



## 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.*



March 2016

## Message From FM #246

### "Busy Month!!"

- March 6th-12 is not only NAWIC's **Women in Construction (WIC) Week** the week it is also **Girl Scout Week**. FM246 and the Dakota Horizon Service Unit Moorhead-Sabin have partnered to celebrate the week by hosting a NEF Block Kids competition on Saturday, March 12th.
- The month of March is **Women's History Month** which highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society.
- March 8th is **International Women's Day** to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.
- March 9th - Mortenson Construction to sponsor lunch in recognition of WIC Week and "women in construction-present & future".
- March 13th - Set clocks forward
- March 15th - Membership Networking Event
- March 20th - 1st Day of Spring
- March 27th - Easter



March is also the time to finalize plans for attending Forum, elect the chapter nominating committee, elect Forum delegate if region is voting for Director, start making plans to attend AMEC, elect AMEC delegate and of course always promote NAWIC and women in the industry.

With all this going on, we need to remember to take time for ourselves!!

**Happy Easter to all!!**

- **Be the Change in:**
  - You
  - Your Industry
  - Your NAWIC



*Amy Berg*

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Chapter #246**

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**Chartered - June 3, 1978**

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**"16 IN 2016"**



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



## Networking Events

### Chamber Events

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

April 21 - 4:30 - 6:30 pm

June 16 - 4:30 - 6:30 pm

August 18 - 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Ramada Plaza Inn & Suites

Courtyard by Marriot

FARGODOME

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

- 3:00 - 5:00 pm (Social hour 5:00 - 6:00 pm)

March 22

April 26

"Women in Business: How to Embrace Being Dubbed a Mean Girl"

"Women of our World - Five Generations of Women in Our Community"



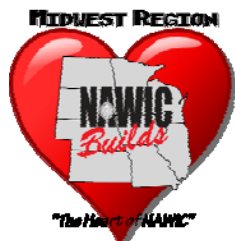
For more information or to register for these events go to [www.fmchamber.com](http://www.fmchamber.com)



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>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>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b>
					Pacific Southwest Region Forum	
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>FM 246 Membership/ Board Meeting</b>	<b>20</b> Monthly reports due to Membership/ PR&Marketing	<b>21</b> <i>Business After Hours</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
					North Central Region Forum Pacific Northwest Region Forum	
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Monthly reports due to Director	<b>26</b> <i>Women Connect</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
					Midwest Region Forum South Atlantic Region Forum	

## Upcoming Regional/National Events

### MIDWEST REGION 2016 ANNUAL PLANNING CONFERENCE



Date & Location  
To Be Determined

### MIDWEST REGION ANNUAL FORUM - 2016

**Branson, MO**  
For Forum Forms & Details  
go to  
[www.nawicfm246.org](http://www.nawicfm246.org)

[www.bransontourismcenter.com](http://www.bransontourismcenter.com)  
For more information about the area

April 28 - 30, 2016  
Branson, MO

### ANNUAL MEETING & EDUCATION CONFERENCE (AMEC)

Early Bird Registration - **April 30, 2015**  
Members: \$615  
Non-members: \$715  
Details at [www.nawic.org](http://www.nawic.org)





## Fargo-Moorhead, ND Chapter #246

### Membership Networking Event

Registration due by **March 11th**.  
Form available on Chapter website  
[www.nawicfm246.org](http://www.nawicfm246.org)

**Tuesday, March 15, 2016**

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

Meet & Greet 5:30 - 6:00 pm

*(Light appetizers will be served)*

Program (see below) 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Networking 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Cost: **\$25.00 per attendee**

**Programs  
& Events  
Display**

#### PROGRAM

Introductions - *Meet the Members*

Overview of NAWIC

Q & A

**Member  
company  
displays**

*History of FM 246 - 1978 to Now!*

➤ Bring your business card for a chance at a Door Prize

➤ 50/50 Drawing ➤ Attendance Gifts

*Please share this invitation with all the women you know  
that are employed in the construction industry!!*





# Block Kids Building Competition



**Sponsored By: Fargo-Moorhead, ND Chapter #246**

of the

**National Association of Women in Construction**

**& GSDH SU Moorhead-Sabin**

**OPEN TO - Daisy through Cadettes**

**LIMITED TO – 50 Contestants**

**COST– FREE**



**Date: Saturday, March 12, 2016**

**Time: 9:30 am - 11:30 am**

**Location: First Presbyterian Church  
2900 5th Street South; Moorhead, MN**

**Applications must be received by: March 10, 2016**

**Prizes:**

1st Place:	\$50 Cash & Set of Building Blocks
2nd Place:	Set of Building Blocks
All Participants:	Goody Bags & Certificate of Participation & Patch



All applicants will be contacted to verify they are one of the 50 contestants.

Local Winner advances to the 2016-2017 Regional Competition.



