



## KC Convention Creates Memorable NEF Moments

### 'Follow the Yellow Brick Road' a Fundraising Success



Susan Carson, CIT, then NEF president (left) and Linda Little Young, CIT, (right) then president-elect, present the Carol Kueker, CCA, CIT, CDS Excellence in Construction Education Award to Roger W. Liska, Ed.D, FAIC, FCIOB, CPC, of Clemson University for his many years of dedicated leadership and assistance in promoting and advancing NEF's core purpose. This first-time award is named after the late Carol Kueker who passed away earlier this year. Kueker played an important leadership role in advancing NEF for the past 20 years.



Susan Carson, CIT, (right) awards the Darline H. Johnson Volunteer Award to Pat Callicotte, CCA, former NEF president (2004-2005) for her volunteer efforts and service to the NAWIC Education Foundation. Callicotte is a member of the Louisville, Ky., Chapter of NAWIC and is executive vice president of the Rademaker Corporation.



NEF's 2006-2007 Officers - Front row (left to right) Sherry Yarbrough, CIT, president-elect; Linda Little Young, CIT, president; Susan Carson, CIT, past president; second row (left to right) Frances Jackson, CIT, executive committee member; Gloria Shaw Bruce, CIT, secretary; Sharon McGuinness, CCA, CIT, AFSB, vice president; Dorothy A. Walch, CIT, CDS, treasurer; and Darline H. Johnson, CGS, NEF executive director.



Susan Carson, CIT, (left) passes the gavel to incoming president Linda Little Young, CIT. Carson firmly believes that NAWIC's core purpose of enhancing the success of women in construction goes hand in hand with NEF's work to promote construction education.

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## NEF VP Dedicated to Promoting Education

### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**S**haron McGuinness, CCA, CIT, AFSB, likes to practice what she preaches. As a

firm believer in education, she felt that she couldn't support and encourage participation in the NAWIC Education Foundation's (NEF) programs without knowing what the courses were all about. So she



enrolled in the Construction Industry Technician (CIT) course first and then took the Certified Construction Associate (CCA) course.

Since the adult certification programs are self study, McGuinness said that she had to be extremely well organized to juggle her work and personal responsibility while studying for the NEF courses. A member of the Greater Phoenix, Ariz., Chapter of NAWIC, McGuinness said that she found several benefits to earning her NEF certifications.

"It was great to know some of the women in the study groups that I participated in," said McGuinness. "It was also good to see theory versus how it really worked in the industry."

Besides earning her CCA and CIT certifications, McGuinness is an Associate in Fidelity and Surety Bonding (AFSB). To earn that title, she had to take three courses in bonding, one in accounting and one

in legal. McGuinness is a contract bond manager for the Great American Insurance Company in the bond division.

In her position, she underwrites and pre-qualifies contractors for performance and payment bonds.

A NAWIC member since 1994, McGuinness's involvement in NAWIC is extensive, having served at the chapter, regional and national leadership levels. She is currently vice president of NEF's executive committee and serves as the NEF representative on the American Council for

Construction Education (ACCE) Board.

McGuinness believes that NEF's courses have something to offer most people working in construction, even if they have worked in it for awhile.

"NEF programs are wonderful and expanding," she said. "These courses are very well prepared. With the great strides NEF has made and is making to get these courses recognized within the industry, any construction professional would benefit from these initials [CCA, CIT, CDS] after their name."

McGuinness would like to see more members get involved in NEF through participation in the courses as well as offering input about course content.

"We are working hard to meet the needs of the members, and it is important that all members become involved and let NEF know where they see a need," McGuinness said. "No other organization works so hard for their members as NEF."

## NEF's Online Educational Offerings



*Don't forget that NEF offers a variety of online courses through its partners. Online education is growing in popularity for its 24/7 availability and great affordability.*

**NEF offers online courses through the following organizations:**

- Red Vector
- Summit Environmental Health and Training
- HVACReduction.net

*To learn more or to enroll in a class offered by any of these organizations, visit [www.nawiceducation.org](http://www.nawiceducation.org).*



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# < Executive Director's Message >

## NEF Looks Ahead to 2007

**W**ith the holiday season around the corner, our thoughts will soon turn to being with family, shopping for gifts and looking forward to all of the delights that this time of the year brings. As the 2006 year winds to a close, I want to encourage you to make NEF a part of your life in the upcoming year. A growing number of our students are discovering that our adult certification programs and online courses are an affordable and convenient way to build on their knowledge of the construction industry.

