

2005 Spirit Award Recipient: Angelique Kallio, CIT

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This year, the Spirit Award committee faced a challenging task. With three deserving nominees, we realized that our chapter has reached a new level. We have choices! In the end after much discussion, our choice was a unanimous one.

Our 2005 Spirit Award winner dedicates herself to NAWIC. When she says she will serve on a committee, or take on a task, she does it completely, with sincerity and intensity! She attends every event she can and has served on many committees, even chairing one. Since she has been a member, which has only been 19 months, she has enthusiastically shown up for every event that she can. She is always willing to help.

One of the nomination forms said this about her: "She is a very positive person and finds good in those around her." That sums her character up. You can't get her to say a negative thing about someone! Not that I've tried! But you know, some people talk. But not her. She is our friend, and will stand for each of us always. We are comfortable with her in that our faults are not what she sees.

I got to know her when she decided to take an NEF test. She studied so hard, and so intensely. She was worried about asking me too many questions or taking too much of my time. I enjoyed spending time with her then, and I enjoy spending time with her now. She passed, by the way!

Not only has she encouraged growth in our chapter, but has also been responsible for recruiting members from her company to the Denver chapter as well.

She not only attends functions, but gets her employer to sponsor them! When she was asked to attend forum, she wholeheartedly got involved, and brought her employer's sponsorship money with her.

Angelique loves NAWIC, and it is apparent.