## Chapter Member Information

### Amy Berg, CBT, CIT

Joined - March 28, 1989

Innovative Window & Door Service, LLC  
31576 SW Pickerel Lake Rd  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501  
218-234-6633  
aberg.nawic@yahoo.com

### Lynn Madaus

Joined - December 1, 1996

Retired  
2921 34th Ave S; #349  
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701-200-8200  
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### Melanie Nordhougen, LEED AP

Joined - October 1, 2009

Mortenson Construction  
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melanie.nordhougen@mortenson.com

### Suzi Retzlaff

Joined - October 1, 2006

Empire Engineering  
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West Fargo, ND 58078  
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### Maria Selk

Joined - November 1, 2014

Mortenson Construction  
495 28th Ave S. #208  
Fargo, ND 58104  
612-214-5575  
maria.selk@mortenson.com

### Joanna Slominski, LEED AP

Joined - May 1, 2014

Mortenson Construction  
700 Meadow Lane N.  
Minneapolis, MN 55442  
701-566-2460  
joanna.slominski@mortenson.com

### Emily Sumner, EIT

Joined - October 1, 2014

Mortenson Construction  
4822 46th St S #108  
Fargo, ND 58104  
402-321-9697  
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### Dawn Wiedewitsch

Joined - February 1, 1998

Tomboy Tools  
PO Box 871  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56502  
218-849-2582  
dmwied@yahoo.com

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TAKE AIM FOR NAWIC



## 2015 / 2016 Officers

### NATIONAL

<b>President</b>	- Riki Lovejoy, CBT, CIT
<b>President Elect</b>	- Connie Leipard, CIT
<b>Vice President</b>	- Stephanie Crane, CIT
<b>Secretary</b>	- Diane Mike, CBT
<b>Treasurer</b>	- Jennifer Swinney, CBT, CDS, CIT
<b>IPP</b>	- Sandy Field, CBT, CIT

### LOCAL

<b>President</b>	- Amy Berg, CBT, CIT
<b>Vice President / IPP</b>	- Dawn Wiedewitsch
<b>Secretary</b>	- Maria Selk
<b>Treasurer</b>	- Emily Sumner

**Small Chapter Board**



### Quote of the Month

*"When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us."*

*From: Alexander Graham Bell*

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

Please contact: Amy Berg:

Phone: 218-234-6633  
(leave message)

Email: aberg.nawic@yahoo.com

## Midwest Region (13) Information

### Director

**Debbie Speake**  
Springfield Electric, LLC  
3522 E. Monroe St.  
Springfield, MO 65809  
Cell # 417-425-3130  
Fax #: 417-350-1836  
Email: Debbie@springfieldelectric.net

### WEBSITE

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

**MIDWEST REGION - COMING SOON**

### FACEBOOK

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

### NAWIC Office Contact Info

NAWIC  
327 S. Adams St.  
Fort Worth, Texas 76104  
Phone - 800-552-3506  
Fax - 817-877-0324

### 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

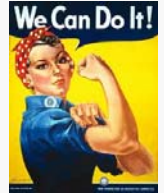
### MEMBERSHIP - JOANNA SLOMINSKI

*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. **15-16 National Goal - 85% 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



**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) - AMY BERG



Monthly report via Survey Monkey is due the 20th of each month - *February report submitted.*

*I was unable to participate in the February conference call.*

Postings from NEF, the NAWIC office, Midwest Regional Info, Safety Committee and other items of interest are being shared on Facebook.

Press Releases were sent out for WIC Week, Block Kids competition and March Membership Networking Event were sent to local papers, radio & TV stations as well as added to local on-line event calendars including The Chamber.

**Promote & Share to increase visibility!!**

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

**NFSF:** An email was sent to all students who applied for the local 2015 scholarship and will still be enrolled for the 16-17 academic year making them aware of the NFSF scholarship and that FM246's 2016 Scholarship will be administered through 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

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

- **The Chapter Standing Rules have been approved and filed.**

**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)

**Auction - November 19, 2015** The auction was a great success and the lessons learned have been recapped for future use.

**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 - EMILY SUMNER

**AUDIT:** 14-15 Audit is done. 990 IRS tax compliance and E-postcard have been submitted

**BUDGET:** 15-16 budget was approved at October meeting



### PARILIAMENTARIAN - DAWN WIEDIWITSCH

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

### WIC WEEK - MARCH 6 - 12, 2016 - MARIA SELK

## Women In Construction (WIC) Week

*"Be the Change. You, Your Industry, Your NAWIC!"*

**Chapter Commitment Form** - due November 20, 2015 (has been submitted)

**March 12th** - The "Block Kids" competition with the Girl Scouts in celebration of Girl Scout Week which is the same week is scheduled for Saturday, March 12th.

**March 15th** - Membership Networking Event to raise awareness of the opportunities available to women in the construction industry and emphasize their growing roles in the industry.

