

“GET ACQUAINTED”

There are many different ways to accomplish “ice breakers”. Here are a few:

- Mixed seating at the regular business meeting. This may be done by having numbered tables (members and guests draw numbers and sit at their designated table) or color-coded tables (handled the same as above).
- Assign a member of the board to each table. This accomplishes two objectives. The board member can initiate the conversation and she also is able to talk to the members on a one-to-one basis.
- Have members and guests exchange business cards when they are seated. After the meeting, they must return the card to its rightful owner and be able to remember her name, place of employment and position.
- Appoint a hospitality committee whose duties are to introduce new members, prospective members, and guests to other members. Make sure as the meeting progresses that they are not left alone and that they always feel welcome.
- Plan to meet for lunch and invite prospective members and especially new members. These informal get-togethers are great ways to get to know each other.
- Call one of the guests from your last meeting and tell them why you are a member of NAWIC. Invite them back. You don't have to be their sponsor to tell them how glad you are they were a guest.
- Provide special identification for new members to wear for their first year, such as a red rose, a special ribbon for their membership pin, a permanent name badge, etc.