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Association News

New NAWIC National Staff Member!



Introducing the newest member of the NAWIC National team – Amber Kohut. Amber is joining us as the Membership Coordinator, tackling chapter chartering, helping with small or struggling chapters and as a liaison between the membership and the national office. She will also be coordinating and working with the upcoming special interest councils.

Welcome to the team, Amber!

2020 NAWIC Builds Excellence in Construction Awards

This is the last week to get your entries in for the 2020 NAWIC Builds Excellence in Construction Awards!
Submissions are due no later than May 1, 2020.

We recently did a live-stream discussion with Rita Brown, North Central Region Director, covering all the pertinent information about the awards. You can find the video (and the presentation used in the video) in the Archives, under NAWIC Development, [here](#).

Applications can be found [here](#).



**NAWIC EXCELLENCE
Builds AWARDS 2020** **CALL FOR ENTRY**

NAWIC is dedicated to honoring best in class construction projects and the firms, companies and teams that design and build them. Projects compete in four categories: Civil/Heavy Highway, Commercial, Institutional, and Residential.

An independent jury of industry professionals in design and construction will judge the projects using seven criteria (listed below). Winners will be announced and honored at the Awards Gala at NAWIC's Annual Conference in Houston, TX on August 14, 2020.

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ELIGIBILITY

- The project must be built in any of the 50 U.S. states including Washington D.C. and U.S. Territories
- Substantial completion must be executed between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019.
- A project with a construction-related fatality, regardless of contractor or trade, is not eligible.
- There is no limit to the number of projects each firm or person can submit.
- One project per application

JUDGING CRITERIA

Eligible projects are reviewed by a panel of judges, which will award projects based on the following criteria:

• Project Overview	10 pts
• Innovation	20 pts
• Safety	20 pts
• Sustainable Practices	20 pts
• Budget/Value	20 pts
• Unique/Additionally Notable/Misc.	5 pts
• NAWIC Affiliations, if applicable	5 pts

To Apply: www.nawic.org/nawic/Awards.asp

2020-21 NAWIC National Officer Candidate Town Hall

On April 23, we held a Virtual Town Hall to allow members the chance to get to know and pose questions to the 2020-21 National Officer Candidates. Our Town Hall was a great success, and we are so thankful to our amazing candidates and to PNP Sandy Field for moderating.

If you missed the Town Hall, don't worry! **You can watch the recording [here](#).**

As a reminder, more information about elections and candidates - along with candidate videos - can be found [here](#).

Conference Corner



Team Rubicon is a nonprofit that uses the skills and dedication of veterans, training them (and other volunteers) to respond to disasters and help communities in need — at no cost to those they help.

In exciting news, Team Rubicon will be holding a panel discussion at our 65th Annual Conference in Houston this year. During this **#NAWICAC2020** session on Friday, Aug. 14, you'll be able to meet members of Team Rubicon and learn about their mission. In the meantime, be sure to visit their site and see some of the amazing things they are accomplishing through the sweat equity of volunteers like **YOU!** (www.teamrubiconusa.org)

Additionally, NAWIC is teaming up with Team Rubicon to help raise funds for disaster response. Join our team — and the cause — [here](#).



Education / Training

ABA Forum on Construction Law COVID-19 Leadership Roundtable Special Forum Crisis Series

The American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law (ABACLG) has put together a COVID-19 Leadership Roundtable Special Forum Crisis Series. These free webinars take place at 4 p.m. ET on the dates noted, and all industry leaders and lawyers are welcome! Mark your calendars now!

Additionally, recordings of already completed sessions will be available on the webinar page of the NAWIC [site](#).



