



# The Connection

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## Association News

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### 2020-21 National Elections

It's election time and ballots have been mailed out, so we wanted to share a few reminders about how the elections work, important dates, general guidelines and what to expect.

For more election and candidate details, visit the [NAWIC Website](#).



### VOTING GUIDELINES

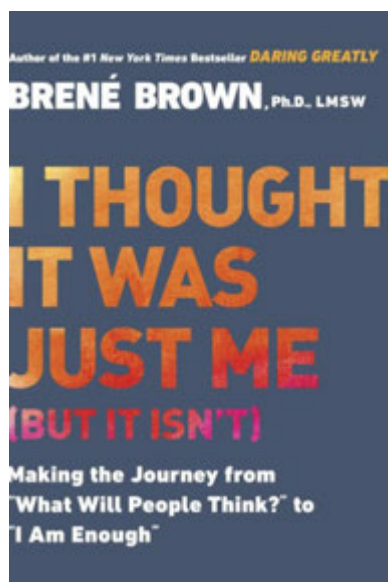
**Who Votes:** Members classified as “Active,” “Corporate” and “Member-at-Large” are eligible to vote for NAWIC National Officers by ballot. The NAWIC Office will produce the ballots. Ballots will be sent by May 15 to all voting members based on the NAWIC Office’s record of paid and processed members as of May 1. Ballot information will be emailed to all voting members. Those who do not have email will receive a paper ballot. Voting Instructions: All ballots must be returned to the address on the return envelope provided by May 31 to be counted. Each ballot returned will count as one vote. All instructions on the ballot must be followed in order for a vote to count.

**Tallying and Notification:** The ballots will be tallied by an outside source as determined by the NAWIC office. The outside source will send a letter with the determined outcome of the election to the executive administrator of the association. The number of votes a candidate receives will not be published. Each

candidate may submit a written request to the executive administrator asking for the number of votes she received with a breakdown by region. Candidates and the NAWIC board of directors will be notified of the results within four working days following May 31 via email or phone. Results will be posted on the NAWIC website within 24 hours following notification to the candidates. If a second vote is required, ballots will be sent as soon as possible after May 31. You must vote in the first ballot to be eligible to vote in the second ballot.

**Remember:** As in any election, your vote does count.

## Leadership Book Club Update: Great Way to Stay Connected!



During this time of staying at home and social distancing, how are you staying connected with your NAWIC support system? The PD&E committee provides an opportunity and invites all NAWIC members to connect with other members across the country by joining NAWIC's Leadership Book Club (LBC). By participating in LBC, you have another opportunity to network with other NAWIC professionals in the construction industry to discuss various topics focusing on leadership during a period of three or four months. Great way to stay connected during this time.

**“Compassion is not a virtue – it is a commitment. It’s not something we have or don’t have – it’s something we choose to practice.” ~ Dr. Brene Brown**

The spotlight leadership book scheduled to start June 4 is by Dr. Brene Brown titled *I Thought It Was Just Me (but it isn't)*. This book is based on Dr. Brown's seven years of groundbreaking research and hundreds of interviews and shines a long-overdue light on an important truth: Our imperfections are what connect us to one another and to our humanity. Our vulnerabilities are not weaknesses; they are powerful reminders to keep our hearts and minds open to the reality that we're all in this together.

Dr. Brown writes, “We need our lives back. It's time to reclaim the gifts of imperfection — the courage to be real, the compassion we need to love ourselves and others, and the connection that gives true purpose and

meaning to life. These are the gifts that bring love, laughter, gratitude, empathy, and joy into our lives.”

One of the LBC facilitators **Julie Salinas** from the San Francisco, California chapter in the Pacific Northwest Region stated, “If you haven’t had the pleasure of reading Dr. Brown’s books or hearing her speak, please join us for this book. She is honest, raw and relatable in telling readers what she has learned researching and presenting on various topics like vulnerability, openness, and shame all while keeping you engaged and laughing. You don’t want to miss this!”

There are a couple of options for purchasing the book, click [here](#) for a copy from Amazon or [here](#) on Google Play.


The Leadership Book club is open to **ALL** members. **Lori Donnell** from the Ft. Worth, Texas chapter in the South Central Region has volunteered and will now be serving as the LBC coordinator. Thank you, Lori! If you are interested in participating in one of the monthly groups, contact her at [lorid.nawic@gmail.com](mailto:lorid.nawic@gmail.com). If you are interested in joining the Facebook Group, click here to join. Also, if any chapter is interested in starting their own LBC, contact Lori at [lorid.nawic@gmail.com](mailto:lorid.nawic@gmail.com) and she can help you set it up and provide resources to facilitate the discussions.

Together we can “Connect-Collaborate-Construct” as we are “Paving New Roads to Construction” in this “Dawn of a New Era!” ~ *Anne Pflieger, NAWIC President-Elect*

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## NAWIC Rebranding Sale



**SALE**

NAWIC is having a  
**HUGE INVENTORY SALE!**  
Visit the store now and  
**STOCK UP!**

[https://www.nawic.org/nawic/NAWIC\\_Store.asp](https://www.nawic.org/nawic/NAWIC_Store.asp)



## 2020 NAWIC Award Nominations



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](#)).

**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.**

Apply Now!

## 2021 WIC Week Poster Contest



It's time for our annual WIC Week Poster Contest!

