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This is my final newsletter as president of the Greenville Chapter. It's been a weird year so far with meeting sporadically by Zoom and not being able to do all the fun stuff we usually do like job tours, community outreach events, networking and just plain old socially meeting face-to-face at Runway Café. Despite this, we have had members attend the Annual Conference (virtually) and some will attend Fall Conference Nov 6-7, which will also be hosted virtually by the Asheville Chapter. I am sure they will do a great job! The cost is very minimal for registration, which is one good thing about virtual conferences besides not having to travel. The chapter also has 2 new members Caroline Talbott and Tamika Simmons. Caroline was a past member who is returning to the chapter after a couple of busy years starting a family. Tamika is a student member who also works for SCDOT. Tamika just joined in August. We hope she can attend the September meeting to help plan activities for the upcoming year. We need new voices and new ideas!

Our new officers for the 20-22 year (our chapter does 2-year commitments) are:

President: Kavita Borsum

Vice-President: TBD

Secretary: Suzanne Childs

Treasurer: Gina Martell

Director: Julie Aguirre

Director: Ashley Thomas

Past President: Chris Piper

I hope the best of success for the Greenville SC Chapter in 2020-2021. Hope next year turns out better than this year!

*Chris Piper, President*

**M I N U T E S**

**National Association of Women in Construction**

*NAWIC Greenville 104 Membership Meeting*

*8/27/2020*

- Call to Order**            The meeting of the *NAWIC Greenville, SC 104* was called to order by *Chris Piper @ 6:00*
- Roll Call (members)**    *Suzanne Childs, Kim McCullough, Chris Piper, Janet O’Rear, Kavita Borsum, Julie Goode, Wanda Smith, Gina Martell, Dot McConnell, and Angie Carr*
- Approval of Minutes:** Janet O’Rear made a motion to approve meeting minutes from July. Julie Goode, second.
- Program:**                PowerPoint presentation **NAWIC 101**  
NAWIC webinar **Leadership Training for Chapter Effectiveness**  
Discussion concerning chapter self-evaluation, setting goals for membership, strategic planning and discovering our chapter’s purpose.
- Special Recognition:** Charter Member, Dot McConnell was recognized for 55 years of faithful service to our chapter.
- Other Business:**        Dues renewal has been extended with forthcoming details on payment plan.  
Kavita Borsum will host our September 24th meeting and Installation of officers and directors at her home. Temperature check, distancing, and mask required.
- Adjourned with the reciting of our pledge @ 8:00pm.**

*Kim McCullough, Secretary*

***SEPTEMBER 24 CHAPTER MEETING***

***When: Thursday, September 24 5:30—7:00pm***

***Where: Kavita Borsum's Home***

***21 Ganibrille Ct, Simpsonville SC 29681***

***High Grove Estates at the corner of Batesville and  
Woodruff RD. Park on side road or on the driveway***

***Kavita's cell is 864-934-3933***

***Program: New Chapter Officer Installation & Activity Planning***

***Member of the Year Presentation***

Special Notes: Please wear a mask; temperatures may be checked;  
Kavita's house and yard is large enough for social distance practices.

## Report of NAWIC Annual Conference 2020

The virtual format of this year's conference had meetings and sessions condensed into 3 days, without leadership training in the agenda. This was my first annual conference and I am praying there will be other opportunities to tune into the information we've been missing for years! I was unable to view many live sessions, but it was fairly easy to pull up past webinars, and I have viewed almost all presentations with only 3 to go.

SAR members were recognized for many contributions in recruitment, special honors, Block Kids and more. Our own Dot McConnell was recognized for 55 years of NAWIC membership. Dot was one of 5 recognized for 55 years of service, and 55 years was the longest membership recognized. We are blessed to have an active charter member.

There was much fanfare surrounding the unveiling of a very minimalistic new logo and rebranding. The breakout sessions covered personal development, construction contracts, chapter finances, communication and teamwork. One of the more inspiring sessions was a panel presentation with team members from **I BUILD**. Ibuild is a nonprofit based in Florida that strives to offer real solutions for the skilled trade shortage. Amazing group!

The closing keynote, Just one of the Guys- How to Stay Feminine in the Construction Industry, was probably my favorite. Presenter, Ally Jencsen is a NAWIC member and had some practical wisdom beyond pink hard hats, to hold onto our identity in a male populated industry. Favorite quote; "know your worth, then add tax."

I imagine being surrounded by NAWIC sisters from across the country and networking in person can be a pretty powerful experience. As for this virtual conference, I am grateful to my chapter for making attendance possible. I learned a lot and cannot express enough the benefit of attending conferences; Annual Conference and our regional events.

Submitted by Kim McCullough

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### CONTACT INFO UPDATE

Members can update contact information through the member center which can be found after signing in at [www.nawic.org](http://www.nawic.org).

### NAWIC NEWS

Please send all articles and content recommendations for this chapter to Chris Piper  
([chrispiper240@gmail.com](mailto:chrispiper240@gmail.com))

### IDEAS FOR OUR CHAPTER?

Contact the board members listed below if you have any ideas for the future of our chapter.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

September 21 Board Meeting 5:30-6:30pm  
ZOOM

September 24 Chapter Meeting 5:30—7:00pm

**BIRTHDAYS**

Sep 5 Kim McCullough

Sep 15 Suzanne Childs

**NAWIC ANNIVERSARY**

**SEPTEMBER**

**None**

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PLEDGE THE AGILITY OF MY HANDS, THE ABILITY OF MY MIND,  
AND THE INTEGRITY OF MY HEART.