



# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE BLOCK

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**Regional Officers** for 2007-2008:  
Secretary: Bev Sauerwein, CIT (#120)  
Treasurer: Stephanie San Paolo, CIT (#366)  
Parliamentarian: Marcia Rackley, CIT (#100)

### YOUR DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE:

It's hard to believe it is July, already. It will be Convention time before we know it. Have you checked on a flight yet? I have come to the conclusion that the airlines are in league with the oil companies. My flight from Springfield was \$300 higher than last year.

It was my great pleasure to attend the Topeka, KS, Chapter's June Meeting. Before the meeting, we took a tour of one of the most beautiful private gardens, that I have ever seen. After the tour and dinner, Cindi did a great job of conducting the meeting and election. Congratulations, Cindi, for being re-elected President, for the 2008-2009 term. I know you will continue to do a great job.

Anna

### RETENTION REPORT – MAY 2008

# 38 St Louis, MO - 81% with 51 renewals  
#100 Gr. Kansas City, MO - 69% with 82 renewals  
#120 Gr. Wichita, KS – 88% with 21 renewals  
#142 Topeka, KS – 100% with 15 renewals  
#162 St. Joseph, MO – 83% with 10 renewals  
#341 Central MO – 79% with 15 renewals  
#366 Southwest MO – 61% with 22 renewals  
Members At Large – 57% with 4 renewals

Region Retention Including Members At Large – 75%

(Numbers are for renewals only)

### A WORD FROM NATIONAL Dede Hughes, Executive Vice President

Mary Weaver, has been hired as our new Director of Education. Mary, has a Master's of Education in Curriculum and Instruction. She will start work September 10th.

NAWIC has teamed up with Lorman Educational Services to offer our members an impressive list of construction courses with a member discount. Please open the enclosed link and look at the long list. Tim will be putting links on the member side of the website in several different places. I want to make sure that all of our members are aware of this new service. They offer face to face seminars and web classes. I am excited about the opportunity to offer these discounted courses to our members. I hope you will be too. Please share this information with your members. We will be putting out a Press Release plus an announcement in the next Connection.

Link: <http://www.lorman.com/partner/NAWIC>

We have an election!! Your officers for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year are as follows:

President	Pat J. McDonald, CCA, CIT
President- elect	Robin Fulton Meyer, CIT
Vice President	Debra M. Gregoire, CIT
Secretary	Judy DeWeese, CIT
Treasurer	Cindy Johnsen, CDS, CIT
IPP	Tamie K. Taylor, CDS, CDT, CIT

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## HOT REMINDERS:

Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, is the final day to register for convention without paying a penalty. It must be **postmarked by the 7<sup>th</sup>!!!!**

Credentials must be postmarked by, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Chapter Officers Update form due to National Office by July 15<sup>th</sup>. This can be mailed, faxed, or sent via email. Please just use one method. They do not need more than one copy, please!

Renewals **must be received** (not postmarked by) in the NAWIC Office, by Oct. 1. After Oct. 1, a \$25 late fee will be assessed. The grace period has been eliminated.

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Wendy Havens - Member-at-Large  
Kathleen Lange - Kansas City, MO #100  
Shannon Seipel - Kansas City, MO # 100  
Gail Stout - Kansas City, MO # 100  
Linda Hack - Kansas City, MO # 100

*We are so excited to have you as new members!*

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Let's Take A Break

*Think of this the next time you have a problem at YOUR job!*

## New Policy: Effective from 1 JULY 2008

### Dress Code

It is advised that you come to work dressed according to your salary. If we see you wearing Prada shoes and carrying a Gucci bag, we assume you are doing well financially and therefore do not need a raise. If you dress poorly, you need to learn to manage your money better, so that you can buy nicer clothes, and therefore you do not need a raise. If you dress just right, you are right where you need to be and therefore you do not need a raise.

### Sick Days

We will no longer accept a doctors statement as proof of sickness. If you are able to go to the doctor, you are able to come to work.

### Annual Leave Days

Each employee will receive 104 Annual Leave Days a year. They are called Saturday & Sunday.

