



## PRESIDENT'S Message

### President's Corner: Building the Future Together

Hello NAWIC Tulsa Chapter 76 Family!

As we step into June, I am filled with immense pride for what our chapter continues to accomplish. Together, we aren't just navigating the construction industry—we are

actively shaping it, breaking barriers, and building a foundation for the next generation of women leaders.

Looking back at May, we had an incredible opportunity to tour the impressive OSUIT Wing at the OSU-Tulsa Campus. A massive thank you to our phenomenal hosts, Dr. Craig Freeman and Paula Harold, for showcasing the future of workforce education and inspiring us all.

As we head into a new month, we have some critical milestones ahead that need your voice, your votes, and your vibrant energy. Let's make this summer unforgettable!

#### Chapter Action Items & Updates

##### June Elections: Your Voice, Our Future

It is time to choose the leadership that will guide us into tomorrow. We will be holding elections for our 2026-2027 Chapter Board. Every single member's voice matters, and we need you there to cast your vote and support the future of Chapter 76. Stay tuned for final meeting details—**let's get 100% participation!**

##### NAWIC Awards Submissions Open

Do you know a member who has gone above and beyond, or a project that perfectly showcases the power of women in construction? Submissions for the NAWIC Awards are open now through June 10, 2026. Don't wait until the last minute—let's make sure Tulsa is well-represented on the national stage!

##### National Annual Conference: Registration is Live!

Pack your bags for Reno, Nevada! Registration for the NAWIC Annual Conference is officially open. You have until July 31, 2026, to secure your spot for an incredible week of networking, professional development, and sisterhood.

##### Summer Social Sneak Peek

Our Social Committee has been hard at work behind the scenes, plotting our upcoming Summer Social. While they are keeping the final details under wraps for **just a bit longer, I promise you it's going to be the perfect way to unwind, connect, and celebrate the sunny season together.** Keep an eye on your inbox!

"Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of forces working together." Thank you for being the driving force behind NAWIC Tulsa Chapter 76. See you at the June meeting!

With gratitude,

**Paula Fennell,**  
**NAWIC Tulsa Chapter 76 President 2025-26**

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## NEXT MEETING:

*3rd Tuesday of the Month*  
**Membership Meeting**  
**Vote for 2026-27 Board**

#### LOCATION:

**Ricardos Mexican Resturant**  
5629 E. 41st St.  
Tulsa, OK 74135

**RSVP email by EOB 06/12**

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

<p><b>JUNE</b></p>	<p>BOD Meeting—06/02 6:00 pm TBD          BA Amphitheatre Job-site Tour—06/08 11:00 am Broken Arrow Events Park          Membership Meeting —06/16 6:00 PM TBD</p>
<p><b>JULY</b></p>	<p>BOD Meeting—07/07 6:00 pm TBD          Summer Social —07/21 6:00 PM TBD</p>
<p><b>AUGUST</b></p>	<p>BOD Meeting—08/04 11:30 am TBD          Membership Meeting — New BOD Installation          08/18 6:00 PM TBD</p>
<p><b>SEPTEMBER</b></p>	<p>BOD Meeting—09/01 11:30 am TBD          Membership Meeting —09/15 6:00 PM TBD</p>
<p><b>OCTOBER</b></p>	<p>New BOD/New Year</p>

## SUNSET AMPHITHEATER

**BROKEN ARROW, OKLAHOMA**  
*North End of Events Park, 101<sup>st</sup> Street South and East of the Creek Turnpike*






Tulsa, OK



### JOB SITE TOUR

**MONDAY 6/8/26 @ 11AM**  
**LUNCH TO FOLLOW**

RSVP by 5/29/26 to [ptanner@crossland.com](mailto:ptanner@crossland.com)  
 PPE Required - Contact *Paulette Tanner* if you need PPE provided.







## UPCOMING WEBINARS: [www.nawic.org/webinars](http://www.nawic.org/webinars)

National has stepped up and provided NAWIC members with some outstanding webinars throughout the upcoming year with the focus in two areas:

**Professional Development & Education (PD&E) & Membership**

The webinars should be available on the national website to view at your convenience if you can't attend the initial airing. The webinars are also listed in the Calendar of Events.

