

President's Message

The NAWIC year is starting to wind down, which means elections, annual convention and the golf tournament are right around the corner.

The chapter will vote on the 2009-2010 Executive Board & Directors at this June's meeting. You can find information on the candidates in the newsletter as well as hear each candidate speak before casting your vote at the chapter meeting. You will also receive your mail in ballot for National Officers soon. Please make sure to mail your ballot back to the National office by June 21st.

I do hope all of you will join us at the National Convention, August 26-29 in Phoenix Arizona. Held at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa, attendees can attend professional & NAWIC seminars, enjoy the spa or a round of golf. There is certainly enough to keep you busy or just let you relax while enjoying your NAWIC friends.

Ending the NAWIC year, is our Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 19th. Registration forms and donation letters are available on the chapter web site. Remember this is the chapter's primary fundraiser that supports all of our educational programs & scholarships.

As we begin the wrap up of this year, we start to think about next year. At Forum this past weekend, the region elected Tina Laws (Greater Palm Beach Chapter) was elected as our regions newest director. She has already sent a call out to those interested in chairing a regional committee. If you are interested, Tina can be contacted at nawicreg3direct@att.net. Just as Tina is planning for next year, so will be our chapter's leadership. I urge you to take a look at the committee list and consider a position chairing or co-chairing a committee. Please let me know if you have any questions about the committees, time commitments.

Finally, I'd like to encourage everyone to attend our June meeting. Our speaker will be Dr. Lloyd Pettigrew from the University of South Florida teaching us effective networking, we'll have a networking round table and then elections for the 2009-2010 office positions. It will be a packed night, but one everyone is sure to enjoy. I hope to see you there.

Have a wonderful & safe holiday weekend,

Amanda Dawson



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JUNE DINNER MEETING

Monday, June 1, 2009

6:00 p.m. Networking ~ 6:30 p.m. Dinner and Program

Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore (Note location change for this month)

2225 N. Lois Ave., Tampa

Entree Selections are Beef Tips or Vegetarian Lasagna

Cost \$22.50 with RSVP ~ \$30.00 at the Door Based on Availability

(There is very limited availability at the door. To ensure your place, you must make your reservations no later than Noon on *Thursday, May 28, 2009)

**Deadline for reservations has been changed to Noon on Thursday before the meeting.*

Visit www.NAWICTampa.org to make your reservation today.

Credit card payments accepted online, cash or check only at the door.



This month's program is a Networking Night with a presentation by Dr. Loyd S. Pettegrew, Ph.D. of the University of South Florida. Dr. Pettegrew specializes in communications and will discuss interviewing skills, resume writing and professional networking. There will also be networking activities during the dinner, so bring your business cards or resume and be prepared to network.

Upcoming Programs

July 6, 2009 - Kim Albritton, owner of Focus Design Services who will discuss Life Span Design and demonstrate its profit and innovation potential to the construction industry.

August 6, 2009 - A member of the Carlton Fields law firm will be presenting on the issue of Chinese drywall.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This Month's Member in the Spotlight is **Stephanie Bolton, Carlton Fields**

Stephanie has been an active member of the Tampa Chapter of NAWIC since January of 2007. In that short time period she has served on the Scholarship and December Social Committees, just completed a term as Chapter Secretary, represented the Chapter at Forum and at Annual Meetings in Orlando and Las Vegas, participated in several Chapter activities, and is currently running for Vice President for the 2009-2010 year!



Stephanie the Early Years - Stephanie was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1996, she moved to northern Ohio (WHAT was she thinking! It's even colder there!) to attend Bowling Green State University where she studied Political Science and Theatre, yes theatre. After four years in the arctic tundra of northern Ohio she headed to Florida to attend Stetson University College of Law and she's never left.

What is she doing now? - Stephanie is a sixth year construction associate at Carlton Fields PA. Carlton Fields is an all service firm but Stephanie concentrates her practice specifically to the field of construction. She represents suppliers, subcontractors, general contractors, owners, engineers, municipalities, architects, and developers - basically anyone working in the construction industry! Her cases include small lien claims and collections of less than \$1,000 to multi-billion dollar defect and delay claims. She has handled mediation, arbitration, trials, and appeals.

