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NAWIC installs 2015-2016 national president and new board members

Riki F. Lovejoy, CBT, CIT leads NAWIC

FORT WORTH, TEXAS — The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) installed Riki F. Lovejoy, CBT, CIT, as its 61st National President during NAWIC's Annual Meeting and Convention in Nashville, Tenn. on Friday, Sept. 4, 2015. Lovejoy, owner of RFL Consulting Solutions, Inc. has been a member of NAWIC's Greater Orlando, Fla. Chapter since 1987.

“As we start our 61st year, we have successfully completed the redistricting of our Regions and are already feeling the excitement of the possibilities this brings to our Association,” said Lovejoy. “Additionally, we hope that with the inspiration of our newer, younger members, as well as the history that our veteran members bring to this Association, NAWIC will be the resource for leaders in the construction industry.”

Lovejoy's goal for the upcoming year is to encourage NAWIC members to step out of their comfort zone and take on leadership roles, not only within NAWIC, but in their professional and social lives. Lovejoy has spoken to multiple groups about what it takes to become a leader in the field, in the office, on the playing field or any other environment that is a part of an individual's life. She has developed a tag line, “Saying Yes is a Growth Experience,” as she has realized what saying yes has meant for her personally and professionally.



Lovejoy's passion for professional and personal development leads her to continue the expansion of NAWIC's Professional Development and Education committee that is fast becoming one of the main resources for NAWIC's members and, ultimately, for all women in construction.

NAWIC also installed officers President-Elect Connie M. Leipard, CIT, Central Missouri Chapter; Vice President Stephanie K. Crane, CIT, Greater Birmingham, Ala. Chapter; Treasurer, Jennifer M. Swinney, CBT, CDS, CIT, San Antonio, Texas Chapter; Secretary Diane I. Mike, CBT, Fort Worth, Texas Chapter; and Immediate Past President Sandy K. Field, CBT, CIT, Houston, Texas Chapter.

In addition to the officers, the NAWIC board is comprised of a national director from the association's eight regions. Each director serves a two-year term and is elected by her peers to bring the wishes and needs of the chapters to the attention of the association. New directors installed include:

- Pacific Northwest Region Director Ruth Fritts, Boise, Idaho Chapter;
- South Atlantic Region Director Lorie Lythgoe, Richmond, Va. Chapter;
- South Central Region Director Dena Rowland, Fort Worth, Texas Chapter; and
- Southeast Region Director Angelia McElroy, CIT, Tampa, Fla. Chapter.

NAWIC region directors serving the second year of their term include:

- Midwest Region Director Debbie Speake, Southwest Missouri Chapter;
- North Central Region Director Anne Pflieger, CIT, Lima, Ohio Area Chapter;
- Northeast Region Director Catherine D. Schoenenberger, Granite State Chapter (New Hampshire); and
- Pacific Southwest Region Director Lorelee Langworthy, CBT, CDS, CIT, San Diego, Calif. Chapter.

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About NAWIC

NAWIC is an international association serving approximately 130 chapters across the United States. It was founded in 1953 to enhance the success of women in the construction industry as "Women in Construction of Fort Worth, Texas." In 1955, the charter was expanded to allow chapters to form across the country and the National Association of Women in Construction was born. NAWIC's Core Purpose is "To enhance the success of women in the construction industry." The association has expanded to include international affiliates in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa and the United Kingdom. For more information, please contact Communications Director Autumn Daughettee at (817) 877-5551. Visit NAWIC online at www.nawic.org.