



As material for the construction of our building, I pledge the agility of my hands, the ability of my mind, and the integrity of my heart.

## Message From Philadelphia Chapter 145 President

THE HARD HAT HERALD

Dear Members,

Happy Holidays!

During this busy holiday season I hope to find you and your families well. With your support and membership, we, NAWIC Philadelphia PA Chapter 145, have been facilitating successful October and November events. On behalf of the board and officers, I would like to say, "thank you."

I would like to continue from October's newsletter with chapter two, "The Trailer Ain't the Field" of Coty Fournier's "Inside Commercial Construction's MVPs." To paraphrase: Field experience means field experience; not trailer experience. Members of a project team who are sitting behind desks in the trailer on a jobsite, your positions give you valuable experience for your career, no doubt; however, it doesn't give you actual field experience. There is a powerful distinction. Field experience happens outside of the trailer, in constant interaction with foremen, tradespeople and other construction professionals who are actually building the building while enforcing and implementing job site safety regulations on a daily basis. The myth is that project managers and project executives run projects. Generally speaking, they control documentation, administration and financial management of their projects, all of which are essential to the success of their projects; however, the work-in-place is the reason everyone gets paid. The guys and gals in the field run the show. They do things we actually sell. They don't enable it or support; they DO it. Many construction management professionals fail to grasp this or maybe don't want to. Those who do grasp this, the MVPs, gain a competitive edge.

"Get your own Jerry McGuire," from chapter three, will be featured in the February newsletter. The January newsletter will be prepared by our chapter Vice President Angelina Perryman.

I hope to see you all at 12/2/15 Event at Philadelphia Museum at 5:30pm and at Jack's Firehouse after the museum tour.

Have a safe Holidays, Happy New Year. Cheers!

Sincerely,

Piljo Yae

NAWIC Philadelphia PA Chapter 145 President 2015-2016

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Fern Gookin

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## Upcoming Events

### JOINT MEETING WITH ASPE

Join us for our annual joint meeting with ASPE at the Double Tree in Plymouth Meeting, PA.

Out Speaker will be Tracy Carver of the Contractors Plan. She will be presenting to us about prevailing wages and how to navigate them.

**JAN. 20 2016, 5:30 PM**

### MAGIC CAMP FUNDRAISING EVENT

Help raise funds for NAWIC's annual MAGIC (Mentoring A Girl In Construction) Camp at The Black Sheep Pub & Restaurant, located at 247 S. 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

**FEB. 17, 2016, 5:30 PM**

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT Fern Gookin REVOLUTION RECOVERY



*She finds value in NAWIC through connecting with and learning from other women in the construction industry.*

Fern Gookin, LEED AP, is the Director of Sustainability for Revolution Recovery, a company that provides a complete range of recycling services for the construction, manufacturing, commercial and residential markets throughout the Delaware Valley. She focuses her time on a variety of initiatives including strategic alignment and systems development, account management, project reporting, and community engagement.

Born in Baltimore, Fern attended University of Maryland College Park with a major in Architecture. While pursuing her undergraduate degree, she became familiar with NAWIC and was awarded a scholarship from the NAWIC Founders' Scholarship Foundation. 10 years after graduating, working in construction related fields, and earning her Master of Science in Sustainable Design from Philadelphia University, she reconnected with NAWIC and became involved with Chapter 145. She finds value in NAWIC through connecting with and learning from other women in the construction industry. Fern gives back to the Chapter by chairing the MAGIC Camp Committee. MAGIC (Mentoring A Girl In Construction) is a free, week-long day camp that introduces 7th to 12th grade girls to potential careers in the construction industry.

In addition to her work with Revolution Recovery and involvement with NAWIC, Fern is committed to advancing sustainability initiatives throughout the region. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Delaware Valley Green Building Council, is a co-founder and Board member of RAIR (Recycled Artist-In-Residency), and is the co-chair for the City of Philadelphia's Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee. She lives in New Jersey and enjoys camping, sailing, skiing, traveling, cooking, and spending time with family and friends – whenever she gets a chance.



## NEW MEMBERS

**Birgit Williams,**

**EB Williams Construction**



Should you or anyone you know be interested in joining NAWIC please contact us via our Chapter website, [www.nawicPHL.org](http://www.nawicPHL.org) !

## UPCOMING NAWIC NATIONAL EVENTS

### Northeast Regional Spring Forum

When: Fri. 5/20/16 – Sat. 5/21/16

Location: Mystic, CT

### NAWIC AMEC (Annual Meeting Educational Conference)

When : Fri. 5/20/16 – Sat. 5/21/16

Location: San Antonio, TX



## Up Coming Meeting Schedule

### JANUARY 2016 MEETING

Jan. 20, 2016 at 5:30PM – Joint Meeting with ASPE

Join us and ASPE for our annual joint meeting at the Double Tree in Plymouth Meeting, PA. Tracy Carver from the Contractors Plan will be speaking on the topic of prevailing wages.

### FEBRUARY 2016 MEETING

Feb. 17, 2016 at 5:30PM – MAGIC Camp Fundraising Event

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### UPCOMING INDUSTRY EVENTS

For more information about upcoming industry events in the Philadelphia area, please visit our page: <http://nawicphl.org/industry-events>

## November Meeting Recap

### Unfinished Business:

- Chapter Insurance: Wells Fargo has not provided current policy. Ellen Neylan offered help.
- Mid-Atlantic Steel Fabricator Association would like to have a joint event
- IRS form: Needs to be filed
- Annual Budget: Revisions forthcoming. Approval to be made in mid-December.
- Chapter By-laws and Standing rules (allow 45 days to review): Jennifer Horn to assist with this.

### Unfinished Business:

- 01- Karen Fisco stated that the National Health and Safety Chair requested that chapters report to her meetings that focused on health and safety, and asked if anyone knew a chef or nutritionists that could speak at a meeting.
- Block kids – committee –Dead line for the regional BK is to be received by February 15, 2015
- Sponsors and donors to be listed under Treasurer's monthly report and credited in Wild Apricot web site
- Under our web site a new tab has been added "Industry RFP (Request For Proposal) Projects

### The following topics were discussed at the MAGIC Roundtable meeting:

- Overall scope discussion
- When should camp be held?
- Duration
- What should the camp schedule be?
- How can we recruit students?
- How can we connect with sponsors?
- How can we recruit volunteers?

For more information or full minutes, please contact Fern Gookin, MAGIC Chair.

ART MUSEUM TOUR PHOTOS



# Chapter 145 Would Like to Thank Its Generous Sponsors:

2015 CHAPTER 145 HOLIDAY EVENT



NAWIC CHAPTER 145 FISHING TRIP

COMPANIES:



Mayfield Construction

INDIVIDUALS:

Piljo Yae

NE REGIONAL FALL CONFERENCE



CHAPTER 145 INSTALLATION DINNER

Piljo Yae

CHAPTER 145

Denise Quigg

2015 AMEC CONFERENCE



# December 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Happy Holidays!	2 Chapter 145 Holiday Party -Philadelphia Art Museum -Jack's Fire House -Board Meeting	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Wild Apricot 5.7 version to be released	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Congrats! Sheila Martin - Member at large since 1989
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1/1/16 Happy New Year!	