



The National Association of
Women in Construction



Cedar Rapids-Iowa City, IA

News from the President

Hello, NAWIC friends! I hope you were able to take in some of the autumn beauty this month. The changing leaves are my favorite thing about fall. A close second is NAWIC's annual Fall Conference. Three chapter members were able to attend this event in Des Moines earlier this month. It was a great opportunity to network with other women in the industry and the educational sessions were top notch. A big theme I took from the conference was the importance of connecting with youth. We need to reach students *before* they decide their career paths. Construction jobs have gotten a bad rap. NAWIC can play a larger role in turning that around. We need to educate younger generations about the advantages of careers in construction. As you know, there are many! Our Chapter will look at how we can partner with schools and area colleges to increase awareness with youth of all ages.

With that top of mind, I was very pleased to see an increase in publicity for construction programs locally. Iowa City High just opened a permanent facility for industrial arts students. The new space has increased interest and motivation among the students. Cedar Rapids Community School District reported in *The Gazette* that students just completed their 50th house since their program started in 1972. Approximately 30 students helped build the most recent home, including one female who is encouraging more women to join the class. Students from Marion and Linn-Mar High Schools are also getting hands-on experience. They are working with MEDCO and the City of Marion on a Marion Community Build house. It's fantastic to see positive publicity for the trades and more opportunities opening up for the students in our area.

I ask each of you to help spread the word about careers in construction. Tell your story! It may change someone's life!

Sincerely,

Darby Winger

President, Chapter 160

THE PIPELINE

Chapter 160

Midwest Region

October 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/1: 5:30 PM Self Defense Class and General Meeting @ Miron Construction. Dinner provided.

12/7: Christmas Gathering at 5:30 PM (Please note date change.) Inks N Drinks @ Miron Construction's warehouse. Bring an appetizer to share and your choice of drink for yourself, or to share.

1/10: General Meeting and Block Kids Preparation

1/21: Block Kids @ Local 125 Training Center



Upcoming Dates

November

November 1st: General meeting and special activity at Miron Construction at 5:30. Self-defense instruction from Dave Walsh (Miron Construction). Dinner will be provided.

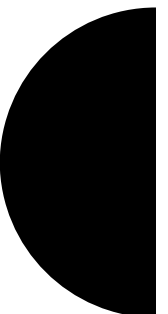
December

December 7th: Christmas Gathering at 5:30 PM with Inks N Drinks — Designing Holiday Magical Orbs. \$20.00/person (usually \$40 but our NAWIC Chapter is paying half.) Bring an appetizer to share and a drink of your choice for yourself, or to share. This will be held at the Miron Construction's Warehouse.

January 2023

January 10th: General Meeting and Block Kids Preparation

January 21st: Block Kids Building Competition at Local 125 Plumbers and Pipefitters Training Center





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OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

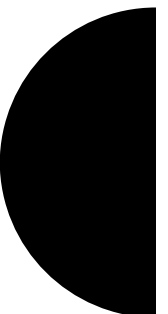


Lumberjack-themed party at the Midwest Region Fall Conference

Kristi Ortega, Kerry Dixon and Darby Winger attended on behalf of Chapter 160.



Our very own Kerry Dixon was awarded top prize for her team's Block Kids creation at the First-Timers session. Congrats, Kerry!





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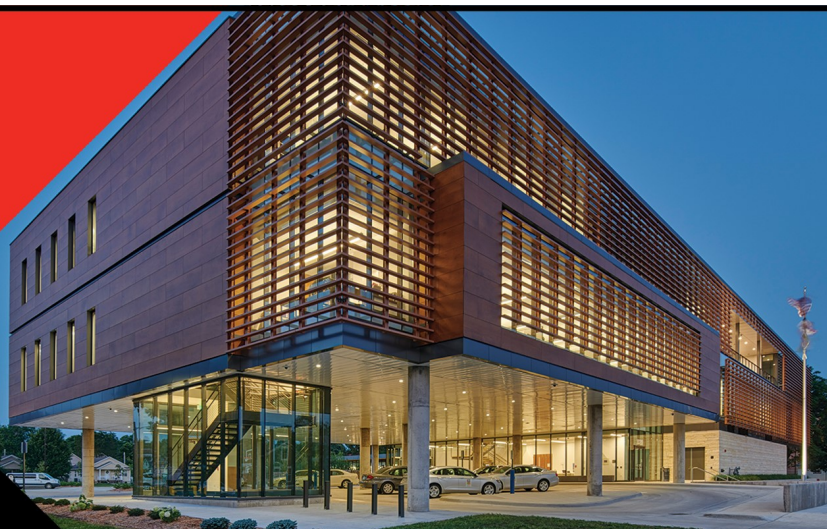
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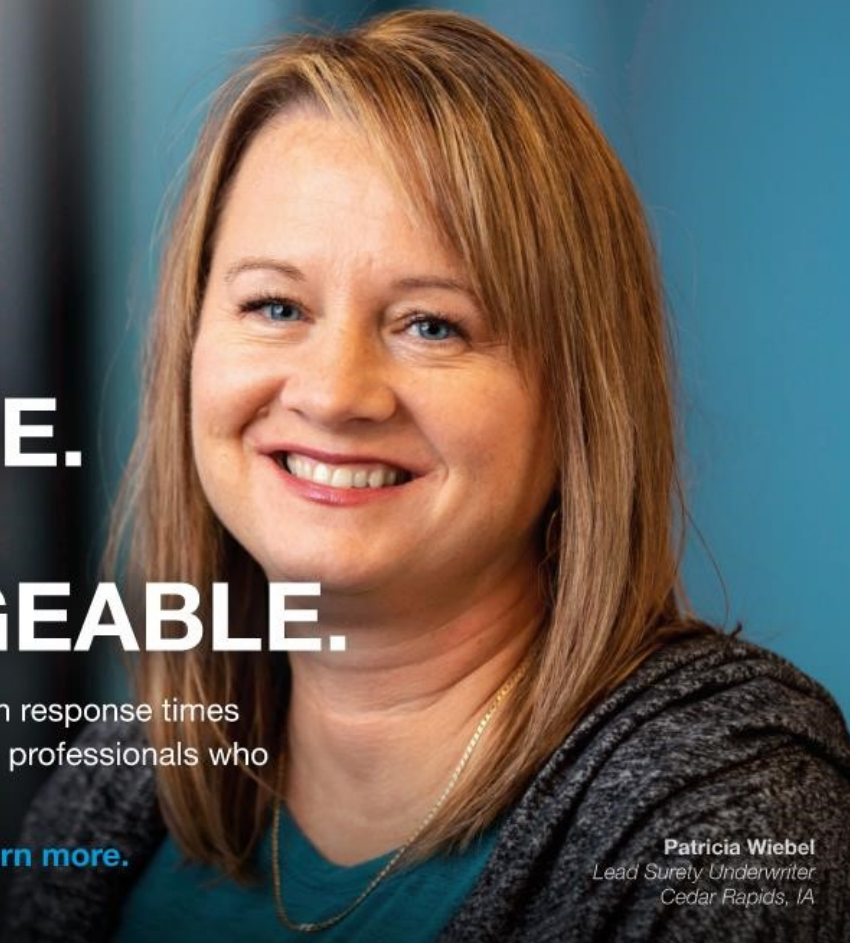


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