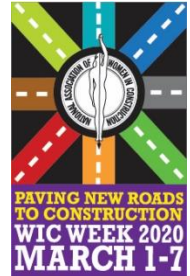


Welcome to Fall Conference

Congratulations to you, the member, for taking the time out of your busy life to attend Fall Conference. Your Region Director has planned educational opportunities for you this weekend and I hope you take full advantage of everything; meet some new friends, learn about the future plans for this association, and take what you learn back to your chapter to share with others who could not attend.

As we begin to **“Pave New Roads”** for NAWIC and the industry, start by reviewing the updated Strategic Plan. Thank you to Strategic Plan Chair Ruth Fritts and Co-Chair Vickie Nickel for working with the 2019-20 Board of Directors to prepare the presentation you will see this weekend.



The Board is working hard to create a national marketing plan, reviewing our current partnerships and creating new ones to provide more opportunities for our members, working to define and finalize our process for chartering new chapters and using that same process to revitalize small chapters who need help, continue to explore benefits for our members and their companies.

Chapter Presidents and President-Elects or Vice Presidents – the NAWIC office will be sending monthly emails to keep you informed; please share this information with your membership. In return, I am asking that if your chapter would like to share an event or a success story with the national membership, please send the information to publications@nawic.org – we want to celebrate each other’s success stories!

Our national committee chairs are working to provide the membership with educational opportunities. The committees will be providing more information, sharing thru social sites and NAWIC Today and the Connection. Keep an eye open for ways your chapter and region can support their efforts.

In the near future, I will be meeting with Debbie Draper, our NAWIC Conference Director with Conference Direct to begin planning Annual Conference 2020. Come and celebrate **“The Dawn of a New Era”** at NAWIC’s 65th Annual Conference to be held at The Westin Galleria, August 12 – 15th in Houston, TX. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. More information will be shared soon.

I hope each of you pave a new road this year and it leads you to Houston for the 2020 Annual Conference.

Deane & Mike

NAWIC President, 2019-2020

