
South Central Region - Oklahoma City, OK #383

2nd Place - Ronan Joyce / 4th grade
North Central Region - Cincinnati, OH #64

3rd Place - Jalen Bernard / 1st grade
Northeast Region - Capital District, NY #261

**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.nef-edu.org.
Fargo-Moorhead, ND Chapter #246
of the National Association of Women In Construction
Invite you to Attend a Dinner to Celebrate our
40th Anniversary
Thursday, June 14, 2018
Social Hour
5:30 PM
Dinner
6:00 PM
Program
7:00 PM
Holiday Inn, Fargo, ND

Core Purpose
To enhance the success of women in the construction industry.

Core Values:
• Believe
• Persevere
• Dare
**Chapter #246 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

- 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).
Misc. Programs & Networking Events

1982 - Wine & Cheese Membership Promotion

“Fantasy Finishes” Seminar

1994

FM246 Playhouse - 2003

Habitat Women Build - 2007

Summer Picnic —1993

Trip to Atlanta National Convention

1998 Forum Welcome Party

Grace Electric & the NAWIC Sparks!!

First Annual Golf Tournament 9-11

Membership Promotion Open House

2002