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Enhancing the Success of Women in the Construction Industry

Director's Note...

By Yasmine A. Branden, CCA

One can never consent to creep when one feels an impulse to soar.

Helen Keller

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Every presidential campaign confirms my belief that we make our history by embracing our future. NAWIC helps each of us make our own individual history - through professional education, certification programs, leadership positions, networking, industry involvement, and sisterhood. We only have to step through the open doors of opportunity to seize our future.

A huge **THANK YOU** to the Spokane Chapter for hosting a fabulous Annual Planning Conference (APC)!! Nice location, interesting speaker, great walking tour of downtown's renovated historic buildings, and teambuilding exercises made for another fabulous NAWIC weekend.

I had the pleasure to participate in Puget Sound's Board installation, and silent auction (see Puget Sound's report). Their leaders and members are incredibly enthusiastic and brimming with ideas to take their chapter to new heights. I was asked by Portland Chapter President Lauren Holmes to give an overview of the APC presentation on our tax status during their October meeting. Lots of thoughtful questions and comments. I participated in a mentoring session with students from Portland State University who are exploring the many career options in construction. Smart young people...they had insightful questions about our industry, how the economy impacts their prospects, etc. And perfect prospects for NAWIC!

Ask questions of your Director candidates - Fil Spiegel, Cathy Brady and Katie Hanning. Send me questions and comments for Mid-Year Board (Feb 26 - March 1). I encourage all of you to continue asking questions. That's the only way to make sure we all understand the complexity of the issues impacting our Association

NAWIC Core Values:

**Believe in ourselves
Persevere with the strength of our convictions
Dare to move into new horizons**

Portland #54 (Lauren Holmes)

I can not believe it is November already! I hope that everyone had a safe and happy Halloween, and managed to stay dry as they took their kids out for trick or treating and/or as they took themselves out for a bit of tricks and treating! I would also like to remind everyone to get out there and vote... or in our case, sit down in the comfort of your home and fill out that lengthy ballot and get it to a drop off location. This is a big election year, and we need to take advantage of our rights. Everyone has a voice, and we need to make sure we exercise it!

With the transition into November, the good news is all of those annoying campaign commercials and mailers will end, but the bad news is that the fall weather is finally here... And thus the rain begins again.

APC in Spokane was fabulous. The weather was great, the speakers were informative, the activities were fun (it always helps that my fabulous team including Amanda Wilson and Emilie Riddle won) and the impromptu walk about the cities historical sites was fantastic. To find out more about APC 2008, reference Amanda Wilson's and my reports....

I want to again thank Nancy Oswald for putting together such a heart felt and beautiful installation ceremony in September. The candle ceremony was flawless and the candles themselves looked gorgeous as they had to be creatively put together when colored candle could not be found. Great job Nancy!

The Professional Education committee met and is still working through ideas for this years programs. Please visit the survey link below to help them plan the programs that we want to see this year.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=y7BBU9_2fS78hU6LhpT58lnw_3d_3d

I am very excited for the year to come. I know that we have lots of exciting ideas and can not wait to get all of them into motion.

Puget Sound #60 (Nicole Martin)

Our Oktoberfest beer tasting and silent auction was a huge success. We raised over \$3500 for our NFSF scholarship program. We were honored to have Yasmine induct our new board of directors and thrilled to have such a great turn out! (83 attendees) We will definitely do this event again next year.

Our November meeting will be about leadership styles and round table discussions about all the aspects of NAWIC and how to get the most out of your membership. We'll be at our new location at the VFW on Mercer Island and trying out our early start time of 4:30.

Yvonne and I had a great time at APC! Thank you Spokane!

Eugene #77 (Anne Thompson)

Well I have to say it was a busy month. Let's see I had my first meeting, which made me a little nervous, I had my first board meeting, which I had to have my budget and other business ready for. Then there was the trip to Spokane for the Annual Planning Conference. The women from our Chapter were Robin Langkamp, Ann Schafer, Amanda Ring, Jan Sandusky, Twylla Tatum, Sharon Anderson and myself. It was great getting to know everyone better. I was able to get the budget at least started to put together with the help of Sharon Anderson and Twylla Tatum. Please read my report from Annual Planning as it had all the highlights of the Conference.

In November we are having EWEB speaking about their new facility. I hope all of you will have a wonderful Thanksgiving. We have moved the Board meeting to November 19th to avoid it being the night before Thanksgiving. I know we all have commitments for the holidays.

December our Christmas Party will be held at my home on December 10th. I am excited and hope all of you can join us for good fun, great friendships, and fun. We will have our normal swapping of ornaments.

