



# The Connection

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## Association News

### Officer/Director Candidate Forms Due to National Office

The deadline is looming, so the time for delaying is **OVER!** Get your applications for Officer/Director candidates in by **Feb. 1!**

[Learn More...](#)



### 2020 NAWIC Award Nomination Forms

Each year, NAWIC awards three very special individuals with our annual awards: Future Leader, Lifetime Achievement and Member of the Year. Below, find a brief description of each award (nomination forms available on the NAWIC site - just click "Learn More").

**Future Leader:** Recognizes the outstanding efforts of a new NAWIC member who has been actively involved throughout their first two years.

**Lifetime Achievement:** Recognizes the outstanding efforts of a NAWIC member who has been actively involved throughout their NAWIC membership (min. 15 years).

**Member of the Year:** Recognizes the outstanding efforts of a NAWIC member who has been actively



involved October 2018 — September 2019.

The recipient of each award will be *recognized at our Annual Conference in August*. **Deadline for submissions: June 1.**

[Learn More...](#)

## Call for Photos and Submissions



## Member Spotlight: Mary Becker



Congratulations to Mary Becker of Southeast Minnesota, Chapter 346 for being voted MVP by her Institute for Project Management Class!

[Learn More...](#)

## 2020 NAWIC Safety Excellence Award

NAWIC's Safety & Health Awareness Committee is pleased to offer the Safety Excellence Award to distinguish NAWIC member companies who recognize safety as a corporate value and commitment. These companies have implemented excellent safety and health programs and innovative solutions for creating strong safety cultures within their organizations. The means of achieving this include owner/upper management commitment, proactive safety and health programs, consistent enforcement policies, employee training, management committee initiatives, and program implementation creativity/innovation.



**Applications are due April 30!**

[Learn More...](#)

## NAWIC Membership & Marketing Video Contest

**NAWIC MARKETING & MEMBERSHIP CONTEST**

**WHAT:**  
Show us how **NAWIC Powers You, Your Chapter and Your Community** in a 1-3 minute video. This contest is to encourage all chapters to use videos as membership and marketing tools.

**HOW:**  
Create a video with the guidelines below,  
 1. Video must be 1-3 minutes long.  
 2. Video must have pictures or videos.  
 3. Video must have sound or music.

**WHEN:**  
Submit your video to your **Regional Marketing & Membership Committee** before **March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**.  
 Regional Chairs submit your **1<sup>st</sup> place winners** to the National M&M Committee before **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**.

2 awards will be recognized and showcased at Annual Conference 2020 and on the National website!  
 • Marketing - Award for creativity and design.  
 • Membership – Award for shares on your social media post

Post your video on facebook or Instagram using **#NAWICVIDEOCONTEST**

Videos **DO NOT** have to be professionally made and can be made using free applications on iPhone/ Androids  
 \*If using a different application than the ones suggested please beware of using free copyright material only

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## Education / Training

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### NAWIC/ABACLG Joint Webinar



NAWIC and the American Bar Association Construction Law Group have joined together to provide a an exciting educational webinar with CLE credits!

This webinar - the topic of which is Enforcement and Exceptions to Limitation of Liability Clauses - will be co-facilitated by **NAWIC's very own Elizabeth Rosado and Monica Freeman.**

Read on for more details on this opportunity, offered **Feb. 27, 1 - 2:30 p.m. ET.**

[Learn More...](#)

## Upcoming Webinars!

**SAVE THE DATE**

**JANUARY**

- 29 Safety & Health: Suicide and Workplace Violence Prevention  
6 pm CST

**FEBRUARY**

- 5 Region Director Onboarding Session 5: Social Media  
6 pm CST
- 12 Region Director Onboarding Session 6: Chapter Elections  
6 pm CST
- 18 PD&E: Are You Ready For Your WIC Week Campaign?  
11 am CST
- 19 Region Director Onboarding Session 6: Difficult Conversations  
6 pm CST

**MARCH**

- 3 Membership & Marketing: Community Involvement  
1 pm CST

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

**UPCOMING WEBINARS**

Here's an updated Save the Date for our webinars for the remainder of January, February, and even our first webinar of March!

## NAWIC Benefits Spotlight

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### Introducing NEW Partner, Xena Workwear!



We are excited to announce a new partnership with the amazing Xena Workwear for Women! Xena has generously offered both a discount for NAWIC members AND a per purchase donation for our organization!

Read on for more information about Xena and details about the discount and donations!

[Learn More...](#)

### EDiS Company Celebrates Women in Construction: An Interview with DJ Lowe

An interview with Document Coordinator for EDiS Company, DJ Lowe, about her experiences and insights from her time on the job. What have we learned, where do we see the construction industry heading, how can we empower and encourage more young women to enter this world of exciting opportunity?

[Learn More...](#)

### A 9-Step Approach to Investing in Cost-Reducing Technologies



Finding ways to lower costs remains a constant struggle within the construction industry. An effective way to accomplish this is through the application of new technologies.

[Learn More...](#)

### Heavy Equipment Operator Instructor Has Construction in Her DNA

When Dawson Vanderwiele walks into a heavy equipment operator training class in Baker Technical Institute in Baker City, Oregon, not many students suspect that she's the instructor.

After all, construction is still a male-dominated industry and at 19, Dawson is younger than many of the students in the classroom. But that hasn't stopped Vanderwiele from teaching what she knows well – how to operate heavy equipment.

[Learn More...](#)



## 5 Ways Construction Will Evolve in 2020

Though the nation's second-largest industry seems like it doesn't change much, there are myriad, nuanced forces that shape the way contractors do business and build structures — and Construction Dive is spotting some of these dynamics one story at a time. Here are the top trends to expect in 2020.

[Learn More...](#)

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## Calendar

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Jan 2020

### Safety & Health Committee Webinar: Suicide and Workplace Violence Prevention

A presentation on how suicide and workplace violence impact the construction industry.

Presenter: Kathi Dobson

Time: 6 PM CST

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Feb 2020

### Region Director Onboarding Webinar: Session 5: Social Media

Learn tips, tricks, and best practices for utilizing various social media platforms to communicate with your region.

Presenters: Jennifer Sproul, LEED AP, Northeast Region Director; Jodi Wiemerslage, Midwest Region Director

6 PM CST

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Feb 2020

## Region Director Onboarding Webinar: Session 6: Chapter Elections

Role, responsibilities, and process of Chapter Elections. This webinar will also cover how to handle different scenarios when vacant elected position(s) occur.

Presenters: Robin Fulton-Meyer, CBT, CIT, Past National President (PNP); Deb Lesar, NAWIC Parliamentarian, PNP

6 PM CST

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Feb 2020

## PD&E Webinar: Are You Ready For Your WIC Week Campaign?

Speaker: Samantha Hedgepath

11 am CST

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Feb 2020

## Region Director Onboarding Webinar: Session 7: Difficult Conversations

What do you do when you've got a serious problem with another person that is affecting the common good? The idea of having a confrontation or an intervention can bring high levels of anxiety and dread - so much so that the much-needed conversation may never happen at all allowing bad behavior to continue. Learn how to handle these crucial conversations without high emotion or walk outs ensuring that all involved will experience positive outcomes.

Presenter: Angela Highland

Time: 6 PM CST

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Mar 2020

## Membership & Marketing Webinar: Community Involvement

1 pm CST

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