

Can you believe it is June already! This year has really flown by. June is a very important month for us in NAWIC. It is when we elect not only our local leaders for the coming NAWIC year, but also our NATIONAL leaders as well. You should be receiving or have already received your National ballot. Be sure to take the time to fill it out and send it back in. Voting is the only way that you can voice your opinions as to who should lead us in the coming year and into the future. We will be voting on our local Officers and Board of Directors at our June 8th meeting. It is still not too late to throw your hat into the ring. Nominations will take place from the floor so be sure to speak up.

The 55th NAWIC Convention will be taking place in September in Louisville Kentucky. I hope you make plans to attend and see our Association in action on a National level. We will be looking for eight delegates to represent us there and to be our voice. Please consider joining us in this very important position. Elections for the delegates will also take place at our June 8th meeting.

I wanted to thank Emily Gardner and our Continuing Education committee for putting on a great workshop last month. A special thank you goes to CBIZ for opening up their training room for our use. The topic was NAWIC 101 and the presenter was our own Linda Young CBT, CIT. The focus of the workshop was a comparison of NAWIC to the corporate world. From National level and how it functions; to the Regional level and how it differs and mirrors National; to the local level and how we differ and mirror the levels above. We got a glimpse at how officers are selected to run at each level as well as how they are elected. We looked at the different standing committees as well as the "special" committees. It was all in all very informative and educating. I can get you copies of the handouts along with Linda's notes if you were unable to attend the workshop and want to have a copy to review.

Speaking of workshops, we are planning to have a follow-up workshop that will delve into the workings of our committees and what it takes to make them successful. Emily is planning to schedule this workshop for mid July (yes- it will be a midweek date- right after work - so it won't interfere with your summer fun). If you are wondering about our many committees and what is involved in serving on one, here is your opportunity to learn and ask questions. We will be sending out a flyer with the date and location soon, so keep your eye out for it.

Summer is a time when special get-togethers and events usually take place for our chapter. We will be having a picnic on July 10th instead of a regular dinner meeting. Bring your friends and family and your favorite dish to share. July 17th will be the Regional summer conference held in Camerillo at the beautiful Channel Islands University campus. This is an inexpensive one day event where leadership skills are shared. I hope you can make it. August events will be shared as the time gets closer so keep your eye out for flyers coming your way.

Don't forget; we are always looking for "Bragging Rights" from you – our members- so don't forget to submit them to Crystal Johnson at cjohnson@ewbinc.com. Submissions must be by the end of the month for inclusion in the next HARD HAT newsletter.

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