**Message From FM #246**

“April Showers bring May flowers & CONSTRUCTION!!”

- If you haven’t looked around the Fargo-Moorhead area - guess what - Construction Season is upon us!! If you plan to go anywhere make sure you leave early as it will definitely take you longer to arrive at your destination as pretty much a part of every main road in the area has some type of work being done on it. Make sure to drive carefully through all the work zones!!

- **Sad news** - in April we lost one of our charter members, Vi Trautman. Although Vi hasn’t been active as a member for many years she still stayed in contact with me though Facebook and was still receiving the Chapter newsletter. From time to time I would get an email from her thanking us for continuing to promote women in construction.

- The Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers at the April meeting and congratulations to the following members who have been elected to serve as the 2016-2017 FM #246 Board:
  - President: Dawn Wiedewitsch
  - Secretary: Amy Berg, CBT, CIT
  - Treasurer: Emily Sumner
  - Director: Joanna Slominski

- Dawn and I traveled to Branson, MO at the end of April to attend the Midwest Region Forum. Other than the long drive (and car troubles) it was great event. Director Speake and the Southwest Missouri Chapter #366 planned an educational and fun event for all attendees. Congratulations to Vickie Nickels of the Kansas City Chapter on being elected the 2016-2018 Midwest Region Director. Reports will be presented at the May meeting.

- **May 15th-30th** - National Officer Elections - All members with an email address (make sure yours is current) will receive their ballots on May 15th. It only takes a few minutes to vote and your vote does count. If you aren’t sure check out the candidate information on the NAWIC website or ask another member.

  *Make sure “You Vote”!!*

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29 | | NAWIC National Voting Ends | | | | Monthly reports due to Membership/PR&Marketing
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31 | | | | | | Happy NAWIC Anniversary - Joanna Slominski (2014)

- Nominating Committee reports slate of candidates for Chapter officers
- National officer ballots sent to members (via email or mail) by May 15 - Voting ends May 31!
- Attend Forums
- Register for AMEC

Networking Events

**Chamber Events**

- **Business After Hours** - Held on Thursday night (bi-monthly) - Location varies
  - April 21 - 4:30 - 6:30 pm  Ramada Plaza Inn & Suites
  - June 16 - 4:30 - 6:30 pm  Courtyard by Marriot
  - August 18 - 4:30 - 6:30 pm  FARGODOME

- **Women Connect** - Avalon Events Center West, 2525 Ninth Ave S.; Fargo, ND
  - May 24 - 3:00 - 5:00 pm  “Change - Do Not Fear It, Embrace It” - Lisa Borgen
  - June 28 - “Cornucopia Kids” - Patty Corwin

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

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### FM 246

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- **Give** incoming President “Ceremonies Book” and mentor her

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### Upcoming Events

- **Women Connect**
- **Chapter Dues Update / AMEC Chapter Status Report**
- **Elect AMEC Delegate** - credentials due 60 days prior to AMEC
- **Register for AMEC & make hotel reservation**
Fargo-Moorhead, ND Chapter #246

Monthly Meeting/Program Notice

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

“New Sanford Medical Center Tour”

Mortenson Jobsite Office (New Sanford Medical Center)
5461 23rd Avenue S
(off of 23rd Ave & Veterans Blvd)

Meet / Tour 5:15 - 6:00 pm

All attendees must:
- Wear long pants, sleeved shirts (short or long), thick soled shoes (no open toes).
- Sign a waiver
- All PPE (hardhats, gloves, glasses & vests) will be provided.

Dinner/Meeting 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Dinner (following tour) - $10.00 per attendee
Payable at the door - cash, check or charge
(to cover food & beverage)

RSVP by Monday, May 16th, to: Amy Berg
by phone: 218-234-6633
or email: aberg.nawic@yahoo.com

See attached registration form


### Chapter Member Information

**Amy Berg, CBT, CIT**  
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**Suzi Retzlaff**  
**Joined:** October 1, 2006  
Empire Engineering  
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701-212-8484  
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**Maria Selk**  
**Joined:** November 1, 2014  
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**Joanna Slominski, LEEP AP**  
**Joined:** May 1, 2014  
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joanna.slominski@mortenson.com

**Emily Sumner, EIT**  
**Joined:** October 1, 2014  
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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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**In Loving Memory**

Vi Trautman 1932-2016

Vi, one of the charter members of the Fargo-Moorhead, ND Chapter in 1978 passed away on April 6, 2016. Although she was no longer active as a member she stayed in touch through Facebook and by still receiving the Chapter’s monthly newsletter.

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**Be the Change in:**  
- You  
- Your Industry  
- Your NAWIC
2015 / 2016 Officers

**NATIONAL**

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

**LOCAL**

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

Small Chapter Board

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**Quote of the Month**

"If you don’t leave the past in the past, it will destroy your future. Look what’s in front of you, not what yesterday took away. The best is yet to come."

From: George Strait

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**Midwest Region (13) Information**

Director
Debbie Speake
Springfield Electric, LLC
3522 E. Monroe St.
Springfield, MO 65809
Cell #: 417-425-3130
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**WEBSITE**
Visit the regional website at www.nawic13.org

**FACEBOOK**
Connect with us on Facebook at facebook.com/groups/nawicmidwest

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**NAWIC Office Contact Info**

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

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**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

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**WEBSITE**
Visit our national website at www.nawic.org

**FACEBOOK**
Connect with us on Facebook at facebook.com/nawicnational
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

PR & MARKETING (COMMUNICATIONS / PUBLICITY) - AMY BERG

Monthly report via Survey Monkey is due the 20th of each month - April report submitted.
Press releases were sent out for the March meeting and added to the local event calendars.
Press release was also sent out about the local winner for the CAD & Block Kids winners.
If you know of other ways to promote NAWIC and our events let me know.