### ◆ Keeping Our Courses Up-to-Date

As the industry changes, so does the content in our courses. Keeping our textbooks up-to-date is a priority. The revision of the Certified Construction Associate (CCA) course has led to greater enrollment and participation levels. In fact, we had a group of students at our recent Kansas City, Mo., convention take the principles section of the CCA course and all of them passed. Congratulations to these ladies!

In addition to our CCA course being revised, Clemson University is helping us to revise the Construction Document Specialist (CDS) course. To read more about the changes to this course, please see the "Foundation Focus" article in the November/December issue of *The NAWIC IMAGE*.

NEF recognizes that there is a high demand for construction bookkeeping skills. To meet that need, we are in the

process of putting together a Construction Bookkeeping 101 course.



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Using the funds donated by the late Roz Lang of the Los Angeles, Calif., Chapter, volunteers are doing the research and preliminary work required to make this course a valuable resource for the construction industry. We will keep you updated on the progress.

I'm excited to report that the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) has approved the Construction Industry Technician (CIT) course to receive three continuing education units (CEUs) for their members who complete and pass the course. Susan Carson, CIT, past NEF president, is working on the submission of the CCA program for CSI's review.

### ◆ Wrap Up of KC Convention

At our recent NAWIC convention, we had a highly successful fund-raiser with the theme of "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" as we were in the Land of Oz.

Thank you to all of our generous contributors! Your contributions help support our K-12 programs as well as assist us in keeping our adult programs up-to-date.

I hope that you'll take some time and read through the newsletter. With a new leadership in place, led by Linda Litle Young, CIT, our new president, we have many goals to reach. But our core purpose of educating the construction industry today ... and tomorrow never changes.

I invite you to be a part of all that we have in store for NEF in 2007. Happy Holidays to you and your family!

– **Darline H. Johnson, CGS**  
NEF Executive Director

### Support NEF Sponsorships

Become a "Partner in Education," supporting the purpose and goals of the NAWIC Education Foundation. Sponsorships range from \$500 to \$10,000 per year to suit every interest level. As an NEF sponsor, companies support the quality work of NEF's programs and are entitled to various promotional and marketing opportunities. To learn more about the benefits of a sponsorship, please visit [www.nawiceducation.org](http://www.nawiceducation.org) and click on "Sponsorship Opportunities."

## Linda Litle Young Leads NEF for 2006-2007 Year

The NAWIC Education Foundation (NEF) installed Linda A. Litle Young, CIT, a long-time volunteer and leader of NEF, as its president at the organization's Annual Trustees Meeting held during the National Association of Women in Construction's 51st Annual Meeting and Convention in Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 6-9, 2006.

Young is employed as an accounting manager by Dynalectric - San Diego, an EMCOR company.

In her 21 years of service and involvement in NEF, Young has been active in various volunteer roles at the chapter, regional and national levels. In addition, she served as NAWIC president from 2002-2003.

One of Young's primary goals for NEF during the 2006-2007 year is to communicate the quality and value of NEF's certification courses to the construction industry. The foundation is an American Council for Construction Education quality educational provider. Its certification courses are developed in conjunction with Clemson University. Member donations have been used to upgrade the content of NEF's programs, and Young would like to see more members taking advantage of these updated courses to become better educated in the industry.

Young would also like to market NEF's certification courses to other occupations such as attorneys, CPAs and insurance and bonding professionals.

"NEF's courses would help these indi-

viduals to service their clientele better if they had a more thorough understanding of the construction industry," Young said. "NEF's courses will give these professionals the background they need. Their particular degrees usually don't concentrate on any industry - NEF will supplement their construction education."

Seeing the dire need in the industry for specialized skills in construction bookkeeping, Litle hopes to launch a Construction Bookkeeping 101 course this year. She believes that NEF is ready to meet the need to provide better bookkeeping skills to those who are entering or already at work in construction.

Young hopes that ultimately, more women will take advantage of NEF's programs for the same reasons she did.

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### CONSIDER NEF WHEN MAKING YOUR WILL OR TRUST

***A will or trust allows you to make your own decisions on who should receive your assets. Help us promote education in the construction industry. Please remember the NAWIC Education Foundation in your long-term decisions.***

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