

MIDWEST REGION SPRING FORUM



Connect | Collaborate | Communicate

April 30 – May 1, 2021
St. Louis, MO



Welcome to the Midwest Region Forum 2021 from Director Hoffman

Welcome to the MWR Forum. Whether you are with us in person or virtually, I am pleased you chose to spend time with us this weekend. First, I want to thank Forum Coordinator, Stephanie Anderson, and the amazing ladies of St. Louis Chapter #38. They have performed miracles in fundraising and communications. Thank you for all your hard work to make our first Midwest Region Hybrid Conference a success.

Things are still in constant chaos for many of us; our lives have changed completely in the past year. In preparing for Forum, I learned from our St. Louis Chapter #38 members that St. Louis was home to Maya Angelou. In looking through some of her quotes, one really stood out to me. "You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them."

To me, this speaks strongly of us not only as women but also as NAWIC members. I cannot even say life threw us a curve ball. I have no description for what has happened the last year. Yet, each challenge that came along, we faced it. We may have had a few meltdowns but we picked ourselves up and we kept moving. We adapted. We learned how to have Zoom membership meetings and happy hours. We learned how to still connect with other women in construction. We took a deep breath, whether in our personal lives, work lives, or NAWIC lives, and we moved forward. Our goals and plans for the year changed – drastically. We have all felt times that our lives seemed governed by chaos. Consciously or unconsciously, we decided not to be reduced by the chaos. We decided we would still move forward, still thrive.

Guess what? We will continue to move forward. We will continue to hold our heads high. We will continue to persevere through our convictions, and we will become stronger from the lessons we have learned. Please note, I said we. We are stronger together. We support one another. We learn from one another. I grow better, learn more, expand my comfort zone, because I know all of you are there to share your perspective and life experiences with me. This is what I love about NAWIC; we come together to Construct, not just buildings, but communities and relationships. We forge those Connections with each other. We Communicate, to make our world a better place.

I thank you all for choosing to meet me in St. Louis to Connect, Collaborate, and Construct this weekend.

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Midwest Region Director



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PROGRAM BOOK

Thursday, April 29th

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm Job Site Tour – *Bar K St. Louis / Green Street & HDA*
4565 McRee Avenue, St. Louis MO 63110
Sponsored by Green Street Building Group
Hard Hats & Closed-Toed Shoes Required

Drinks and Dinner (On Your Own after 1st Round of Drinks)
Rockwell Beer Co. – 1320 South Vandeventer, St. Louis MO 63110
1st Round of Drinks Sponsored by Green Street Building Group

3:00 pm – 10:00 pm Registration – Ballpark Registration Desk (adjacent to lobby)

Friday, April 30th – Business Casual

7:00 – 9:00 am Registration – Arch View Foyer
Chapter Sales – Arch View Ballroom
Forum Storage Closet – Gateway V
Breakfast – On Your Own – Not Included in Event Registration

9:00 – 9:45 am General Session (**GS1**) – Arch View Ballroom
Call to Order
Presentation of Colors & Pledge of Allegiance
MWR Forum Host Chapter President Emily Thorne - Welcome to Forum
Welcome to St. Louis – Nonyameko Waddell, J.D. – VP, Kwame Building Group

Introductions

9:45 – 11:15 am

KEYNOTE (SP1)

Valuing Diversity: How to Connect in Cross-Cultural Conversations
Amy Narishkin, PhD – Chief People Officer, Empowering Partners
Arch View Ballroom

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& Dr. Amy's Bio*



11:15 – 11:30 am

Break

11:30 – 11:50 am

General Session Resumes (GS2) – Arch View Ballroom

Block Kids Recap
Design Drafting Recap
NEF Recap
WIC Week Recap
PD&E Recap
Membership Recap
Safety/OSHA Alliance Recap
Emerging Professionals Recap
Inspiration – Brandy Scheer, Scheer Resources

Noon – 12:45 pm

Lunch (SP2) – Gateway 1 & 2

Boxed Lunch – Your Choice of Herb Roasted Chicken on Slipper Bread with Basil Mayonnaise OR
Roast Beef on a Kaiser Roll, Lettuce, Tomato, & Onion
Chips, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, and House Baked Jumbo Cookies
Water, Coffee or Tea

Presentation: St. Louis' Next Decade

Sarah Arnosky – Vice President, Greater St. Louis Inc.

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1:00 – 2:00 pm

Breakout Sessions (Choose Session 1 or 2)

- 1) *Building Your Confidence in the Wake of COVID-19 (SP3)* – Gateway 3 & 4
Stephanie Hardt, CPA and Cheryl Foster - Brown Smith Wallace, LLP

*Scan for Stephanie
& Cheryl's Bios*



- 2) *NAWIC 101 – “Not Your Normal NAWIC 101” (SP4)* – Arch View Ballroom
Midwest Region Director, Raven Hoffman & NAWIC National

President-Elect Doreen Bartoldus

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Doreen's Bios*



2:00 – 2:15 pm

Break

2:15 – 3:15 pm

Breakout Sessions (Choose Session 1 or 2)

- 1) *Connecting Outside Your Bubble (SP5)* – Arch View Ballroom
Katrina Scott – Senior Manager, Diversity & Sustainability, The Resource Group

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& Session Handout*



2) *VizionWorx – Utilizing 21st Century Multi-Dimensional Digital Imagery in Construction*
 John Davis, Stacy Kotis and Andrey Michev, VIZIONWORX
 (SP6) Gateway 3& 4