06/03—2-3pm The Carbon Conversation: Captured & Embodied

Regional Forums as posted on the website.

08/13-15 in Reno, NV—National NAWIC 71st Annual Conference

# Celebrating Our NAWIC Sisters!

### Happy Birthday

- 06/08** Ashley Norris
- 06/13** Kitzie VanderKooi
- 06/16** Sara Shanklin
- 06/27** Kylie Belden

### Welcome New Members

### Congratulations On Your Anniversary

- 06/2018** Shannon Hudson

**If you have changed companies, please update your information on the National Website. Also, please forward preferred email, cell number, your birth day and month to Jaylee if not yet done so.**

**Thank you. [jklempa@pmgmtulsa.com](mailto:jklempa@pmgmtulsa.com)**

# Safety Notes for June:

## **Fire Prevention Awareness**

As temperatures continue to rise during the summer months, fire prevention becomes an increasingly important part of workplace and jobsite safety. Hot weather, dry conditions, increased equipment use, and temporary electrical setups can all contribute to a greater risk of fires if proper precautions are not followed. Taking a proactive approach to fire safety helps protect employees, equipment, materials, and the overall success of the project.

Fire hazards can develop quickly and often without warning. Something as simple as a damaged extension cord, improperly stored flammable material, or blocked exit path can create a dangerous situation in seconds. That is why every employee plays an important role in identifying hazards, following safety procedures, and maintaining awareness throughout the workday.

One of the most important fire prevention practices is ensuring that fire extinguishers are inspected regularly and remain easily accessible at all times. Employees should know where extinguishers are located, understand which type to use for different kinds of fires, and report any damaged or missing equipment immediately. Quick access to properly functioning fire extinguishers can make a significant difference during an emergency.

Proper storage of flammable and combustible materials is another critical component of workplace fire prevention. Items such as fuels, solvents, aerosols, and oily rags should always be stored in approved containers and away from ignition sources, heat-producing equipment, or open flames. Good housekeeping practices also reduce fire risks by preventing the buildup of debris and combustible waste around work areas.

Maintaining clear exits, walkways, and access points is equally important. In the event of an emergency, employees must be able to evacuate quickly and safely without obstacles or blocked pathways. Emergency exits should remain clearly marked, unlocked, and free of stored materials or equipment at all times.

Employees performing welding, cutting, grinding, or other hot-work activities should always follow established hot-work permit procedures. Sparks generated during these operations can travel farther than expected and ignite nearby combustible materials. Fire watches, proper ventilation, and work area inspections should always be part of the process before hot work begins.

Electrical safety also plays a major role in fire prevention. Overloaded outlets, damaged cords, temporary wiring, and improper use of power strips can all create serious hazards. Workers should inspect cords and electrical equipment daily and remove damaged items from service immediately. Avoiding overloaded circuits and using approved electrical equipment helps minimize unnecessary risks on the jobsite.

Fire prevention is everyone's responsibility. Staying alert, following safety procedures, and reporting hazards immediately can help prevent incidents before they occur. By working together and keeping fire safety a daily priority, we can maintain a safer workplace for everyone throughout the summer season.

## **Fire Safety Reminders**

- Inspect fire extinguishers regularly
- Store flammable materials properly
- Keep exits and access points clear
- Follow hot-work permit procedures
- Avoid overloading electrical circuits

Stay aware, stay prepared, and make fire prevention part of your daily routine.



# Please remember our NAWIC Endowed Scholarship at OSU

Whenever you're in a giving mood. The full name of our scholarship is the

## **NAWIC Tulsa Chapter 76 Endowed Scholarship In Honor of Gene Harris Fund.**

On your checks or online donations,  
please note the fund number: 26-75750

On-line donations: <https://osugiving.com/>  
please see the "Give" tab at the top right.

Mailing Address:  
OSU Foundation  
400 S. Monroe, Stillwater, OK 74074

**Your Scholarship Committee thanks you!!  
We will add the information for our OSUIT scholarship as  
soon as we can!**

**NAWIC TULSA CHAPTER 76**  
**General Membership Meeting—May 2026**  
**Tour of OSUIT Wing at OSU-Tulsa Campus**  
**(no minutes)**



**The prestigious NAWIC Awards are open for submissions!**

These awards honor exceptional service and contributions from remarkable individuals, innovative projects, and forward-thinking organizations that are propelling the construction industry forward.