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Member Spotlight - Stephanie Boltin (continued)

Additionally, Stephanie is very active in Bar work. The Florida Bar is the organization that regulates the legal profession in Florida. She is a member of the Young Lawyers Board of Governors for the Florida Bar, she's in her fourth year serving on the Clearwater Bar Board of Directors, and Past President of the Clearwater Young Lawyers. In 2006 she received the Judge Thomas Pennick, Jr. Service to the Community Award given annually to a Tampa Bay area Young lawyer for exceptional service to their community.

And just when you thought she was going to take a nap: - Stephanie is married to Bill Bolton. They enjoy spending what little free time they have playing with their English Bulldog Bali and traveling. Can anyone guess where the name Bali came from? Here's a hint - their next Bulldog will be named Vegas. So far in 2009, they have been fortunate enough to travel to St. Augustine, Orlando, Miami, New Orleans, and Key West (most was work related but they still managed to squeeze in some fun)! We're already looking forward to Phoenix for Annual this year!

CHAPTER ELECTIONS TO BE HELD AT JUNE MEETING

The slate of nominations for the 2009-2010 year was formally presented at the May Meeting to the general assembly and the floor was opened for additional nominations. No nominations were received from the floor. The floor will once again be opened for nominations at the June 1st meeting prior to voting. Your vote is important, so please try to attend the June Meeting to cast your ballot.

Nominees were given the opportunity to provide statements for printing in the June Monthly Bulletin and are requested to be in attendance at the June Meeting to be recognized. The following candidate information was submitted for your consideration.

- **President** - Jill Gough.
- **Vice President** - Stephanie Bolton - Since I was lucky enough to be the Member Spotlight this month I'll try to avoid repeating myself. I just wanted to say how much I enjoy working with all you, how much I've enjoyed learning about NAWIC, and how excited I am for Tampa's future! It's been my absolute pleasure serving as Secretary and I'm over the moon about the possibility to serve as Vice President. In terms of plans: I want Tampa to host a Forum or APC in the coming years, grow the golf tournament's profitability, and grow our membership by 5 sustainable memberships a year. Thank you!
- **Treasurer** - Ingrid Magnani - Ingrid is Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President, a position held for eight years, of JSS Property Professionals, Inc. a restoration contractor specializing in high-rise concrete and carpentry exterior restoration as well as forensic survey work. She also holds a current State of Florida, Class A General Contractor license. She has been NAWIC member for 2.5 years. For the last 2 years she has been the December Social Chair, Construction Industry Chair, member of the Golf Committee, and the current Chapter Treasurer, a position she hopes to continue next year.
- **Recording Secretary** - Debra Palmer - As a member of the Tampa Chapter for 25 years, I have served in just about every Chapter Office, including Recording Secretary and worked on all sorts of committees and events. In addition, I served in 1992-1993 as the Region 3 Director. It would be my pleasure to work with the incoming Board as Recording Secretary and to continue to provide assistance and guidance to our newer members in getting involved with NAWIC to further benefit their construction related careers, the industry and our local community.
- **Directors**
 - Sharon Cohoon - I joined NAWIC in 1986 to further my involvement with the field of construction. I have been given the opportunity to work on, or chair, various committees including Scholarship and Construction Industry during which we participated in Paint Your Heart Out Tampa for 8 years and Adopt A Highway for 3. I have been a Director, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and WIC of the Year. I am grateful for being able to further my education with various courses through NAWIC, including the CCA program. I would like once again to serve on the board as a director.
 - Tammy Criollo.
 - Liz Lanier - I am a registered nurse and attorney, practicing law in Florida and Georgia. Throughout my life, I've been involved with the construction industry in one way or another: from being surrounded by relatives in construction, to treating workplace injuries as a nurse, to representing contractors in lawsuits. I would like to contribute more to NAWIC and to our chapter by serving on the Board of Directors. I believe that my past experiences as a director in other organizations will help me bring a unique perspective to our Board. Thank you for your consideration.

