

# Fargo-Moorhead, ND Chapter #246



*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.*

JUNE 2018

## 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 40years 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](http://www.nawicfm246.org) / Events

Or contact Amy at [aberg.nawic@yahoo.com](mailto:aberg.nawic@yahoo.com) / 218.234.6633



*Amy*



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Chartered - June 3, 1978








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**NAWIC Needs You & You Need NAWIC !!**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
~ <b>Chapter Elections</b> - must be done in June (send results in ASAP) ~ <b>Give</b> incoming President "Ceremonies Book" and mentor her					1 NAWIC Awards applications due	2
3  FM #246 40th Anniversary	4	5	6	7	8 Happy Birthday Amy B.	9
10	11	12	13	14  40	15	16
17 	18	19	20	21 	22	23
24	25	26 	27	28	29	30 - Chapter Dues Update - AMEC Chapter Status

## Chamber Networking Events

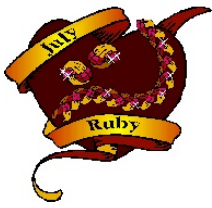
- **4:30 - 7:00 PM** **BUSINESS AFTER HOURS** - Held on Thursday night (bi-monthly)
  - Location as noted
  - June 21 - Courtyard by Marriot Moorhead
  - August 16 - Hilton Garden Inn Fargo

- **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 Baily 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)



2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 happy birthday! Suzi Retzlaff	27	28
29	30	31				

## Upcoming Regional/National Events

MIDWEST REGION ANNUAL FORUM - 2019	ANNUAL CONFERENCE	MIDWEST REGION 2018 FALL CONFERENCE
<div data-bbox="82 1598 224 1797" style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px;">                     More details to come!!                 </div> <div data-bbox="256 1606 459 1812" style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p>The Palmer House Hilton</p>	<div data-bbox="618 1587 1013 1675" style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>63rd Annual Meeting</b>                      Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista                      Early Bird Registration - <b>April 30, 2017</b>                      Members: \$635                      Non-members: \$735                      Details at <a href="http://www.nawic.org">www.nawic.org</a></p>	<div data-bbox="1149 1598 1360 1812" style="text-align: center;"> </div> <div data-bbox="1373 1661 1515 1860" style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px;">                     More details to come!!                 </div>
April 26-27, 2019 Chicago, IL	<b>August 15-18, 2018</b> <b>Orlando, FL</b>	October 26-27, 2018 Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN

## 2017 / 2018 Officers

NATIONAL		LOCAL	
<b>President</b>	- Catherine Shoenenberger	<b>President</b>	- Amy Berg, CBT, CIT
<b>President Elect</b>	- Dove Sifers-Putman, CBT	<b>Vice President</b>	- Melanie Nordhogen
<b>Vice President</b>	- Diane Mike, CBT	<b>Secretary</b>	- Amy Berg, CBT, CIT
<b>Secretary</b>	- Jill Hanson, CIT	<b>Treasurer</b>	- Suzi Retzlaff
<b>Treasurer</b>	- Anne Pflieger, CIT	<b>Director(s)</b>	- Emily Herbranson
<b>IPP</b>	- Connie Leopard, CIT	<b>IPP</b>	





**NAWIC**  
*Builds*  
Leaders  
Your Education. Your Career. Your Future.

Making a Measurable Difference



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

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# Chapter Member Information

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*Making a Measurable Difference*



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

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



**#TakeAim4NAWIC**



**NAWIC** Needs You

You Need **NAWIC**

## 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. **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*

### \$CHOLAR\$HIP - 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](http://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**



### PARILIAMENTARIAN

**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

<b>Dates to Remember:</b>	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](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?

### 2017 - 2018 Monthly Meeting/Program Schedule

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

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# Educating the Construction Industry Today . . . and Tomorrow

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## 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)



Grades K - 6



Grades 8 - 12

Formerly known as  
Accessory Structure  
Project (ASP)



**High School Division**  
Grades 9 -12

**College Division**  
Freshman - Senior

## Youth Programs

### 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](http://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

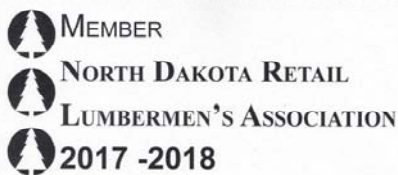
Holiday Inn, Fargo, ND



Member Since



MEMBER 2014



#### CORE PURPOSE

TO ENHANCE THE SUCCESS  
OF WOMEN IN THE  
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

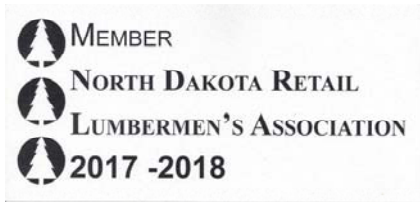
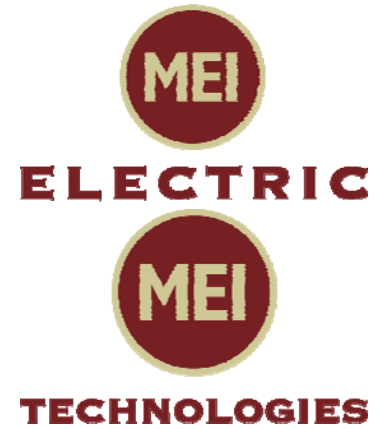
#### CORE VALUES:

- BELIEVE
- PERSEVERE
- DARE



NAWIC Region Map

# Chapter #246 Sponsors



Mortenson Construction



40th Anniversary Sponsors



**BRONZE:** - Dede Hughes; Past NAWIC EVP  
- Empire Engineering (Suzi Retzlaff)

## 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
- 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



Summer Picnic —1993



"Fantasy Finishes" Seminar



1994



1998

Trip to Atlanta National Convention



FM246 Playhouse - 2003



Habitat Women Build - 2007



1998 Forum Welcome Party



**NAWIC Builds**

Grace Electric & the NAWIC Sparks!!



Membership Promotion Open House



First Annual Golf Tournament 9-11



2002