We invite you to submit a company or nominate deserving individuals for a NAWIC award **by June 10, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. (CT)**. This year's award recipients will be celebrated at NAWIC's 71st Annual Conference in Reno, NV, where we will shine a spotlight on the exceptional achievements in our field.

[2026 Awards & Recognition Webpage](#)

Applications are now open for the following categories:

**Project & Corporate Awards:**

- Corporate Leadership
  - Impact
- Project Excellence
  - Civil/Heavy Highway
  - Commercial
  - Institutional
  - Residential
- Safety Excellence
  - General Contractor
  - Subcontractor
  - Supplier/Trucking

**Individual Awards:**

- Tradeswoman of the Year
- Lifetime Achievement\*
- NAWIC Member of the Year\*
- Future Leader of the Year\*
- Champion of Progress\*
- Sustainability\*

**Recognition Awards:**

- Member Strong\*
- Professional Development and Education\*

Member Only Awards\*

**[Submit Your Nominations Today!](#)**

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# EVERYONE HAS A VOICE

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We Value Your Feedback!

Please use this new QR code for you to easily share any comments, questions, concerns, or compliments. If you have suggestions on how we can address a concern or improve something, we'd love to hear from you. Likewise, if there are any ideas or features, you'd like to see, please let us know!

If you'd like your comment to not be anonymous, please feel free to include your name.

We are committed to providing transparent communication, and each newsletter will feature updates on any concerns, questions, or compliments we've received, along with responses when appropriate.

Thank you for helping us improve!

**NOTES** November Edition:

Question 1 - N/A



# **NAWIC TULSA CHAPTER 76**

## **2026-2027 BOARD OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS**

**PRESIDENT ELECT- Jennifer Cearley**

**VICE PRESIDENT- Shannon Hudson**

**RECORDING SECRETARY- Jaylee Klempa**

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY- Abigail Sullivan**

**DIRECTOR(S)- Karley Potter, Kylie Beldon, Dawn Reside,  
Paula Esposito, Sarah Hopper**

**TREASURER- Kristi Ostler**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH AND  
EVERY ONE OF YOU**



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**Tulsa, OK**

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**Membership Meeting  
Board of Directors Vote**

*Tuesday, June 16th 6:00-8:00 pm  
(networking @ 5:30)*

*Ricardo's Mexican Restaurant*

*5629 E 41<sup>st</sup>. St.*

*Tulsa OK, 74135*

*RSVP EOB June 12th to [kostler@flemingconstructiongroup.com](mailto:kostler@flemingconstructiongroup.com)*

## Please know we have a Private Membership page on Facebook

It's a private group and you may post your own prayer

Requests, birthday celebrations, congratulations or announcements at any time.

Or if you'd rather, please e-mail Jaylee and she'll post them for you.

This is open to all members but is strictly optional. We would ask that you read the pinned post at the top of the page.

If you'd like to join the page, simply request to be added. If you have any issues with that, please contact me: [jklempa@pmtulsa.com](mailto:jklempa@pmtulsa.com)

Thanks, Jaylee Klempa  
NAWIC Membership Support

We have an email for all questions:

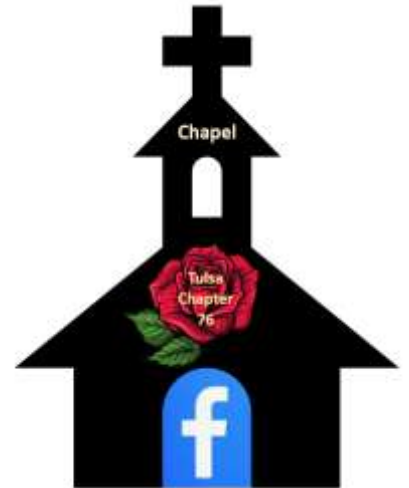
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Check out our website on the go!

Find us at: [nawictulsa.org](http://nawictulsa.org)

We have links to the national website along with current calendar events for our chapter and each newsletter at your fingertips!

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:





## NAWIC Meetings/ Dinners/Events Policies

A reminder of our Tulsa chapter policies concerning all of dinners and events. Please RSVP by the deadlines. We need confirmed counts for our restaurants ahead of time. If you are bringing guest(s), please supply their name and company.

