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Association News

2019 Region Spring Forum Guide

It seems like it will never end, but winter is nearly over and it's time to think about the warmer temperatures and sunny days of SPRING! It's time to come out of hibernation and join your fellow members at one of the Region Forums. It's a great opportunity to shake off the chill, gather with your peers and capture the spirit of NAWIC. Each of our eight regions are hosting an event in either April or May. Find the essential information about each in this handy preview guide [online](#).



2019-20 Board Candidates Slate Announced

The following candidates have announced their decision to lead and represent NAWIC for the 2019-20 board year. [A Candidate Guide will soon be available](#) to learn more about these members and their careers with NAWIC. All eligible members will be asked to cast their vote in May. More election details will be available in the coming days but in the meantime, congratulations to all those running and the best of luck!

National Officers

NAWIC President-Elect:

- Doreen Bartoldus, PE, CCM, LEED GA, ENV SP (Greater New York, Chapter 240)
- Anne Pflieger, CIT (Lima Ohio Area, Chapter 374)

NAWIC Vice President:

- Jill Hanson, CIT (Tampa, FL Chapter 36)

Region Directors

Pacific Northwest Region:

- Kelly Aust, LEED AP BD+C (Portland, OR Chapter 54)

South Atlantic Region:

- Debbie Edwards, CIT (Columbia, SC Chapter 113)
- Wendy McQuiggan (Richmond, VA Chapter 141)

South Central Region:

NAWIC Secretary:

- Lauline Mitchell (San Francisco, CA Chapter 19)

NAWIC Treasurer:

- Karen Hager, CBT, CIT (Greater Orlando, FL Chapter 73)

- Laurie Jimenez, CBT, PMP, DTM (Austin, TX Chapter 7)

- Jennifer VanBreda, NICET II (Dallas, TX Chapter 2)

Southeast Region:

- Cindy Spiropoulos, CIT, LEED GA (Greater Orlando, FL Chapter 73)

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NAWIC Member Talks in Engineering News-Record: "Preventing Harassment = Safer & More Productive Environment for Workers"

On a dare from her ironworker brother in 1985, 21-year-old **Vicki O'Leary** took the ironworkers union apprenticeship test. She scored higher than he did and thought the matter was settled. But a Chicago apprenticeship coordinator offered her a job, which led to a 20-year construction trade career. "I'm not going to pretend it was easy, because it wasn't," says O'Leary, who worked on projects from O'Hare International Airport to McCormick Place convention center, always seeking opportunities to learn. She took an ironworker job for the city of Chicago that led to a role as an environmental health and safety coordinator. "I realized..."

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NAWIC Member Named 2018 Engineer of the Year by Alaska Business

Nominated by the Alaska Chapter of NAWIC National - U.S.A., **Christine Ness, PE, FPE, CFPS** of PDC Engineers was named the Engineer of the Year during last year's E-Week. We're pleased to share a little more about Ness and her vital work online [here](#).

Congratulations Christine from everyone here at NAWIC!



Kubes Named National Board Chair of American Bar Association Forum

Minneapolis design and construction attorney will lead the largest organization of construction lawyers in the world.

MINNEAPOLIS (January 28, 2018) – Kristine Kubes, principal of Kubes Law Office, PLLC, Minneapolis, has been elected as Chair-Elect of the American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law, the largest construction law association in the world. She will serve as Forum Chair beginning September 2019. In this post, she will lead more than 6,000 Forum members who represent construction company owners, design professionals, general contractors, construction managers, subcontractors, suppliers, insurers and sureties. In the Forum’s 43-year history, Kubes is the first Forum Chair from a solo/small law firm and only the sixth female lawyer to serve as Chair.

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NFSF Applications Deadline

The deadline for NFSF scholarship application submission is fast approaching! Applications and all required documents must be submitted to nfsf@nawic.org no later than February 28th. I am pleased to report that we have received a number of applications to date for both undergraduate and trade/technical school scholarships. We are looking forward to adding to the count between now and the 28th.

The NFSF 2018-2019 Awards Committee/Trustees, **Riki Lovejoy**, **Connie Leopard**, **Cindy Johnsen** and I, will be meeting the end of March to review all applications and make the awards. All applicants will be notified shortly after that. Once all the awards have been made and student information verified, the Chapters, Regions, companies and outside organizations with scholarship funds administered through NFSF will be provided a list of scholarship recipients. There will also be a complete list of the 2019 recipients posted on the NFSF page on the NAWIC website.

