



National Association of Women in Construction Maine Chapter 276

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President's Message



MEMBER(S):

This month we have one new and one returning member. Welcome to Marty Burr and welcome back to Stacy Ridley. Both of these ladies are from Maine Drilling & Blasting. We're glad to have you! A special thank you goes out to Maine Drilling & Blasting for their continued support of NAWIC.

LAST MONTHS MEETING:

We had the pleasure of having Dr. David York as our October guest speaker. He provided some insight into the various influenzas and what we can do to prevent and treat them this season. We all took away some important information as well as some goodies from Concentra.

At the meeting we also adopted and accepted many documents and policies for our 2009-2010 NAWIC year. Lastly, Joyce Newman presented the outgoing 2008-2009 Chapter Board with certificates.



Joyce Newman (left) thanks Crystal Berry (right) for her service as Treasurer for the last two years.



“SPOTLIGHT”:

For our second spotlight installment we have the pleasure of featuring our two newest members Marty Burr and Stacy Ridley. The next time “spot” them please say hi and introduce yourself!

MAINE DRILLING & BLASTING

Recognized as a leader in the industry, Maine Drilling & Blasting offers drilling and blasting services to the construction and quarry markets, along with a variety of specialty services throughout the Northeastern United States, including rock bolting, hoe ramming, engineering, public relations, preblast surveys, and packaged and bulk distribution. In addition to corporate office in Gardiner Maine, Maine Drilling & Blasting has offices in New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.



Stacy Ridley (left) and Marty Burr (right)

STACY RIDLEY

I have been employed at Maine Drilling & Blasting, Inc. for 5 years, working as the Human Resources Administrator. I do a great deal of work with our employee benefits, compliance requirements, and DOT driver requirements. I do a great deal of custom report designs and data base tracking.

I currently have my own home in Bowdoin, which I share with my yellow lab Shelby and my tom cat Fella. I enjoy motorcycle riding and own my own Harley Davidson Fat Boy. Other interest are reading, cooking and gardening.

MARTY BURR

I am the Administrative Assistant for the Gardiner office of Maine Drilling & Blasting. I came to MD&B in January through a temp agency, and was very pleased they asked me to stay on permanently. I really enjoy the work, the people here, and am learning new things every day. Prior to working at MD&B, I had no experience in the construction industry. The majority of my past work experience has been in the equine industry, in farm management, training horses and teaching riding lessons. I live in Dresden with my dog, Zach, two cats, Brady and Potter, and two rabbits, Cadbury and Beckham. My horse, Rose, is boarded in Scarborough. When not taking care of my menagerie, I like to cook, read, and sew. I am also an avid Red Sox and Patriots fan. Judy Purington encouraged me to join NAWIC, and I am glad she did - I'm really looking forward to learning more about the construction industry and meeting new people.



ANNUAL PLANNING CONFERENCE:

This past Saturday, October 24th, eight members were in Saratoga Spring for our Annual Planning Conference. A business meeting was held in the morning and the afternoon was dedicated to strategic planning. We heard from a speaker and then had an opportunity to break out into groups by chapter and do some strategic planning of our own. Stay tuned! In November we'll share our thoughts.

For entertainment Saturday evening hosting chapter Capital District treated us to a Halloween party. Here are a few pictures from the evening:



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Our November meeting is sure to be a good time. We will be having a mock Block Kids competition. This is a competition that our chapter holds at various times throughout the year. Please plan on attending and learn what this event is all about. It is a lot of fun to watch the kids and prove entertaining to watch the adults. We'll be testing out a new location for this meeting, the Augusta Armory. Watch for your meeting announcement over next week.



In years past we've chosen a family to help out and make their holiday season a little brighter. It's time to pull together some ideas. Please be thinking about this over the next couple weeks. We'll be discussing at the November meeting.



AS A REMINDER:

- NAWIC items are on sale and available at every chapter meeting. Lacey Barcelou is our Sales Items committee chair. If you would like additional information please let her know. Lacey would also like to work on getting some new polo styled NAWIC clothing. If you are interested in this type of garment please let her know.
- All members are invited and encouraged to attend the Board meetings so they can contribute their thoughts and opinions.
- The CPCU has invited NAWIC to their November breakfast meeting. This will take place on November 19th at 7:30am in

Yarmouth. This will be a construction oriented meeting. John Ryan from Wright-Ryan will be speaking about the 2010 construction forecast. A formal meeting notice will be sent to all members once available.

- If you have information or pictures you'd like put into the newsletter please let me know. Suggestions are also always welcomed.

COMMITTEES:

Thank you to everyone for signing up for committees at our last meeting. An updated committee list is attached to this newsletter for your reference.

*** There will be a Construction Expo committee meeting on either Monday November 9th or Wednesday November 11th. Joyce Newman will be sending around information to those signed up soon. If you are interested in being on this committee and have not yet signed up for it please contact her.

*** The Christmas committee should start preparing for our December meeting soon.

*** The Marketing/PR committee will be sending out public service or meeting announcements on a monthly basis. A copy of these notices will be provided to members.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

—Margaret Mead



SURVEY SAYS:

Thank you to those members that took our first newsletter survey. As a reminder, the results are 100% anonymous. The information provided is important and hopefully this will catch on as the months go by. The survey is only five questions and takes less than five minutes to complete.

This month the focus of the survey is NAWIC meetings. While some details of our monthly meetings are dictated by our Standing Rules it is still important to find out if these details meet the needs of our members.

Please take a few moments to pass along your thoughts.

Here is the link for this month:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=8qsg5I2KH1_2b_2bVIT87Ab3Hw_3d_3d

Here is the link for last month for those that didn't have a chance to participate:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=z1gVM EZZOpQCSi_2bqT05UCQ_3d_3d



ATTACHMENTS:

- Current Standard Bylaws for Affiliated Chapters
- Proposed Revised Standing Rules
- Current Chapter Policies & Procedures
- Updated Committee List
- Current Chapter Member Contact Information

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NEXT MEETING: November 18, 2009

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Back Left to Right: Shelly Chipman, Crystal Manzer, Tracie Travers. Front Left to Right: Trisha Mosher, Joyce Newman, Heidi Rodzen, Lacey Barcelou. Absent: Robin Wood.

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