



NAWIC

National Association of Women In Construction

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Teamwork! As I reflect back on these last few months, I realize how much you all agree with me that Teamwork is an essential moving force behind any great business. NAWIC is a business, a business of helping women who are *actively involved in the construction industry* to grow and to prosper. In NAWIC, we accomplish this through our Board of Directors who take care of running the Chapter according to our By Laws and Guidelines and through our Committees who carry out the commitments of our Chapter.

Too long have the Committees gone unnoticed and I am here today to recognize my Team of Committee Players. I was reminded of the importance of these players last weekend when I attended our Region's Forum in Las Vegas and witnessed the Awards received that were so well deserved by the recipient NAWIC Chapters (including San Diego).

Thank you, Lorelee Langworthy, for Chairing these Committees and making sure that their progress reports were available to our entire membership.

Thank you to Jan Parthemer, our "Email Queen" for keeping us updated at all times of what is going on and available to all of us in the construction industry.

Emily Gardner, CIT, one of our newest members who stepped in to fulfill the enormous task of providing the Guest Speaker for all of our meetings, to partner with other associations and to plan our job walks. And now, with the untimely job relocation of our Continuing Education Chair, Shelly Mitchell (we thank you, miss you and wish you well), Emily has added this committee to her duties. Now, there is what I consider a real star player! And she does this for you and NAWIC!!!
Kerri Neuman, our Hospitality Chair, who epitomizes the warm, generous and friendly attitude necessary to carry out her duties, has been an essential force behind the organizing and running of the Dinner Meetings. Thank you, Kerri.

Our Membership Committee Chair, Sandy Glas has been doing a superb job of handling all of the duties that go with retaining our current members and helping to gain new members. When Sandy's NAWIC year began in September of 2008, we had dropped to 45 members due to economy, etc., but Sandy has been instrumental in helping to bring our tally back up to 90 insightful and knowledgeable women who are actively working in the construction industry to help make our Chapter #21 strong!
Way to go, Sandy!

Pat Brown, now there is a force in and of itself! Pat is our Ways and Means Chair and through her perseverance in selling great raffle prizes and NAWIC items to help to run our Chapter she has more than proved her dedication and commitment to Chapter #21. Let me also say that having Pat Brown as our 50Th. Anniversary Chair was a blessing! She and her committee went the extra miles to put on the greatest night of celebration for our chapter. Great JOBS Pat and thank you!!! Our Newsletter Editor, Ana Marquez, our Website Coordinator, Ann Murphy, our Women in Construction Week Chair, Gwen Miller, along with Linda Jewitt, our Publicity and Outreach Chair have been an essential part of keeping, not only our NAWIC chapter's members informed, but to announce to the nation what we in San Diego and NAWIC do and offer to its members. Kudos, ladies, your efforts *are* noticed and appreciated! Go TEAM!

Our Finance Committee Chair, Kim Briggs, along with our Standing Rules & Guidelines Chair, Sherry Yarborough, CIT, have been diligent in keeping our chapter financially in line and in compliance with the NAWIC National rules for affiliated chapters. Thank you, ladies.

If someone has a birthday, illness or maybe just needs cheering up, you need not look very far to find Janice Florence scurrying to get a card out to them. Janice is our Friendship and Cheer Committee Chair and appropriately so, as she is always found wearing a smile on her face and a positive emotion in her heart. Thank you for sharing those attributes with our members.

Last, but not least, are the following Committee Chairs who have worked tirelessly to promote and to fulfill our San Diego Chapter's commitments. Through their unselfish efforts, our Chapter has opened the minds of Elementary School Children to a future in Construction via our Block Kids contest. Our Scholarship offering to High School students has given a leg-up to these recipients to help them defray the escalating costs of a college education in construction. Our CAD Drafting competition was a huge success, allowing the student who won our Chapter's competition to go on to enter in the Region's competition and on to National! And our newest Committee, the Mentoring Committee, which has taken mentoring to a whole new level by stepping into the High School arena to counsel High School girls on what careers are available to them in the construction industry. Thank you to Linda Jewitt, Suzanne Ives, CIT and Linda Young, CIT for your dedication to NAWIC and the enhancement of women in the construction industry.

Of course, it goes without saying that a true leader is only as good as her TEAM and I want to include KUDOS to all of the Committee TEAM Members who worked selflessly to accomplish the tasks presented to them by their Committee Chairs. You all make me proud to be a part of this association, please pat yourselves on the back! And members, when you see any of these remarkable women, please do not hesitate to praise them, they don't expect it, but they sure do deserve it! Go TEAM NAWIC!!!!

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