**Recap Form** - due April 2, 2016 (limited to 3 pages)



### PROFESSION DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION - EMILY SUMNER

*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?

### 2015 - 2016 Monthly Meeting/Program Schedule

OCTOBER 20, 2015	NOVEMBER 19, 2015	DECEMBER 15, 2015
<p>Program: <b>Tour of New Sanford Medical Center</b></p> <p>Presenter: Mortenson Construction</p> <p>Location: Sanford Jobsite 5461 23rd Ave S; Fargo, ND</p> <p>Meeting type: <b>Tour</b></p> <p>Planned by: <b>Mortenson Team</b></p>	<p>Program: <b>37th Annual Construction Industry Auction</b></p> <p><b>Fundraiser to support our industry programs and scholarships</b></p> <p>Location: Holiday Inn, Royale Room Fargo, ND</p> <p>Meeting type: <b>Community</b></p> <p>Planned by: <b>All Members</b></p>	<p>Program: <b>Creatively Uncorked</b></p> <p>Presenter: Studio Artist</p> <p>Location: Creatively Uncorked Moorhead, MN</p> <p>Meeting type: <b>Networking</b></p> <p>Planned by: <b>Joanna Slominski</b></p>
JANUARY 19, 2015	FEBRUARY 8, 2016	MARCH 12 & 15, 2016
<p>Program: <b>Women Connect "Work-Life RESET"</b></p> <p>Presenter: Fawn Germer</p> <p>Location: Ramada Plaza &amp; Suites 1635 42nd St. S; Fargo,</p> <p>Meeting type: <b>Networking/Speaker</b></p> <p>Planned by: <b>Membership</b></p>	<p>Program: <b>Safety Presentation</b></p> <p>Presenter: Kathi Dobson, Detroit Chapter #183</p> <p>Location: Holiday Inn, Club II Fargo, ND</p> <p>Meeting type: <b>Speaker/Networking</b></p> <p>Planned by: <b>Amy Berg</b></p>	<p> See pages 4 &amp; 5 for details about the WIC Week Events.</p>
APRIL 19, 2016	MAY 17, 2016	JUNE 21, 2016
<p>Program: <b>VDC Presentation</b> (Virtual Design &amp; Construction)</p> <p>Presenter: Matt Nohr</p> <p>Location: Sanford Jobsite 5461 23rd Ave S; Fargo, ND</p> <p>Meeting type: <b>Speaker</b></p> <p>Planned by: <b>Mortenson Team</b></p>	<p>Program: <b>Tour of New Sanford Medical Center</b></p> <p>Presenter: Mortenson Construction</p> <p>Location: Sanford Jobsite 5461 23rd Ave S; Fargo, ND</p> <p>Meeting type: <b>Tour</b></p> <p>Planned by: <b>Mortenson Team</b></p>	<p>Program: <b>TBD</b></p> <p>Presenter:</p> <p>Location:</p> <p>Meeting type: <b>N/A</b></p> <p>Planned by: <b>TBD</b></p>
JULY 19, 2016	AUGUST 16, 2016 ??	SEPTEMBER 20, 2016
<p>Program: <b>TBD</b></p> <p>Presenter:</p> <p>Location:</p> <p>Meeting type: <b>N/A</b></p> <p>Planned by: <b>TBD</b></p>	<p>Program: <b>TBD</b></p> <p>Presenter:</p> <p>Location:</p> <p>Meeting type: <b>N/A</b></p> <p>Planned by: <b>TBD</b></p>	<p>Program: <b>Strategic Planning</b></p> <p>Presenter: Amy Berg, 246 President</p> <p>Location: TBD</p> <p>Meeting type: <b>Planning</b></p> <p>Planned by: <b>Amy</b></p>

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

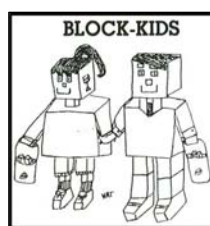
**NAWIC Education Foundation**  
1800 Pembroke Drive, Suite #300  
Orlando, FL 32810  
**NEF Administrator - Patti Susko**

Phone #: 407-667-3417  
Toll Free: 866-277-2883  
Email: nef@bellsouth.net

## ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

**Certified Construction Associate (CCA)**  
**Construction Document Specialist (CDS)**  
**Construction Industry Technician (CIT)**

**Available NOW—Construction Industry Specialist (CIS)**  
**Construction Bookkeeping Technician (CBT)**



Grades 1 - 6



Grades 8 - 12



Grades 9 - 12

## Youth Programs

### CAD/Design Drafting - **AMY BERG**



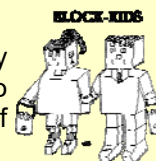
**The 2015-2016 CAD/Design Drafting Problem and is now available on the NEF website.**

*The problem this year is a commercial project where the contestants have to design a new store for "River Valley Distributors" a wholesale distribution center.*

➤ **We have received 6 applications - 5 from Dickinson High & 1 from Moorhead High.**

### Block Kids - **AMY BERG**

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?