Promote & Share to increase visibility!!

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

NFSF: The Foundation’s Award committee met recently and have selected the recipients for the 2016-2017 School year. Recipients will need to verify that they will be attending school this fall in order to receive the funds.

Two NDSU architecture students have been selected for the $1000 & $500 Onie Loeks Memorial Scholarships. Details will be coming as soon as their information has been confirmed.

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. (reviewed in April - no changes)

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 17, 2016 Holiday Inn & John Villiard!!**

The Holiday Inn has been contacted to confirm the date and room location - info will be presented at the meeting.

**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 & reviewed in April.

**PARI LIAMENTARIAN - DAWN WIEDIWIT SCH**

**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 Recap Form - due April 2, 2016 (has been submitted)

Recap was sent to National, Regional Director & Regional Committee Chair on 3/29 and uploaded to Chapter Dropbox.

WIC Week events included Mortenson Construction luncheon and TV coverage, Block Kids event with the Girl Scouts and Membership Networking Meeting. Information was added to the chapter Facebook page and we received proclamations from Fargo and the states of North Dakota and Minnesota.

**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 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

|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| **Program:** Tour of New Sanford Medical Center  
**Presenter:** Mortenson Construction  
**Location:** Sanford Jobsite  
5461 23rd Ave S; Fargo, ND  
**Meeting type:** Tour  
**Planned by:** Mortenson Team |
| **Program:** 37th Annual Construction Industry Auction  
**Fundraiser to support our industry programs and scholarships**  
**Meeting type:** Community  
**Planned by:** All Members |
| **Program:** Creatively Uncorked  
**Presenter:** Studio Artist  
**Location:** Creatively Uncorked  
Moorhead, MN  
**Meeting type:** Networking  
**Planned by:** Joanna Slominski |
| **January 19, 2015** |
| **Program:** Women Connect  
**"Work-Life RESET"**  
**Presenter:** Fawn Germer  
**Location:** Ramada Plaza & Suites  
1635 42nd St. S; Fargo, ND  
**Meeting type:** Networking/Speaker  
**Planned by:** Membership |
| **Program:** Safety Presentation  
**Presenter:** Kathi Dobson, Detroit Chapter #183  
**Location:** Holiday Inn, Club II  
Fargo, ND  
**Meeting type:** Speaker/Networking  
**Planned by:** Amy Berg |
| **March 12 & 15, 2016** |
| **Program:** March 12th Block Kids Competition  
**March 15th Membership Networking Event** |
| **April 19, 2016** |
| **Program:** VDC Presentation  
(Virtual Design & Construction)  
**Presenter:** Matt Nohr  
**Location:** Sanford Jobsite  
5461 23rd Ave S; Fargo, ND  
**Meeting type:** Speaker  
**Planned by:** Mortenson Team |
| **Program:** Tour of New Sanford Medical Center  
**Presenter:** Mortenson Construction  
**Location:** Sanford Jobsite  
5461 23rd Ave S; Fargo, ND  
**Meeting type:** Tour  
**Planned by:** Mortenson Team |
| **Program:** Redhawks Game  
Vs. Sioux Falls Canaries  
**"Stamp Out Cancer Night"**  
**Meeting type:** Family Fun Night  
**Planned by:** Amy Berg |
| **July 19, 2016** |
| **Program:** Fix 2 Flip - Open House  
**Presenter:** Amy & Gary Berg  
**Location:** 1321 3rd Ave N  
Fargo, ND  
**Meeting type:** Tour  
**Planned by:** Amy Berg |
| **Thursday, August 11, 2016**  
**Date Change** |
| **Program:** Corks & Canvas  
- Art & Wine Walk  
**Meeting type:** Networking  
**Planned by:** Amy Berg |
| **Program:** Strategic Planning  
**Presenter:** Amy Berg, 246 President  
**Location:** TBD  
**Meeting type:** Planning  
**Planned by:** Amy |
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.

- Projects have been received and are being judged. Winner of the local competition goes on to the Regional competition.

The Block Kids competition was held, Saturday, March 12th with the Girl Scout Dakota Horizon Service Unit Moorhead-Sabin at the First Presbyterian Church in Moorhead in conjunction with NAWIC’s WIC Week and Girl Scout Week.
Seven girls participated, two first graders, 4 fifth graders and 1 seventh grader. The 7th grader didn’t qualify for the prizes but participated to earn her “Block Building” badge. The projects were amazing and we are looking at possible doing another competition in the fall with the Girl Scouts but opening it up to all of the Girl Scouts in the Dakota Horizon council. (See pictures on page 15)

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.
**NEF's Construction Dictionary**

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

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*Get yours today!!!!*

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**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!!*

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**Core Purpose**

To enhance the success of women in the construction industry.

**Core Values:**

- Believe
- Persevere
- Dare

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**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
$ 7.50 each

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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

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

NEW Block Kids Sponsor

NDSU NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Construction Management & Engineering

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.
2016 - 2017 National Officer Candidates

President Elect | Catherine Schoenenberger (NE)
                | Stephanie Crane, CIT (SE)
Write in only -

Vice President | Amy Berg, CBT, CIT (MW)
                | Dover Sifers-Putman, CBT (SA)

Secretary | Diane Mike, CBT (SC)

Treasurer | Anne K. Pfleger, CIT (NC)
                | Donnalyn Revis, CIT (PNW)

The ballots are out!!!
Election Dates - May 15th - 31st!!

2016-2018 Regional Director
Midwest Region Director
Vickie Nickel, CIT