



I was truly impressed by the reception at Region 8's Annual Planning Conference held October 23-24, 2009 in Englewood, CO. Metropolitan Denver Chapter #112 welcomed each attendee with a live evergreen seedling to support the theme of "Grow Green with NAWIC". Almost everyone wore pink to continue our Region GR8 tradition in support of breast cancer awareness.

All of the speaker topics revolved around the "Grow Green with NAWIC" theme. We learned a lot about LEED certifications and how the sustainability practices can add to our environment and our business. We also learned about "Green Market Space" and how it can help align your business processes with current and future market conditions. We were also given a lot of contact information for questions and resources. I especially appreciated the handouts provided. It saved on the note-taking and allowed more time to really listen to the speakers.

It was very exciting to get to know Cindy Johnsen, CDS, CIT and NAWIC Treasurer from the San Bernardino-Riverside, CA Chapter. She is a delightful person to meet. Cindy announced her intention to run for NAWIC Vice President. Our very own Region 8 Director, Linda Champlin-Frank, CIT announced that she was going to run for NAWIC Secretary and there is a possibility that Robin Roberts, CCA, CIT might put her hat in the ring for NAWIC Treasurer. It is so exciting to see members of our region representing NAWIC on the national level.

On our regional level, Linda Kofford, Salt Lake City Chapter #90, announced her intention to run for Region 8 Director. We will miss Linda Champlin-Frank, CIT as our Director. She is serving our region well and we are very excited that she is going to run for a national office.

Cindy Johnson (NAWIC) and Sharon McGuinness (NEF) did a website navigation presentation. They both stressed that it is very important that we keep our member information current. Sharon McGuinness, CCA, CIT, AFSB, did an excellent group participation of "Are You a Leader". It is always interesting to have our members as speakers – what a talent pool we have in Region GR8!

Saturday morning started bright and early with the business meeting portion of APC. Then the fun began with the NEF "Fun Raising" with Robin Roberts, CCA, CIT and her crew of volunteers. As Robin easily admits – you just never know what she is up to! Our Region GR8 raised over \$2,800.00 during APC.

Pam Dullum, PE, CCA and WIC Week Region 8 Chair, was able to get 100% participation for the 2010 WIC Week during APC. Pam gave an excellent presentation explaining how each chapter could get involved in WIC Week on different levels. Her "gentle persistence" won out and she had the results e-mailed to the national office out within the hour.

We were all invited to attend FORUM in Scottsdale, AZ next April. The Greater Phoenix Chapter #98 did a short presentation for Forum – lots of surprises are planned! El Paso Chapter #248 held a vote for the site of FORUM 2011 and Ruidoso, New Mexico was selected.

A special thanks to Metropolitan Denver Chapter 112 President Tarah Harpstreith, APC Coordinator Karen Mueller and all of the members of the chapter for their efforts to make this APC educational, informative and fun!

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