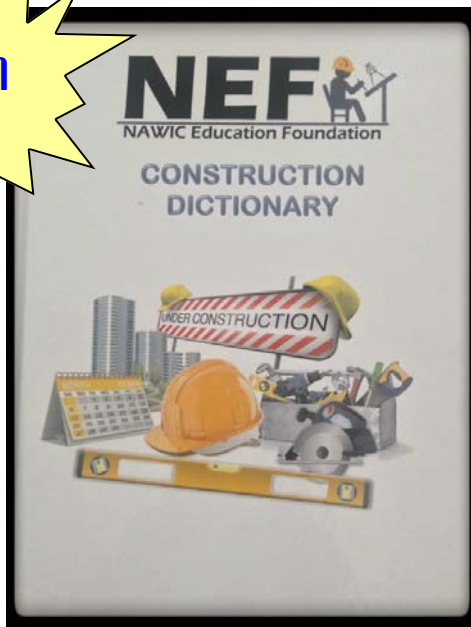
Ambassadors will receive:

- 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).

**Now In  
Stock**



## NEF's Construction Dictionary

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

<u>Part #</u>	<u>List Price</u>
7-01-01	\$ 65.00

***Get yours today!!!!***



### ***Did you Renew?***

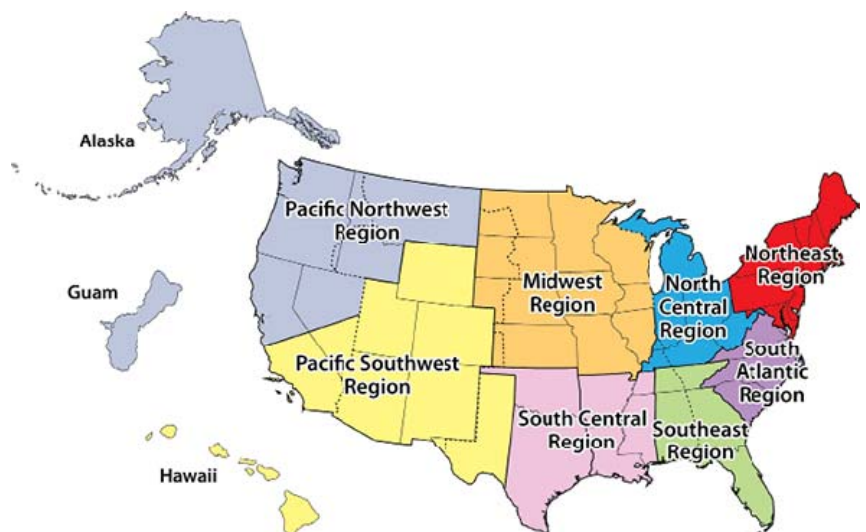
***Renewals were due by September 30th!!  
October 1st - Renewals include a \$25.00 late fee!  
It's never too late to Renew!!!***

#### ***CORE PURPOSE***

***TO ENHANCE THE SUCCESS  
OF WOMEN IN THE  
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.***

#### ***CORE VALUES:***

- BELIEVE
- PERSEVERE
- DARE



**NAWIC Region Map**



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



## 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
	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.***



## Chapter #246 Sponsors



**Innovative  
Window  
& Door  
Service, LLC**

31576 SW Pickerel Lake Rd.  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Gary Berg - 701-371-6183  
Amy Berg, President - 218-234-6633  
aberg55@yahoo.com



### ***Sponsorships Available:***

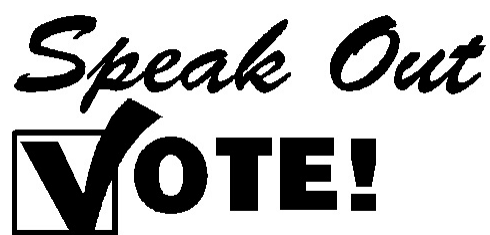
#### ***Annual Sponsorships:***

- \$250 - General Contractor
- \$200 - Contractor \*
- \$150 - Sub-Contractor\*
- \* Select one of the following events
  - 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).



## *2016 - 2017 National Officer Candidates*

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President Elect	Stephanie Crane, CIT (SE) Catherine Schoenenberger (NE)
Vice President	Amy Berg, CBT, CIT (MW) Dover Sifers-Putman, CBT (SA)
Secretary	Diane Mike, CBT (SC)
Treasurer	Anne K. Pflieger, CIT (NC) Donnalyn Revis, CIT (PNW)

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## *2016-2018 Regional Director Candidate*

*Midwest Region Director - Vickie Nickel, CIT*

