

# The Plumb Lines

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Greater Kansas City, MO

## Director's Message

Hello Ladies!



I hope everyone has enjoyed the last few weeks of summer! It is hard to believe how fast it went by. I had the pleasure of spending part of the last weekend of summer with a great group of ladies at the 2011 NAWIC National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. This was my first event outside of the chapter and I can say that it did not disappoint me!

We arrived in St. Louis on Wednesday afternoon and were able to sell our fantastic cookbook to members of other chapters. Many of the people who stopped by our table were very impressed with our forward thinking to have our cookbook available on CD's as well as hard copies. So, great job fundraising committee! After that it was off to the first timer's meeting for most of the group. We all got some great tips on how to get the most out of the conference and also met another person from Overland Park that is interested in joining! We rejoined the rest of the group for the "Sports Welcome Reception". I must say, that was an event! There was great food, a photo booth and plenty of music and dancing. It was a great start to convention!

The rest of the convention seemed to fly by. We heard a great speaker at the annual planning meeting and attended some great seminars Thursday afternoon. On Thursday evening, we went out to dinner with other members from Region 6. Friday was another fun filled day of seminars and the installation of the new board. We ended the night at the City Museum in St. Louis. If you are ever in St. Louis, I highly recommend stopping by! Saturday morning we were able to attend the seminars about various aspects of NAWIC and were able to get some great ideas for the upcoming year. The convention came to an end at the great Crystal Visions Award Gala.

I believe I can safely say that everyone who attended had a great time! For those who have never attended a regional or national event, I would highly recommend it. The upcoming APC event in November would be a great opportunity to do just that! Thank you to all the members who allowed me to represent the chapter at such a great event.

Sincerely,



Core Purpose: To Enhance the Success of Women in the Construction Industry



## President's Link

It is officially the end of the NAWIC fiscal year! Wow! Can you believe it? My journey as your president is nearly complete! Endings like this are always bittersweet. I am sad to step down as your leader, but anxious to find my next challenge! This has been an outstanding year as you all know with a long list of accomplishments. Meredyth and I are working to get the end of the year slideshow up on the web that was shown at the August meeting. For those of you who did not make it, keep your eyes peeled as it will be out there soon.

National Convention was simply amazing. The welcome reception was sports themed! There was dancing, arcade games, a photo booth and debates on whose sports team was the best! Everyday was packed full of valuable seminars! We are very pleased to bring back and report on each one. There are already some reports posted on the web site in the member's only section. Everything from "Walk, Talk and Negotiate like a CEO" to "New Energy Technology." We even made time to attend the City Museum, which to our surprise was not really a museum, but literally an adult jungle gym. I could not believe they let people consume alcohol and climb on these things! I think it is safe to say we all had a blast!

October 1st means a lot to NAWIC. It is the official start for new officers. It is the due date for membership renewals. It is the date when our digital filing system will go live! By now everyone should have gone through their past files. I set a goal for 9-15 to get everything in a PDF file. The next 2 weeks we will work towards getting everything uploaded into the system. Committee chairs will be receiving instructions on how to do this soon. No more boxes of paper work! Yippee!

Thank you all for a wonderful year. I have truly been transformed as a leader and a person. Thank you all for embracing and conquering my 2010-2011 goals!

Shoot for the moon; if you fall short you will land among the stars!

~Brooke Eimers  
President 2010 –2011

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## September Membership Report

We are 71 Members Strong!

### September Anniversaries

**Natalie Siegman \* Travelers Companies Inc \* 3 Years**

**Alise Martiny \* The Builders'/Heavy Constructors Association \* 15 Years**

**Welcome to our Newest Member: Angela Kenig with Revenue Protection Services, LCC**

**Thank you Ladies!!**



### Monthly Motivation

“Joy is not in things; it is in us.”

~Richard Wagner

### Monthly Membership Meeting: More Details to Follow!

**When:** October 10th 2011.

**Are you an employer looking to fill a position within your company? Or a Candidate looking for a job? Then check out NAWIC's Job Bank!**

### Occupational Research and Referral

Available online at <http://www.kcnawic.org/job-bank.htm>

**Don't forget —You can now find us on:**

**New Website** [www.kcnawic.org](http://www.kcnawic.org)

**Twitter** Follow Us at <http://twitter.com/NAWICGreaterKC>

**Facebook** Become a Fan at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/NAWIC-Gr-Kansas-City-Chapter-100/122169631135586?ref=ts>

**LinkedIn** [http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2063707&trk=myg\\_ugrp\\_ovr](http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2063707&trk=myg_ugrp_ovr)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

### Region 6 Annual Planning Conference

November 4th - 6th

Lake of the Ozarks @ The Inn at The Grand Glaize

Early Bird Registration ends on October 15th

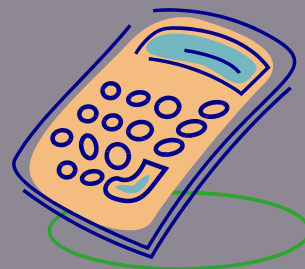
Contact Shannon Seipel at 816-564-0054 or [shannon.seipel@lafarge-na.com](mailto:shannon.seipel@lafarge-na.com) with any questions. See attached Flyer.

### Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 29th

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: The Bratton Corporation  
2810 E 85th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64132



\*\*\*PLEASE SEND ME YOUR BUDGET REQUEST NO LATER THAN NOON ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD! COME PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE BUDGET!\*\*\* See attached for .pdf budget request form.  
\*\*\*Not to Worry...there will be snacks and beverages at the meeting!\*\*\*

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**Membership Renewal:** Due by October 1st.  
Click for [here](#) to renew online.

**Digital Filing Reminder:** Committee Chairs need to go through their files and have them scanned in by September 1st. Our goal is to make the digital database live by October 1st when the new officers take office.

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## National NAWIC Convention 2011—St. Louis, MO



Click [HERE](#) for more photos from Convention 2011!

2011

NAWIC

Region 6

# Annual Planning Conference

INN AT GRAND GLAIZE Lake Ozark MO

November 4 & 5, 2011



## VISION

Explore what the NAWIC Vision means to you:

- Professional Success
- Education
- Personal Growth
- Networking
- Learn to Customize the "NAWIC Vision" for your audience.

*"To enhance the success of women in the construction industry"*

### INN AT GRAND GLAIZE



5142 Hwy 54 •  
 Osage Beach, MO 65065  
 Phone: (800) 348-4731  
[www.innatgrandglaize.com](http://www.innatgrandglaize.com)

Room Rate \$61  
 Single or Double  
 Registration Deadline  
 October 20, 2011

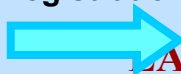
➤ Shop till you drop at  
 Osage Premium Outlet Mall

Don't Miss Friday Night  
**"Picture This"** Photo Booth  
 Hospitality Suite 7-9 pm

Stay tuned  
 for Coming  
 Attractions!

### National Association of Women In Construction

Registration \$60



**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION \$50**

"Early Bird" price applies to all registrations received by October 15, 2011

Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Fist time:  Yes  NO

Name	(Please include your certifications)
Street	
City State & Zip Code	
Company	
Phone Number	
E-mail	
Emergency Contact	
Special Dietary Needs	

Make Check Payable to: **NAWIC REGION 6**

Send Registration & Check to:

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