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Chapter Elections - Nominee Information - Directors (continued)

- Michele Mulligan.
- Cate O'Dowd.
- Darlene (Patton) Woods - Darlene has been a member of the Tampa Chapter of NAWIC since 2007. She currently serves as a Board Member and Membership Chair. Most recently Darlene worked as an Estimating Engineer in the Preconstruction Department of Skanska Building USA. As an Estimator, Darlene assisted in producing cost estimates for a variety of commercial construction projects, both public and private sector, ranging in value from \$1 million - \$160 million. Due to the current economic crisis Darlene is currently between jobs and has ample time (and desire) to devote to serving on the NAWIC board.
- Susan Roberts - I have been a member of NAWIC #36 since July 1987 and participated in many Chapter functions, chaired numerous committees and was awarded WIC of the Year 1993/94. I have been Corresponding Secretary, Secretary, Vice-President, and have served on the Board as Director numerous times. My Chapter has had confidence in me to serve on the Board in several capacities. I am more than willing to serve again as Director. Our industry is facing a very difficult challenge in this economy. I wish to serve on the Board to ensure our Chapter remains strong and resilient during this difficult time.
- Rhonda Taylor.

TAMPA BAY AREA BUSINESS EXPO

"Strengthening Our Regional Economy"

Thursday, June 11, 2009
8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Tampa Convention Center

FREE ADMISSION

The Tampa Bay Area Business Expo serves to arm our community with resources, startup, recovery, growth & networking opportunities to aid in the financial stability and growth of all businesses.

FREE Business Workshops:

- Financing
- Cash Flow
- Marketing
- Conducting Business with the Government

Meet the Primes-An all day segment presented by Tampa International Airport. Sub-contractors will have an opportunity to meet & network with General Contractors, Construction Management, Engineering & Architectural firms in the Tampa Bay Area.

Hosted by:
Minority/Small Business Multi-Jurisdictional Regional Task Force.
The Regional Task Force is comprised of government agencies throughout the Tampa Bay Area who engage in economic development activities for the purpose of maximizing opportunities and increasing the economic welfare of minority and small businesses.

For More Information: Contact Lynn Schultz (Small Business Information Center).
email (preferred): schultzl@hillsboroughcounty.org or (813) 914-4028.

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Platinum Sponsor - \$5000.00

- *Exclusivity in the field/industry
- *Breakfast sponsor
- *Banner display at registration table
- *Largest logo included on all print material: banners, posters/flyers, electronic flyers (distribution of 6000+), etc.
- *Media recognition
- *Promotional material to be included in welcome packet for all attendees
- *Expo Booth
- *Recognition throughout the expo

Gold Sponsor - \$2500.00

- *Logo included on all print material: banners, posters/flyers, electronic flyers (distribution of 6000+), etc.
- *Media recognition
- *Promotional material to be included in welcome packet for all attendees
- *Expo Booth
- *Recognition throughout the event

Silver Sponsor - \$1000.00

- *Logo included on all print material: banners, posters/flyers, electronic flyers (distribution of 6000+), etc.
- *Expo Booth
- *Recognition throughout the expo

Bronze Sponsor - \$500.00

- *Logo included on all print material: banners, posters/flyers, electronic flyers (distribution of 6000+), etc.
- *Expo Booth

Expo Booth-\$200.00

- *10x10 space to include table & skirt, pipe & drape, 2 chairs, and business signage

Expected Attendance: 2500+

NAWIC MEMBER COMPANIES RECEIVE AWARDS OF DISTINCTION

The School Board of Hillsborough County Office of Supplier Diversity recently presented Award of Distinction plaques to NAWIC Member companies Fortner-Grivna International, Inc. (Francene Grivna) and Kalemeris Construction (CeCe Valdez and Joyce Kalemeris) in recognition of bid awards exceeding \$100,000 for FY 2008. Great work!

Be sure to keep your Member Listing information current on the [NAWIC National web site](#). This information is used by the National Office as well as our Chapter to keep in touch with you for all NAWIC information. Assistance is available at the Web site should you need help with your Member Login.

[Click here for a copy of the NAWIC June '09 "The Connection"](#). "The Connection" is designed to keep you informed with pertinent Association news and is emailed to NAWIC members each month.