All guests are paid for by the chapter the first time they visit, as well as new members—your first meeting is on us! After that, meetings/events will be charged unless otherwise indicated.

Members shall RSVP to attend the monthly meeting the Friday prior to the meeting (unless otherwise communicated) and will be billed for said meeting. Even if you cancel at the last minute, we need you to pay.

Our BOD has decided we need to be more vigilant. We run the risk of losing money as a chapter without this policy and we can't afford that.

We very much appreciate your understanding and your cooperation!

Kristi Ostler, Tulsa Chapter Treasurer [kostler@flemingconstructiongroup.com](mailto:kostler@flemingconstructiongroup.com)

## NAWIC Chapter 76 mailing address

NAWIC

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Owasso, OK 74055

Do you have something to report?

Exciting News / Your Committee / Awards

Please forward info to Jaylee Klempa by  
EOB last Friday of the month to get it in the Newsletter.  
[jklempa@pmsgtulsa.com](mailto:jklempa@pmsgtulsa.com)

# NAWIC Tulsa Committee Info

Ladies,

June is the time to vote for our BOD for the 2026–2027 term.

Abigail Sullivan, Chair of the Slate Committee, is still accepting requests for Committee Chair positions, if you are interested in helping with a Committee Chair position (all appointed by the President) please let Abigail know as soon as you can.

Jaylee Klempa, Membership Chair

## NAWIC Construction Industry Outreach Committee

We have been busy promoting NAWIC and construction as a gender-neutral career field. Below is a summary of 2026 to date.

- January 22: Union 8<sup>th</sup> Grade College & Career Fair – Ronny Walker, Paula Fennell, Kitzi VanderKooi, Pallei Tanner
- March 9: Tulsa Public Schools Dare 2 Dream College & Career Fair @ McLain HS – Ronny Walker and Pallei Tanner
- March 10: OSU-IT Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon – Paula Fennell, Ronny Walker, Pallei Tanner
- March 19: Home Builders Association lunch to discuss HBA and NAWIC collaborating on few events – Paula Fennell, Ronny Walker, Pallei Tanner
- March 25: Tulsa Tech Construction Career Fair – Ronny Walker, Karley Potter, Jenn Cleary, Pallei Tanner
- March 31: OSU-IT Women in Industry Event – Ronny Walker, Kristi Olster, Christi Wyatt, Pallei Tanner
- April 2: ABC Showcase @ Expo Square – Pallei Tanner, Kristi Olster, Jaylee Klempa, Paula Fennell
- April 15: HBA Building Her Legacy – Celebrate Women in Architecture & Building
- April 19-20: CareerTech SkillsUSA State TeamWorks Competition @ Arvest Convention Center

**Your NAWIC Construction Industry Outreach Committee would like to schedule job site tours of your projects for NAWIC members to see what you do and for your company to see your NAWIC sisters. If you have a project you want to nominate to visit, please contact Pallei Tanner. Our first project tour is June 8th at the BA Amphitheater.**



## **BIG THINGS ARE BREWING THIS SUMMER!**

Get ready for an exciting summer event that combines the creativity of the Social Committee, the fundraising expertise of the Ways & Means Committee, and the welcoming spirit of the Membership Committee!

Our committees are teaming up to plan a fun-filled summer social that will bring members together for networking, fellowship, laughter, and fundraising—all wrapped into one fantastic event. While the details are still being finalized, we couldn't wait to share the excitement and let everyone know that something special is on the horizon!

This collaborative effort is designed to strengthen connections among our members, celebrate our chapter, and support our important initiatives through a fun and engaging fundraising opportunity. Whether you're a long-time member or new to the organization, this event is being planned with everyone in mind.

Stay tuned for more information on the date, location, activities, and ways you can participate. Please note this will take the place of our July Membership Meeting. We promise it will be an event you won't want to miss!

Keep an eye on your email and chapter communications as additional details become available. We can't wait to celebrate summer with you!

**Fun • Fellowship • Fundraising**

More details coming soon 

*Rose Recipient*  
**NAWIC**  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION  
*Tulsa*



*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.*

*Karley Potter* has not had the opportunity to bestow the Red Rose.

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