We are searching for the perfect photo for our 2021 WIC Week poster, and we want to feature **YOU!** Share your amazing and powerful images of NAWIC women doing what you do best! The theme for next year is, "**Connect, Collaborate, Construct**", and we can't wait to see how you are doing these things with your companies, your projects, and one another.

We look forward to seeing your submissions!

**Who:** Any NAWIC member can send in a photo(s) for the contest.

**What:** Showcase your job in the construction industry. Send in photos of women on a job site with the proper PPE. (Photo resolution must be 300 dpi or higher)

**When:** Photos can be submitted until close of business on **Monday, June 22, 2020.**

**Where:** Submit online to [crissy@nawic.org](mailto:crissy@nawic.org)

**The winning submission will serve as the face of the 2021 Women in Construction Week campaign!**

## NAWIC 65th Annual Conference Announcements



Planning is still underway for the 2020 NAWIC Annual Conference in Houston, Texas. We know COVID-19 has taken its toll, and we are planning all kinds of fun this year that you will NOT want to miss!

For those who would like to register early, our special **“Early bird” registration rate offer has been extended through May 31!** For questions about registration, contact Lauri McCullough at [laurim@nawic.org](mailto:laurim@nawic.org).

### REGISTRATION RATES

#### **Early Bird (March 1 to May 31)**

Members: \$665; Non-members: \$765

#### **Regular (June 1 to June 30)**

Members: \$715; Non-members: \$815

#### **Late (After June 30 & on-site)**

Members: \$815; Non-members: \$915

#### **One Day Rates**

- **Thursday or Friday**

Members: \$260

Non-members: \$360

- **Saturday**

Members: \$160

Non-members: \$260

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM AD SALES

The 2020 Annual Conference Program will be full-color and will list the Annual Conference daily schedule, speaker profiles and events. You can also purchase ads to be featured in the program. This is a great opportunity to feature your company (simply advertising your company, illustrating that they support NAWIC, or showing how they support Women in Construction — the choice is yours!) or give congratulations to employees, members and leadership. So many of you, your chapters, your companies, and your partner companies are doing amazing things, and this is your chance to showcase that for all of NAWIC!

**Front Inside Cover, Back Inside Cover and Back Outside Cover ads will be first come, first served.**

## **AD PRICING**

Back Cover | \$750

Inside Front Cover | \$600

Inside Back Cover | \$600

Full Page | \$450

One-Half Page | \$300

One-Fourth Page | \$205

**The deadline for all Annual Conference Program ads is June 15.**

For more details, previews of ad specs and sizes, and the Ad Pricing Form to submit your order, click [here](#).

Please direct all questions to Amber Swinford at [ambers@nawic.org](mailto:ambers@nawic.org).

## **ANNUAL CONFERENCE CHAPTER TABLE SALES**

**Reserve a space in the Construction Zone for your chapter or region now!**

One (1) table may be purchased at the chapter rate of \$100. For groups of 3-5 chapters, two (2) tables may be purchased at the region rate of \$150.

You can find more information, rules, and the Chapter Table Reservation Form [here](#).

## **Magilla Entertainment Casting Call!**



# NOW CASTING HEAVY MACHINE OPERATORS!

Magilla Entertainment is now casting heavy machine operators for a stunt competition show!

Do you have the precision and control to get the most impossible job done safely?

Can you also use your incredible skills to do intricate and unique tricks with your machines like open a lunch box, play basketball or navigate across a narrow bridge?

If you have the expertise and creativity to master your machine, contact us at [castingdirector@magilla.tv](mailto:castingdirector@magilla.tv) with your name, age, occupation, location, phone number, recent photo and a few sentences about your skills.

**NAWIC Today: Call for Content**



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## NAWIC Benefits Spotlight

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In this difficult time, we want to remind you of all association benefits available to you, some of which you may never have had cause to use or may even have forgotten about!

One such benefit is our NAWIC Career Center. You can access the Career Center [here](#).

If you have job openings to fill, reach out to our Career Center contact:

**Marty Rice at 727-497-6565 ext. 3513.**

**[Marty.Rice@communitybrands.com](mailto:Marty.Rice@communitybrands.com)**

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## Industry Update

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### How One Contractor is Adapting to Slower Pace of Work

For a construction firm that prides itself on its ability to fast-track projects, new protocols have forced managers to seriously refine scheduling. No longer able to stack trades on a site, they have to rethink how to get the maximum effect from fewer people while maintaining the same quality and timeline results.

*Source: ConstructionDive.com*

[Learn More...](#)

### Software Firm Introduces Contactless Orientation

Construction software platform MindForge has rolled out a contactless orientation feature that allows for the safe onboarding of jobsite workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

*Source: ConstructionDive.com*

[Learn More...](#)

### How Construction Firms Can Guard Against a Potential Second Wave of COVID-19

Although the U.S. economy is slowly starting to come back to life, contractors can't let their guard down just yet. Consider these precautions.

*Source: ConstructionDive.com*

[Learn More...](#)

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## Calendar

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Jun 2020

**NAWIC Award Nominations Due**

[Learn More...](#)

**16**

Jun 2020

**PD&E Webinar**

[Learn More...](#)

**30**

Jun 2020

**Chapter Dues Update Forms Due**

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