

# **NEF - NAWIC Education Foundation**

## **Press Release**

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### **Tamara S. Crooks, J.D., CIT to Lead NEF for 2018-2019 Year**

ORLANDO, FL August 31, 2018 – NAWIC Education Foundation (NEF) installed Tamara S. Crooks, J.D., CIT, as its president at the organization’s Annual Meeting held during National Association of Women in Construction’s (NAWIC) 63rd Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL August 15-18, 2018.

Crooks serves as a Project Manager for SEDALCO in Ft. Worth, TX and acted as President-Elect of NEF for 2017-2018. She replaces Sue-Ellen Stoddard, CIT, owner and Senior Designer of Robmar Design Associates, Inc. based in Hopkinton, MA, as president. Ms. Stoddard will continue with the foundation as Immediate Past President.

Crooks has been a long-time NEF volunteer serving in the past as a Trustee and Fundraiser. Since her 1997 graduation from law school, Crooks has acquired additional education, skills, experience and most importantly, the relationships necessary to become an industry leader. While her primary focus has been on delivering projects to clients, she is also committed to providing pathways for other women seeking to enter and enjoy successful careers in the construction industry. Crooks is an active member of the American Council for Construction Education (ACCE) and sits on its Board of Trustees while also participating on accreditation teams visiting universities throughout the United States to verify that programs comply with ACCE’s standards.

Other NEF Officers installed for 2018-2019 include Wendy Jarred, CBT, CCA, CDS, CIT, EIT, LEED AP BD+C, President Elect, DonahueFavret Contractors, Inc., Mandeville, LA; Laura Herron, Vice President, Lambertville, MI; , Peggy Newquist, CIT, ESP, Secretary, Constructing Opportunity LLC, Orlando Park, IL; Robin Fulton Meyer, CBT, CIT, Treasurer, On Your Case, Bullhead City, AZ; and Lisa M. Thibodeaux, Executive Committee, Construction Experts, Inc., Oceanside, CA.

NEF is also governed by a twelve (12) member Board of Trustees. Those trustees installed for 2018-2019 include Robert M. Aydukovic, CRE, MCCEI, Towson, MD; Mary Barnhart, Wilmington, DE; Tanya Boone, NCARD, CAN, EDAC, Roanoke, VA; Jeffrey Daily, MEd, MSS, LSW, Berwyn, PA; Karen Hager, CBT, CIT, The Briar Team, LLC, Deltona, FL; Kendra Hankins, Albuquerque, NM; Jill Hanson, CIT, Clearwater, FL; Melanie Myers, St Mary Mercy Livonia, Stockbridge, MI; Henry Sorensen, President, Prov, Inc., Alachua, FL; Tamie K. Taylor, CDS, CDT, CIT, Taylored Business Solutions, Anchorage, AK; Cathy Tyler, NCCER, Alachua, FL; and Jennifer VanBreda, SimplexGrinnell, Little Elm, TX.

Based in Orlando, FL, NEF is responsible for administering a variety of K-12 programs that help educate today's youth to pursue construction careers. In addition, NEF offers a full range of self-study courses for adults. NEF maintains partnering agreements with various education-related organizations that allow it to expand its offerings of educational courses. NEF is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c) 3 non-profit educational foundation to which tax-deductible contributions can be made.

The core purpose of the NEF is to educate the construction industry and foster the workforce of tomorrow. Its goals are to provide quality education programs for the construction industry and to promote the benefits of a career in the industry.

For additional information about NEF, including its educational courses, go to [www.nef.edu.org](http://www.nef.edu.org), or send an e-mail to [nawicedu@gmail.com](mailto:nawicedu@gmail.com) or call toll-free (866) 277-2883.

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