



# The Connection

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## Association News


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### Annual Conference Program Ad Sales Closing Soon

The advertisement is a grey rectangular box. At the top left is the NAWIC logo. To its right, the tagline 'Leading Builders. Building Leaders.' is written in a smaller font. In the center, the words 'ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM AD SALES' are written in large, bold, red, all-caps letters, enclosed in a black rectangular border. Below this, in a smaller white font, is the text: 'Put your ad in the Annual Conference program, where hundreds of construction industry professionals will see it. Ads due by July 2. Email crissy@nawic.org with questions.'

[Find more information here.](#)

## Chapter Table Sales Closing Soon



The logo for the 66th Annual Conference of the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) is centered on a grey background. It features a circular emblem with a stylized figure holding a pencil. The emblem is surrounded by the text 'NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION'. Three curved banners are positioned around the emblem: a red one at the top with the word 'CONSTRUCT', a purple one at the bottom with 'CONNECT', and a grey one on the left with 'COLLABORATE'. Below the emblem, the text reads '66th Annual Conference', 'August 11-14, 2021 • Charlotte, NC', and 'National Association of Women in Construction'.

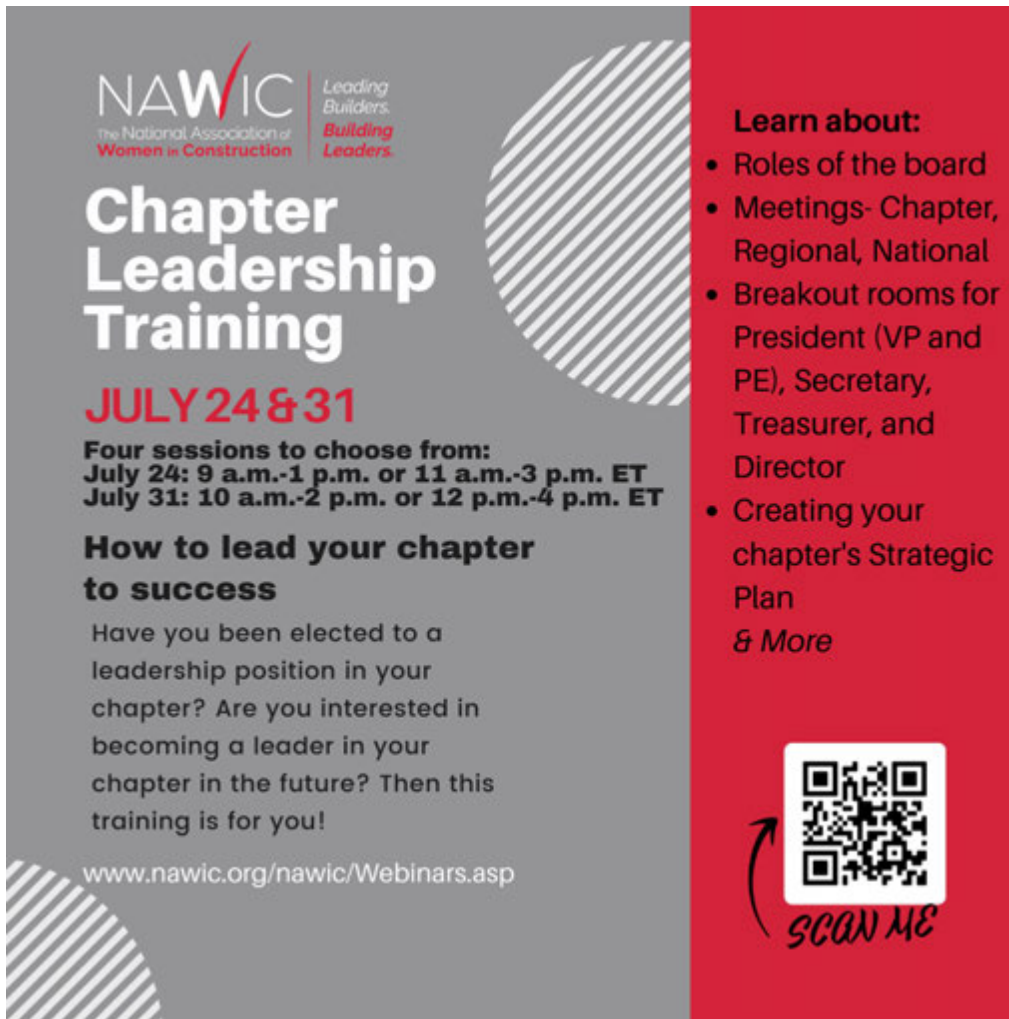
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The National Association of Women in Construction

# ANNUAL CONFERENCE CHAPTER TABLE SALES DEADLINE **JUNE 30**

The deadline to reserve your chapter table at Annual Conference is approaching! Reserve your table by June 30 to ensure that your chapter has a spot to show off your accomplishments and sell your chapter's merchandise.