I would like to thank everyone for supporting NFSF with donations this year. NFSF is currently administering scholarship funds for about 22 NAWIC Chapters, 3 NAWIC Regions, 1 Company, and 1 Outside Association, in

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- must have a current cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher to be considered for award
- must have at least one term remaining in school or study leading to a degree or an associate degree

CONSTRUCTION TRADES SCHOLARSHIP

- must be currently enrolled in a construction-related training program which is approved by the Bureau of Apprenticeship Training, community or technical school or equivalent
- must be obtaining training in a construction-related skill or trade

*Application and all documentation must be received and reviewed by the deadline date for the following academic year. Offer of scholarship must be received by your NAWIC chapter. Offer is subject to review.

addition to the Foundation's Funds.

Keep spreading the word that NFSF is '*expanding the construction industry one student at a time.*'

Sandy K. Field - NFSF 2018-2019 Administrator

<https://www.nawic.org/nawic/NFSFScholarships.asp>

Trenching and Excavation OSHA Training

Join the OSHA Training Institute Education Centers® & OSHA Region 6 as they offer a free video presentation on trenching and excavation safety. The one-hour video is now available for viewing. It provides guidance on how to prevent fatalities and injuries from common hazards in trenching and excavation. [Register online to receive the link.](#)

NAWIC Benefits Spotlight

NAWIC Membership Benefit Highlight - NAWIC Career Center

The NAWIC Career Center offers construction companies, recruiters and hiring managers a unique resource that allows them to communicate their job openings to women in various fields of the construction industry. Finding the right women for the job has never been easier! The NAWIC Career Center features a construction industry online job board and NAWIC members can look to the job board to find employment opportunities. In the Career Center, members can post their resumes and find listings of the newest career opportunities related to the construction industry.

[Visit the NAWIC Career Center](#)



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Rowan University's B.A. in Construction Management is a degree completion program for individuals in the construction industry who have an associate's degree or equivalent number of credits, and prefer to work while earning a degree. Endorsed by the North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU), the program prepares individuals to supervise, manage, and inspect construction sites and associated facilities. Academic credit may be awarded for prior work experience.



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Industry Update



High Stakes: State Cannabis Laws Make Contractors' Obligations Hazy

As medical and recreational use of marijuana becomes more acceptable — and in some instances, legal — contractors are faced with a growing pool of candidates that are testing positive.

Source: *ConstructionDive.com*

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More Evidence Drones Could and Should Play Major Role in Infrastructure Inspections

A report from the Lulea University of Technology in Sweden indicates that drones have a major role to play when it comes to inspecting and monitoring the state of the world's infrastructure, according to Digital Trends.

Source: *ConstructionDive.com*

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Calendar

<p>18 Feb 2019</p>	<p>Trenching and Excavation Safety - OSHA Region 6</p> <p>OSHA Region 6 and OSHA Education Centers in Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas, are offering a free video presentation on trenching and excavation safety. The one-hour video will be available for viewing starting on February 18, 2019. It will provide guidance on how to prevent fatalities and injuries from common hazards in trenching and excavation.</p> <p>Learn More...</p>
<p>1 Mar 2019</p>	<p>2019 NAWIC Annual Conference Registration Opens</p> <p>Learn More...</p>
<p>3 Mar 2019</p>	<p>WIC Week March 3-9, 2019</p> <p>The focus of Women in Construction (WIC) Week is to highlight women as a visible component of the construction industry. WIC Week also provides an occasion for NAWIC's thousands of members across the country to raise awareness of the opportunities available for women in the construction industry and to emphasize the growing role of women in the industry. It is also a time for local chapters to give back to their communities.</p> <p>Learn More...</p>
<p>5 Mar 2019</p>	<p>Membership & Marketing Power Hour: Bridging the Generational & Gender Gaps in the Industry</p> <p>Learn More...</p>

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PD&E Webinar: Acing the CDT (Construction Document Technician)

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2019 Region Spring Forum: South Central

April 4-6, 2019
San Antonio, TX
Dove Sifers-Putman, CBT

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2019 Region Spring Forum: Pacific Northwest

April 11-13, 2019
Seattle, WA
Jill Hanson, CIT

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2019 Region Spring Forum: South Atlantic

April 12-14, 2019
Charlotte, NC
Anne Pflieger, CIT

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2019 Region Spring Forum: Northeast

April 25-27, 2019
Philadelphia, PA
Diane Mike, CBT

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2019 Region Spring Forum: Midwest

April 26-27, 2019
Chicago, IL
Anne Pflieger, CIT

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2019 Region Spring Forum: Pacific Southwest

May 3-4, 2019
Las Vegas, NV
Doreen Bartoldus, PE, CCM, LEED GA, ENV SP

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2019 Region Spring Forum: Southeast

May 3-4, 2019

Nashville, TN

Catherine Schoenenberger

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2019 Region Spring Forum: North Central

May 17-18, 2019

Columbus, OH

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