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Granite State, NH

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**General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Midterm Elections & Dinner at the Backyard Brewery, Manchester, NH  
Wednesday, June 10, 2026**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM. Member sign-in, introductions, and chapter meeting commenced.

**Attendance List**

1. Jennifer Beach, Associated Builders & Contractors – Active Member
2. Ginny Busby, Busby Construction – Retired Member
3. Paula Cantara, Gallagher Companies – Active Member
4. Brenda Clemons, NH Good Roads Association – Active Member
5. Gary Coorssen – Guest
6. Lesa Courchaine, Charlotte Pipe and Foundry – Active Member
7. Lorraine DeShiro, Petra, LLC – Active Member
8. Judy Durst, Harvey Construction – Active Member
9. Lorinda Gilbert, St. Mary's Bank – Corporate Member
10. Sara Ihle, Turner Group – Active Member
11. Trish Jeffrey, Waterline Industries – Active Member
12. Andrea Klein, DPR Construction – Active Member
13. Jennifer Landon, YGM Training & Consulting – Active Member
14. Corinne Lapan, Petra, LLC – Active Member
15. Karen Long, Charter Contracting – Active Member
16. Maria Marotte, Harvey Construction – Active Member
17. Susan Merrill, F.L. Merrill Construction – Active Member
18. Elizabeth Morse, Lewis Builders Development – Active Member
19. Ginine Parrino, Chamberlain Companies – Active Member
20. Kim Pyszka, Harvey Construction – Active Member
21. Sarah Quinn, Harvey Construction – Active Member
22. Emily Reveal, Pennichuck Water Works – Active Member
23. Veronique Rheaume, VPS Drywall – Active Member
24. Leah Schneider, NEI Infrastructure – Active Member
25. Catherine Schoenenberger, Stay Safe Traffic Products – Active Member
26. Kasey Tardif, Metro Walls – Active Member
27. Michelle Trodella, Methuen Construction – Active Member
28. Deb Trottier, Southern NH University – Active Member

## Chapter Announcements

- Current membership is at 63. Please keep an eye out for emails from our National office or Membership Committee Chair, Maria Marotte, for membership renewals.
- Thank you to everyone who joined us for the LIGHTBLOCKS Manufacturing Facility Tour in Merrimack, NH.
- Paula Cantara, Sara Ihle, and Sarah Quinn commenced the election process.

## Midterm Election

- Nominating Committee Chair, Paula Cantara, submitted the 2026-2027 NAWIC Granite State Slate for Board of Directors:

President – Sara Ihle

Vice President – Michelle Trodella

Treasurer – Elizabeth Morse

Secretary – Sarah Quinn

Director – Paula Cantara

Director – Lesa Courchaine

Director – Katie Delay

Director – Amber Thibault

Director – Leah Schneider

\*Parliamentarian – Deb Trottier will serve as the chapter’s Parliamentarian, a non-voting Board position

- President, Sara Ihle asked if there were any nominations from the floor.
  - Hearing none, Secretary, Sarah Quinn cast the vote in favor of the slate as presented.
  - Sara Ihle thanked the membership for their engagement and participation and announced the duly elected Board of Directors for the 2026-2027 term. The Board will be installed at the September 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.
  - *Noted:* Parliamentarian, Deb Trottier, will serve the president in an advisory capacity.
  - Sarah Quinn confirmed that the chapter quorum was met after reviewing the sign-in sheet. With 63 chapter members, 21 voting members were needed for a quorum. 26 voting members participated, exceeding the minimum quorum and confirming completion of the midterm election.
  - Congratulations to the 2026-2027 Board of Directors! We look forward to continuing to serve the Granite State Chapter, building connections, and advancing women in construction together.

After the commencement of the election, dinner was served. Chapter business later resumed.

Sara Ihle noted that the Board is always looking for additional volunteers and member participation on committees and chapter events. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Sara Ihle at [sihle@ttgae.com](mailto:sihle@ttgae.com) or Michelle Trodella at [Michelle.Trodella@mwhconstructors.com](mailto:Michelle.Trodella@mwhconstructors.com).

## **Upcoming Events!**

- July 15, 2026: Drywall Demonstration with VPS Drywall. *\*Details coming soon!*
  
- July 30, 2026: Annual NH Good Roads Summer Social – 5:00-8:00 PM  
Looking for volunteers for the 50/50 raffle!  
Proceeds go to NAWIC Founders Scholarship Foundation  
Pembroke Pines Country Club, Pembroke, NH  
*\*To volunteer, email Paula Cantara at [paula\\_cantara@ajg.com](mailto:paula_cantara@ajg.com).*
  
- August 12-15, 2026: National Annual Conference, Reno, NV  
Grand Sierra Resort, 2500 E 2nd St, Reno, NV  
*Registration ends July 25<sup>th</sup> at [www.nawic.org](http://www.nawic.org)*
  
- August 19, 2026: Jobsite Tour - South Berwick, ME Town Hall Renovation Project  
180 Main Street, South Berwick, ME 03908  
Hosted by Charters Brothers Construction  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM
  
- September 9, 2026: Annual Meeting & Board Induction  
Puritan Backroom Conference & Event Center  
245 Hooksett Road  
Manchester, NH 03104  
5:00-8:00 PM
  
- October 7, 2026: Women’s Self-Defense Workshop  
Independent Martial Arts School, Nashua, NH
  - Seminar focuses on mindset and best practices around consent and personal space, including finding the confidence to strike, kick, and act
  - Female black belt instructors
  - 5:30-7:30 PM, \$25.00 per person
  - RSVPs will be on a first-come, first-served basis and capped at 40 attendees

**Be on the lookout for RSVP information for all of our upcoming events! We can’t wait to see you there!**

Event Adjourned: 8:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sara Ihle, Granite State Chapter #218 President



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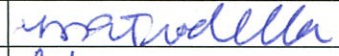
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