Scan for the VIZIONWORX
 Team's Bios



3:15 – 4:30 pm

Unconscious Bias Training – the First Step of Leadership Development (SP7)
 Deborah Henry, PhD – Professor, St. Louis Community College
 Arch View Ballroom

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4:30 – 5:15 pm

First Timers Meeting (FT) – Arch View Ballroom

7:30 – 10:00 pm

Awards Gala (GALA) – Ballpark Conference Center, Lobby Level
 Inspiration – Amy DePriest, ACME Constructors

Gala Schedule
7:30 Social
8:00 Dinner
9:00 Awards
Virtual Link During Awards ONLY

- Attire: As dressy as you want to be!
- CASH Bar
- Dinner Buffet
 - Tangle of Baby Lettuce and Garden Greens with Tomatoes and Cucumber
 - Hilton Roasted Yukon Potato Salad with Green Onions, Eggs and Chipotle Ranch Dressing
 - Signature Vegetable Slaw with Creme Fraiche and Mustard Dressing
 - Cornbread, Biscuits
 - BBQ Brisket of Beef with Grilled Onions & Mushrooms
 - Herb Basted Roast Chicken with Chipotle Butter
 - Baby Back Ribs
 - Lyonnaise Potatoes, Baked Beans. Roasted Corn
 - Bread Pudding, Strawberry Shortcake, Assorted Sliced Melon and Whole Strawberries
 - Water, Coffee or Tea

Saturday, May 1, 2021 – Business Casual - Wear Red for NAWIC

7:00 – 8:30 am President's Meeting **(PM)** – Gateway 3 & 4

8:00 – 9:00 am Registration – Arch View Foyer
Chapter Sales – Arch View Ballroom
Forum Storage Closet – Gateway V
Breakfast – Arch View Foyer
Continental Breakfast
Sliced Freshly Baked Breakfast Breads
Companion Specialty Danish, Muffins and Flaky Croissants
An assortment of Fresh Bagels with Whipped Flavored and Plain Cream Cheese

Fresh Seasonal Sliced Fruit including:
Sliced Melon, Pineapple, assorted Fresh Berries

An assortment of juices to include: Cranberry, Orange, Grapefruit and Apple
Freshly Brewed Starbuck's Regular & Decaffeinated Coffee Selection of Fine Tea

9:00 – 10:30 am General Session Resumes **(GS3)** – Arch View Ballroom
National Candidates
Registration Report
Spring Forum 2023 Site Bids
Vote on Spring Forum 2023 Site
Vote on Midwest Region Fund Trustee, to start 3 year term 10/1/2021
NAWIC Reports
MWR Fund Report
New Business

10:30 – 11:30 am *The State of NAWIC (SP8)*
NAWIC National President-Elect Doreen Bartoldus
Arch View Ballroom

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Inspiration - Marianne Tibbits-Walden, United Rentals

Noon to 12:45 pm

Lunch (SP9) – Gateway 1 & 2

Plated Lunch

Salad: California Baby Greens, Champagne Vinaigrette w/Pears, Candied Walnuts & Bleu Cheese Crumbles

Entrée: Penne Pasta with Basil & Olive Oil tossed with Asparagus, Mushrooms, Julienne Bell Peppers & Grilled Chicken
Assorted Rolls & Butter

Dessert: Chocolate Decadence

Freshly Brewed Starbuck's
Regular & Decaf Coffee
Selection of Teas

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and Jessica Bios



Presentation: *Distracted Driving*
Kaylee Cannon and Jessica Cannon
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1:00 – 2:30 pm

Collaborating with Women in Construction: Baker's Build Project Recap (SP10)

Beth Barton – Carpenter, McCarthy

Sheena Jones – Sheet Metal Worker, Charles E Jarrell Contracting
Board Members of Missouri Women in Trades Organization (MOWIT)
Arch View Ballroom

Panel: *How the Pandemic has changed the way we Connect, Collaborate and Communicate*

Beth Barton – Carpenter, McCarthy

Sheena Jones – Sheet Metal Worker, Charles E Jarrell Contracting

Vanessa Byrd – Accountant, Shannon & Wilson, Inc.

Diana Wilhold – Deputy Executive Director and COO, Construction Forum

Cindy Thorne – Owner & Operator, Midwest Construction

Emily Thorne – Contract Administrator, Tarlton

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of our Panelists



Beth Barton



Sheena Jones



Vanessa Byrd



Diana Wilhold



Cindy Thorne



Emily Thorne



2:30 – 2:45 pm Break

2:45 – 3:15 pm OSHA Alliance Video (**GS4**) - Arch View Ballroom

3:15 – 4:30 pm General Session Resumes (**GS4**) - Arch View Ballroom
Announcements including voting results
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
NFSF
National Strategic Plan Update
Invitation to Fall Conference 2021
Invitation to Spring Forum 2022
Chapter Sales/NEF Raffles
Resolution
Adjourn

5:00-10:00 pm Networking/Dinner at Ballpark Village Across the Street from the Hotel!
Reserved Area on North Patio of Sport & Social
Dinner & Drinks on Your Own

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Bakeries • Restaurants • Breweries
Shopping • Family Fun

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GREAT FORUM!



Thank You!
Thank you Raven for all you do
for the Midwest Region!



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Greater Sioux Falls, SD

The graphic features a blue background with a yellow sunburst in the top left corner. A white-bordered photo of a woman, Raven, is positioned on the left. The text "Thank You!" is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below it, the message "Thank you Raven for all you do for the Midwest Region!" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The bottom right corner contains the NAWIC logo and the text "Greater Sioux Falls, SD". The background is decorated with white and red geometric shapes that resemble a staircase or a rising line graph.