PNW Region Report of Mid Year Board Meeting
February 24th – 26th
Omni Las Colinas Hotel, Irving TX

Once a year, National Board meets for their mid-year boar meeting. This year, the National board consists of President Doreen Bartoldus, President-Elect Lauline Mitchell, Vice President Karen Hager, Secretary Kelly Aust, Treasurer Jessica Huff, the Region Directors, and Executive Director Crissy Ingram. Joining us on the phone due to a winter storm and cancelled flights were Parliamentarian Connie Liepard, By-Laws Chair Catherine Schoenenberger, Mid-West Region Director Raven Hoffman, and IPP Anne Pfleger.

As it sounds, the meeting is held halfway through the NAWIC year; the board meets to discuss issues, review the current budget and vote on any items as presented or added on to the agenda.

Most of us arrived by Thursday evening, weather permitting, and enjoyed a group dinner at a local Mexican restaurant. We haven't been together in person since Board Orientation during summer last year so there was a lot of catching up, laughter and good food.

Friday morning kicked off with an early breakfast hosted by the concurrently occurring CEC (Construction Education Consortium) where we joined up with some of NAWIC sisters there as part of NAWIC affiliate organization NEF. Morning business kicked off with a recap of the CEO Symposium attended by PE Michell and VP Hager followed by IPP Pfleger and VP Hager who shared updates on the Chapter Leadership training. The first series rolled out in January with the second series getting ready to roll out in March.

Before lunch we met virtually with Glen Tecker and Michael Anderson of Tecker International and discussed the findings of Tecker's report generated by the strategic plan review at Board Orientation. Tecker is a consulting firm NAWIC has been working with to review NAWIC's business plan and alignment with our goals and strategic plan. This is a work in progress however it generated some serious talking points around NAWIC's direction and how best to move forward. After lunch, we reviewed the strategic plan, updating as needed based on task force and committee reports as well as general discussion. Friday evening, we joined the CEC dinner and awards reception.

Saturday business began with a NAWIC Affiliate Summit. We were joined by reps from NEF and NFSF and discussed ways to partner more with both as well as ways we can support each other moving forward. Of note, there was discussion about a joint partnership between all three organizations to offer an NEF certification course at Annual Conference with scholarship support from NFSF. Updates will be provided if we're able to make this happen. Stay tuned.

Next up we met with our overseas affiliates in our Global Partners summit. We got the chance to meet virtually with women from SAWIC (South African Women in Construction), CAWIC (Canadian Women in Construction) as well as women leading women's construction initiatives in New Zealand and Australia. This was truly the highlight of the weekend and I look forward to working with these incredible women on joint efforts for our Region and all WIC.

After a brief recess, we spent the rest of the day and a working lunch reviewing the budget and reviewing and voting on proposals. I'll share the Summary of Actions from Mid-Year Board once they are available.

This was a great weekend filled with sharing of ideas, learning from my fellow Board members, collaborating on initiatives, effecting positive change, and expanding NAWIC's reach. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

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