

Chapter 356 President's Report
Annual Planning Conference, Region 8
October 23-24, 2009 - Englewood, CO

This was the first time that I have attended an APC. Family plans have been a schedule conflict before this year, so I am very glad that I was able to be a part of it this time. It was very well directed by Linda Champlin-Frank and very well planned by Tarah Harpstreith and Karen Mueller and the members of the Denver Chapter and I'd like to thank them all. I was grateful for their permission to use the opportunity for our Chapter to do a fundraiser selling bracelets that we had made for this event.

Friday was a half day of meetings which for me was preceded by a great lunch with Linda and the NAWIC National Treasurer, Cindy Johnson, at the Rock Bottom Brewery. (Somebody had to be the referee! Ha,ha) The only speaker that day, Andy Lutz, had a lot of interesting things to say about the value of LEED education. It was nice to meet with the other Chapter President's later and hear about some of their activities. Then the Hospitality Suite had a lot of yummy food.

On Saturday, the business meeting was started with the Boy Scout Troop presenting the colors as the Star-Spangled Banner was sung and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Business went quickly and the committee chairs presented some motivating contests to challenge us to expand our involvement. The NEF fundraiser was a lot of fun with people throwing quarters at jars and counting M&Ms. Great prizes were given to the winners of the ticket drawing.

After lunch, we listened to a very well informed LEED Consultant, Courtney France, who helped us to see the importance of keeping up with the changes in the Green Construction Regulations. We learned more about Forum 2010 from the Gr. Phoenix Chapter and Forum 2011 from the El Paso Chapter. Intentions to run for National Offices were declared by Cindy Johnson and Linda Champlin-Frank. Linda Kofford from Salt Lake City announced that she is running for Region 8 Director. We discussed having a Quad Regional with Regions 8, 9, 10, 11 and the potential possibilities. I think that Colorado Springs would be a good place to have it in June, so I will ask our Chapter what they would like to do.

In the Hospitality Suite we participated in a team face painting contest with Halloween makeup kits. Some pretty scary creatures were revealed! Karen and Tarah and Karen's sons were great sports. It all was a great time and very informative, and I was glad to be there.

Respectfully submitted,

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