### Bereavement Leave

This is no excuse for missing work. There is nothing you can do for dead friends, relatives, or co-workers. Every effort should be made to have non-employees attend to the arrangements. In rare cases where employee involvement is necessary, the funeral should be scheduled in the late afternoon. We will be glad to allow you to work through your lunch hour and subsequently leave one hour early.

### Toilet Use

Entirely too much time is being spent in the toilet. There is now a strict three-minute time limit in the stalls. At the end of three minutes, an alarm will sound, the toilet paper roll will retract, the stall door will open, and a picture will be taken. After your second offence, your picture will be posted on the company bulletin board under the Chronic offenders category. Anyone caught smiling in the picture will be sanctioned under the company's mental health policy.

### Lunch Break

Skinny people get 30 minutes for lunch, as they need to eat more, so that they can look healthy. Normal size people get 15 minutes for lunch to get a balanced meal to maintain their average figure. Chubby people get 5 minutes for lunch, because that's all the time needed to drink a Slim-Fast.

Thank you for your loyalty to our company. We are here to provide a positive employment experience. Therefore, all questions, comments, concerns, complaints, frustrations, irritations, aggravations, insinuations, allegations, accusations, contemplation's, consternation, and input should be directed elsewhere.

Human Resources 😊

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## DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Forum 2009** - April 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>: in Kansas City, MO  
**Forum 2010** - April 30<sup>th</sup> -May 1<sup>st</sup> in Topeka, Kansas  
**2008 Convention** - Sept 3- 7, 2008 in Las Vegas

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## CHAPTER UPDATES:

### CHAPTER #38: St Louis, MO

Meeting day: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, of each month.

By: President: Sandra Carter, CIT

The membership committee sponsored a very successful "Business Card Exchange" at the Fountain. It was a great mix of NAWIC members, students, educators, and others involved in networking and construction. Thanks to Sub-Chair Pat Cook for organizing the event.

On the first Friday in June, NAWIC supporters could be found at Paradise Valley Golf Club raising funds for the Scholarship Fund. After 2 playing 2 holes, rain drove the golfers and the workers to seek shelter. For the first time in over 35 years the tournament was rained out! However, everyone gathered at the clubhouse where we networked, ate, gave away prizes and raised almost \$20,000 for our Scholarship Fund, Now that is SUPPORT. Chairs, Dana Horstmeier, Pat Ahrens and Karen Duree did a great job. Thanks to all the NAWIC members (and daughters) who gave their time to the event.

A sudden gall bladder attack, an infection, and surgery put me out of commission for 2 weeks. So I missed my IMA Convention in Tampa. And I missed the Awards Banquet. But the committee took in stride and the event went well. We awarded \$15,000 in Scholarships. Our Grant Recipients, the New Traditions Program at St. Louis Community College, the Joint Engineering Program at UM – StL, and the Construction Career Center were there to meet and be met. We partnered with Construction News and Real Estate who gave out their Regional Excellence Awards. These awards recognize projects that show excellence in design. Thanks to our committee, Gina Neal, Lisa Gorham and Kimberly Staats for all your work.

#### 2008/2009 Board of Directors

President - Sandra Carter, CIT  
Vice-President - Kimberly Staats, CDS, CIT  
Secretary - Annette Elich-Parker  
Treasurer - Donna Martin  
Directors - Shenna Bradshaw  
Vanessa Byrd  
Anne Houchin  
Stacey Madsen, CIT

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### CHAPTER # 100: Greater Kansas City, MO

Meeting day: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, of each month.

By: President: Holly Streeter-Schaefer

On June 9, 2008, Chapter 100 Scholarship Foundation held its annual tournament to raise money for our scholarship foundation. The tournament took place at Adams Pointe Golf Course in Blue Springs, Missouri. Although it rained most of the day, that did not hamper the spirits of the more than 90 participants. It was a fun and enjoyable event for all.

Chapter 100 will be touring the Performance Arts Center on August 11, 2008 for our membership site tour.

We hope you all have a safe and happy summer! We look forward to seeing everyone at Convention in September.