[Find more information here.](#)

## Chapter Board Leadership Training



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# Chapter Leadership Training

## JULY 24 & 31

**Four sessions to choose from:**  
**July 24: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. or 11 a.m.-3 p.m. ET**  
**July 31: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or 12 p.m.-4 p.m. ET**


### How to lead your chapter to success

Have you been elected to a leadership position in your chapter? Are you interested in becoming a leader in your chapter in the future? Then this training is for you!

[www.nawic.org/nawic/Webinars.asp](http://www.nawic.org/nawic/Webinars.asp)

**Learn about:**

- Roles of the board
- Meetings- Chapter, Regional, National
- Breakout rooms for President (VP and PE), Secretary, Treasurer, and Director
- Creating your chapter's Strategic Plan  
& More




[Register here!](http://www.nawic.org/nawic/Webinars.asp)

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## Education / Training

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**Charting Your Path to an ADR Practice: Practical Advice to Help You Prepare to Serve as a Construction Arbitrator or Mediator**




AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION  
Forum on Construction Law


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**PANELISTS:**




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**Karen Layng**  
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**Kelsey Kornick Funes**  
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**Wednesday, June 30, 2021 3:00 pm EDT**  
Co-Sponsored by:  
*Division 1 (Litigation & Dispute Resolution) of the ABA Forum on Construction Law  
Diversity + Inclusion Committee of the ABA Forum of Construction Law  
Construction Litigation Committee of the ABA Section of Litigation  
American Arbitration Association  
The National Association of Women in Construction*

[Register here!](#)

## DE&I Committee: Juneteenth now a federal holiday



June 19 or “Freedom Day” was not just another day in June. It’s a recognition of progress. Progress from when word of emancipation from Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger delivered a message that reached the enslaved people of Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865.

[Learn More...](#)

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## NAWIC Benefits Spotlight

## The Coaching Corner with Michael Riegel: DIY is Overrated



My cell phone rang last week. For a change, it was not a telemarketer or spam. I recognized the number and immediately picked up. At the other end was a former team member who I have stayed in touch with over the years. Actually, we last worked together in 2012. Clearly, that was not the end of our business relationship. Over the years we have talked about career goals, professional licensing, and workplace challenges. I am happy to report that she has been professionally successful and recently got her PE license. So, what was the call about? She had read an article I wrote and wanted to give me some feedback. Falling back into old roles, I asked her about her current situation, future plans, and how I could be helpful. Essentially, without stating it out loud, she considers me a mentor and I could not be prouder.

[Read More...](#)

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## Industry Update

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### Drywall finishing robot saves time, prevents injuries

A San Francisco-based startup has made robots on the jobsite a reality in the form of a drywall taping and finishing machine that combines a 17-foot-high scissor lift with a robotic arm. The robot from Canvas is operated by humans to apply tape, spray mud and sand for a Level 5+ finish on walls while cutting a seven day job to just two.

[Learn More...](#)

### Federal government returning \$2.2B from redirected border wall funds

A fire station in South Carolina and a naval maintenance facility in Virginia are among the projects that will receive redirected funds.



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## Low-carbon concrete bill advances in New York

The New York legislature passed a bill last week designed to encourage the use of low-carbon concrete and cement, a major step aimed at tackling the climate impact of the construction industry. The bill has not yet reached Gov. Andrew Cuomo's desk.

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## Calendar

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**8**

Jul 2021

**PD&E Webinar - Mold and Moisture Concerns in Buildings -  
Sponsored by Engineering Consulting Services**[Learn More...](#)**15**

Jul 2021

**Membership & Marketing Webinar: Cultivating  
Sponsorships**[Learn More...](#)**21**

Jul 2021

**The NAWIC National Board of Directors Monthly Meeting**[Learn More...](#)**23**

Jul 2021

**Industry Council Committee - Tradeswomen Webinar**[Learn More...](#)

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