



BRIGHT IDEAS OCCUR WHEN WE ELIMINATE THE "ME" AND MAKE IT A "WE"

OHIO COUNCIL NAIW NEWSLETTER JULY 2008

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Thanks to all of you who have given me the opportunity to represent our state this upcoming year. I am blessed by being surrounded with some of the best members throughout the nation!

For those of you who were there, you know National in Phoenix it was great! We got lucky and didn't hit what they consider hot weather. In fact, a couple of days it was hotter here in Ohio than in Arizona.

Region IV walked away with awards and made us all quite proud.

Rookie of the Year – Debbie Craig - Region IV

Communicate with Confidence – Miriam Rich – Region IV

Professional Underwriter of the Year – Jennifer Baker – Region IV

We were so proud of all the contestants. Just being at that level for any Awards at national is quite an accomplishment.

Just a reminder **I need all the incoming Presidents e-mail addresses** so I can assure you get this newsletter. This particular newsletter will be sent to few out going since I haven't received the new President's address. This is important not only for the newsletter but other NAIW releases that come throughout the year. For those I haven't received at the time of this mailing it is going to you out going ladies so get those new ones in to me please!

I need to hear from each association on when you would like me to visit. So far I have one invitation and that is to the Insurance Professional of Columbus for December 4, 2008. I'm wide open. You gals in the "Snow Belt" please have mercy on me and get me to you this fall or early spring. I must visit each association. You can combine meetings for the event if it is practical to you associations and it is obviously a big plus for the director.

My theme this year as you saw in the opening of this newsletter is about being a "we" unit. Synergy is an amazing thing and much more can be accomplished and with greater clarity and substance when we work as a group. Individualism is needed but all the pieces must fit together for the best end product or solution.

You new council officers to date for 2008-2009 are as follows:

Ohio Council Director: Betsy Adams

Public/Relations/Program Committee Chair: Susan Necessary

Council Membership Development Committee Chair: OPEN

Council Awards Committee Chair – Vikki Angelo

Keeper of the Fund – Shari Middaugh

By Laws: Jeannie Hlas

Budget Finance Chair – Mary Wildi

Nominating Chair: Barb Dellar

Credentials Chair: Chris Fulton

Pages & Tellers Chair – Irita Lauerman

Assistant and website chair: Pat Johnson

All of the folks listed above can also be reached on the Ohio Council e-mail at NAIWOHio@aol.com

I know you will offer you support and offer to assist on these committees for these ladies. You will be hearing from them, if you haven't already, to become part of the "we".

Unfortunately I received a call from Phyllis Sapp who was elected our Membership Chair and due to medical reasons Phyllis has needed to resign her position. For those of you at the annual meeting last year, you will recall Phyllis told us she would do it as long as she was able. She no longer finds herself in a position to be able. Phyllis has been and still is a devoted member to NAIW and the Ohio Council. She needs our prayers for healing and toleration of her chronic issues. I will be looking to one of you or your members to take over this chair. Phyllis has a lot of the foot work done to get two new associations in Ohio Council. She has offered her mental gifts (so we can still pick her brain so to speak) and her files but she just can't do it physically.

I am going to have tough act to follow as Pat Johnson is one of the most dedicated members NAIW has ever had the privilege to have but you see I was smart enough to get her as my assistant so that will help me from falling to far from the tree. Seriously I am looking forward to a great year.

Remember the websites have a tremendous amount of information. We have national information available at www.naiw.org; regional information at www.naiwreg4.com and state information at www.naiwohio.com. Updates, comprehensive manual, upcoming events, forms including credentials and all educational programs are all at your fingertips.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 22-23 Networking Weekend, South Bend Mishawaka, Indiana

November 7-8 Ohio Council Annual Meeting – Independence Ohio hosted by Insurance Women of Cleveland

Presidents and Members PLEASE remember to send us information we can include on the website. Send it to both Pat and I. We want to share in your fun and accomplishments. New members, activities, new designations, fund raisers, association safety projects, you name it, we want it! If it's a member's accomplishments let us help blow the horn!