Congratulations 2008-2009 Board of Directors:

President: Candice Anderson  
President Elect: Lisa Derringer  
Vice President: Gloria Scrivens  
Rec Secretary: Stephanie Nichols  
Corres Secretary: Lori Friesth  
Treasurer: Adrian Zeiler  
Directors

Debbie Hoover  
Vickie Nickel  
Tiffany Patrick  
Chellee Mansfield  
Susan Farmer

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### CHAPTER #120: Greater Wichita, KS

Meeting day: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, of each month.

By: President: Beverly Sauerwein, CIT

Our June membership meeting brought our largest attendance of guests in many months. The last minute program was very enlightening. Lynn Rogers a local School Board member talked about the controversial \$350 million bond issue for our City's school district, which goes to vote this fall. In 2000 a \$280 million bond issue was passed and the general public thinks that should've taken care of everything. Several questions spurred lots of discussion and Lynn gave us a lot of information to consider.

Our 21<sup>st</sup> annual scholarship golf tournament was last week which, as everyone knows, is a lot of work. Thank you to all that contributed to another successful event.

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July will be a relaxing month us, our meeting will consist of networking by Catherine Deal's pool on Tuesday, July 22. I can't think of anything more relaxing. It is a potluck event and is always enjoyed by all.

Plan now to attend our August meeting which is being moved a week earlier. The Topeka and Wichita Chapters will have a guest from the American Council on Construction Education (ACCE). Mike Holland will come to each of our Chapters and present their Founders Award to our Chapters because of our affiliation with the Kansas Construction Careers Coalition (KC3) and the implementation of the Construction Learning Center at the State Fair last September. He will be our program and discuss what ACCE is all about. What an honor to have this national recognition.

June also brought our election of officers, the new Board will be

President	Linda Walton
Vice President	Deidra McCall
Secretary	Catherine Deal
Treasurer	Teresa Deering
Directors	Vicki Tucker Joan Rapp

We are all looking forward to another great year.

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### **CHAPTER #142: Topeka, KS**

Meeting day: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, of each month.

**By: President: Cindi Bramlage**

We had our elections for the 2008-2009 year and the results are;

President	Cindi Bramlage
Vice President	Pam Tremblay
Secretary	Jackie Muller
Treasurer	Karen Ireland, CIT
Directors	Louise Radcliff, CIT Bobbi Mangas

Region 6 Director, Anna Mathis joined us for a beautiful tour of Dale and Maggie Warren's water gardens, dinner and then our business meeting. It is always nice to have Anna visit our chapter. We enjoy her visits and words of wisdom. Thank you, Anna.

Hope everyone has a safe and fun July 4<sup>th</sup>!

Our 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament will be Friday July 18, 2008 at Western Hills. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. lunch 11:00 a.m. and shotgun tee at 12:00 p.m.

### **CHAPTER #162: St. Joseph, MO**

Meeting day: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, of each month.

**By: President: Sara Markt**

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### **CHAPTER #341: Central Missouri**

Meeting day: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, of each month.

**By: President: Maggie Eichholz**

July 8, 2008 meeting will be held at Woody's Pub & Grub, 605 Douglas Court, Ashland MO. @ 5:30. Our speaker will discuss the dangers of the summer heat; the warning signs of Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke and the difference between the two; and steps to take prevent and/or treat the symptoms

Congratulations to Central Missouri Chapter #341 Officers for 2008-2009: Tracy Stock--President, Maggie Eichholz--Vice-president, Karla Prosser--Treasurer, Wanda Hardin--Secretary, Connie Leipard, Marilyn Vinson and Pam Nuegebauer Board Members. Thanks ladies for your willingness to hold these positions.

NAWIC National Convention and Las Vegas what a super combination! We have four members who plan to attend: Tracy Stock, Karla Prosser, Teresa Stephenson and Maggie Eichholz. There is never a greater pay-off on your membership than attending the National Convention. The professional seminars are so diverse and educational. The networking opportunities are endless. And it goes without saying that the NAWIC girls know how to make an event out of any gathering. Pam Neugebauer has had another of her surgeries and is doing very well. Thanks for all the prayers and keep them coming. Karla Prosser has mended well and looks FABULOUS.

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### **CHAPTER #366: Southwest Missouri**

Meeting day: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, of each month.

**President: Stacey Bailey**

No Report!