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Forum on Construction Law

**THE COVID-19
LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE
SPECIAL FORUM CRISIS SERIES**

**FREE WEBINARS 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM ET
ALL INDUSTRY LEADERS & LAWYERS WELCOME**

4/7/20	Impact on Construction Sites & Navigating Legalities
4/14/20	Project Financing & Cash Flow Issues
4/21/20	Construction Work Force & Employment Challenges
4/28/20	Builders' Risk, Business Interruption & Other Insurance Questions
5/5/20	Public Projects – What's Happening Now? What's Ahead For New Projects?
5/12/20	Force Majeure, Supply Chain Disruption, Delays & Claims
5/19/20	Post-Crisis Industry Impact – Expediting Use Of Technology; Virtual Depositions, Mediation/Arbitration; & Replacing In-Person Collaboration

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NAWIC Benefits Spotlight

Complimentary Session with Michael Riegel of A/E/C Business Strategies



On April 22, we had a webinar with Michael Riegel of A/E/C Business Strategies.

A/E/C Business Strategies trains and coaches technical professionals to manage people, projects, presentations and their own careers with ease and confidence. In addition, A/E/C Business Strategies helps organizations strategically leverage their human and financial resources to run more efficiently. They work primarily in industries associated with construction, engineering, project management, and public sector contracting.

Michael Riegel is a business consultant and project management expert with 25 years of experience working with public agencies, regulated utilities, contractors, and design/engineering firms while leading teams through the planning, design and construction phases of large scale construction projects and construction management programs. He now utilizes his background and expertise to assist emerging A/E/C companies chart their desired growth, identify opportunities, and overcome challenges.

Michael has generously offered a complimentary 15 or 30 minute coaching session for NAWIC members! To take advantage of this offer, click [here](#) and reference "NAWIC Webinar".

Career Center



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

Industry Update

Survey: Paycheck Protection Program Allows Construction Firms to Add, Retain Employees

A large share of construction firms promptly received loan funds under the new Paycheck Protection Program, enabling many of them to hire or retain employees despite a surge in project cancellations, according to a survey released by the Associated General Contractors of America.

Source: AGC of America

[Learn More...](#)

Study Finds Healthcare Construction Training Lacking

Renovation projects in or near hospitals require contractors to work by a specific set of protocols in order to protect the health of patients, many of whom are extremely vulnerable to infection. According to recent research, though, some construction companies that take on these types of projects are not providing adequate training to their workers and subcontractors on how to avoid creating the jobsite conditions that could have a negative impact on patients.

Source: ConstructionDive.com

[Learn More...](#)

Brief: Study Shows Benefits of Real-Time 3D Technologies

Calendar

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Apr 2020

ABACLG Webinar: Builder's Risk, Business Interruption & Other Insurance Questions

Part of the COVID-19 Leadership Round-table Special Forum Crisis Series
4-5:30 PM ET

[Learn More...](#)

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ABACLG Webinar: Public Projects - What's Happening Now? What's Ahead for New Projects?

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May 2020

Membership & Marketing Webinar: Gearing Up For Annual Conference

1 PM CST

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May 2020

Handling Conflict for Exceptional Leadership

Recognizing and moving teams through the five conflict modes, using collaboration to leverage organizational culture with creative growth.

In this workshop, we'll address the cost of conflict in an organization, the different conflict modes leaders should be aware of, and exercises to utilize collaboration where possible to strengthen the team and the organization. Depending on the size of the group, we'll have breakout room activities and chat managed Q & A.

Participants will be invited to take advantage of a follow-up call to discuss particulars with confidentiality.

7PM ET/6PM CT/5PM MT/4PM PT

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May 2020

ABACLG Webinar: Force Majeur, Supply Chain Disruption, Delays and Claims

Part of the COVID-19 Leadership Round-table Special Forum Crisis Series

4-5:30 ET

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May 2020

Webinar: Using Webcam Technology to Increase Your Influence

7PM ET/6PM CT/5PM MT/4PM PT

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May 2020

ABACLG Webinar: Post Crisis Industry Impact - Expediting Use of Technology, Virtual Depositions, Mediation/Arbitration and Replacing In Person Collaboration

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4-5:30 ET

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