Have a great month!

Spokane #143 (Jessica Moody)

With Thanksgiving just around the corner I realize that I have a lot of things to be thankful for. NAWIC is one of the things I am thankful for. After all the work that our chapter put into APC it was great to see how successful this years APC was. I am thankful for the opportunity to be involved in an organization that is dedicated to helping women in the construction industry. The leadership skills we all gain from NAWIC are priceless, and I know that if it wasn't for all of the ladies in my chapter I would not be the leader I am today.

At our October meeting we had Tom Hamilton from the AGC Teamsters talk to us about what Teamsters does and how Disaster Preparedness

regulations have changed since 9/11. Our November meeting we have a presentation on Women's Suffrage in the early 1900's. We will learn what women had to go through in order to receive the right to vote.

We are also getting ready to plan our Christmas Party, Block Kids Event, our 25th annual Golf Tournament, and WIC week. If there are any of you interested in helping plan these events please let me know.

Tri-Cities #192 (Stacee Keller)

We teamed up with the Tri-City Americans hockey team and did a fundraiser. We plan to team up with them again during January. This really is a fun and easy way for a chapter to raise money. This month our speaker will be from Western States Insurance and the presentation will be on the use of certificates of insurance and how you properly transfer risk between general contractors and project owners. We are also planning away for WIC week. This will be our 3rd year in a row planning the Industry Appreciation Dinner and we are striving to make this one bigger and better than the last.

Salem #198 (Nancy Carter)

On October 15th we took a tour of the Turner Construction Salem Hospital project. Thank you Denise Torres for arranging this tour for us and thank you Linda Almendinger for arranging the wonderful dinner at Kwan's Restaurant.

Kim Thatcher will be arranging our program in November. We will also be installing our 3 newest members Mandy Falls, Kay Evans and Cindy Walsh. There will be a lot to discuss and I hope everyone can make it.

The Salem chapter is hosting the 2009 Oregon Coast Retreat and Vickie Tewalt and her committee are working hard on these arrangements. This retreat is always a lot of fun and is a great way for all of us to get together in a relaxed casual atmosphere and get to know each other.

Boise #245 (Brenda Smith)

This time of year is so beautiful in Boise and fall marks the time for our Dinner Auction. We held our 18th annual Dinner Auction on Nov. 1st. Our theme was Margaritaville and fun was had by all. We don't have final numbers yet but believe it was another successful year. A special thanks to all of the committee members for their hard work on this event. Our program for November will be presented by Jason Dykstra with Meuleman Mollerup, LLP. He is an attorney and will be speaking to us on the importance of Wills and Estate Planning. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

We miss hearing from you....

Anchorage #197 (Kris McKinney)

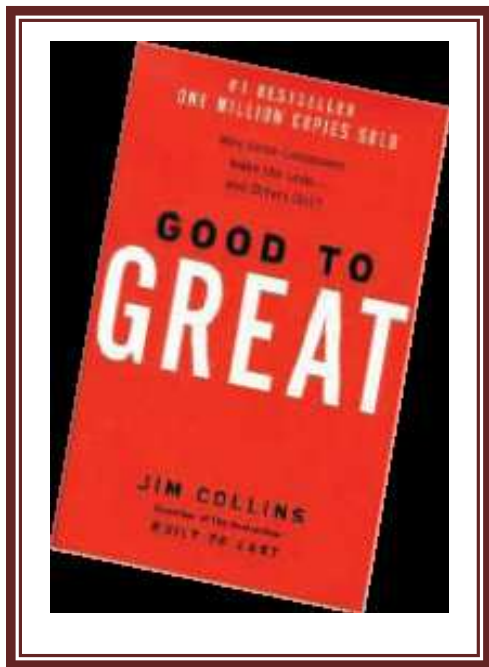
Great Falls #228 (Barb Woith)

Tacoma #187 (Cathy Hall)

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schools, good government become great government, good companies become great companies and perhaps even a number of good lives become great lives.”

Jim Collins



Region 9 Forum 2009, April 16 - 18 planning is in full swing. The theme is "Going Green" for Sustainable Living. We are planning many great Educational Topics including Sustainable Living , Industry-related seminars, Leadership, and more!!

Attendees will network, get involved and make connections with other women in construction from our region both in the Hotel Monaco. There are plans to go on two fun educational lunch tours and get out of the Hotel. Bring your walking shoes!

Our Director Candidates have been assigned a session to plan for Forum:

Cathy Brady = Leadership

Katie Hanning = Trades / Tradeswomen

Fil Spiegel = Safety



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