



# NAWI NOTES

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The National Association for Workforce Improvement (NAWI) is an organization dedicated to program improvement in Career and Technical Education

Dear CTE Colleagues,

Difficult economic times draw out the creator and innovator in all of us. A grassroots effort is emerging to renew our position as a maker of new and excellent products and services. We are creating a renewed culture of innovation.



This year's NAWI conference will focus on ways education stimulates creation and innovation. The theme is: "Pathways to Prosperity: Innovation for the 21st Century Workforce." Keynote speakers and presenters will discuss how we strengthen workforce development to engage learners in the art of making things, utilizing academic and technical resources, and to instill the entrepreneurial spirit in everyone.



told me our current education system (i.e., STEM) pushes students and turns them off, and we must create demand for learning (pull) and inspire students. This is the goal of Maker Faire ([www.makerfaire.com](http://www.makerfaire.com)) which is an exhibition of things people make. It merges art, science and technology into an interesting and inspiring form. It creates the feeling of "I can do that." And these days we can almost say, "If I can think it, I can make it." This year's NAWI conference will provide ways you can **pull** students to instill demand for learning.



So please consider attending and/or presenting at this year's NAWI conference in Boston May 24 & 25. There you will see where education and commerce meet, and humanities and science merge to form a renaissance of creativity and innovation.

You don't want to be left in the old world, do you?

See you in Boston!

*Doug*

Doug Webster, NAWI President



Please join us for the 47th Annual NAWI conference, **Pathways to Prosperity: Innovation for the 21st Century Workforce**, in beautiful Boston, Massachusetts this spring. Here are the details:

**May 24-25th, 2012 • Boston, MA • The Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers • \$219.00 per night**

Focusing on:

*Sustainable and Interdisciplinary Product Design*

*Creating a Culture of Innovation in Teaching and Learning*

*Successes in Industry-Education Collaboration and Work-Based Learning*

*Igniting Student Interest in STEM and Engineering*

*New Models in High School and CTE Integrated STEM Career Pathways*

*NSF ATE Program Dissemination (with strong secondary education outreach)*

*Workforce Initiatives in Emerging Technologies/Fields*

Call for Presenters and Conference/Hotel Registration are included in this packet.



# National Association for Workforce Improvement

47th Annual Conference

May 24-25, 2012

Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers

Boston, Massachusetts

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## **Pathways to Prosperity: Innovation for the 21st Century Workforce**

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*Focal points:*

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The National Association for Workforce Improvement (NAWI) is an organization of state and local career and technical educators dedicated to career and technical education program improvement. NAWI includes secondary, post-secondary, and workforce members.

Come to the 2012 NAWI Conference to learn best practices from colleagues in CTE and related fields and to expand your network to be more successful in your current and future work. We guarantee that you will have an opportunity for enjoyable learning and sharing!

A call for presenters is included in this packet and also posted on the NAWI Web site <<http://www.nawionline.org/>> Check the Web site for updates and membership information. (Annual membership fee is \$10.00.)

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## **Hotel Information**

Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers

50 Park Plaza at Arlington Street

Boston, MA 02116-3912

Tel: 617.426.2000 ◆ Reservations: 1.800.225.2008

General Fax: 1.617.426.5545

Access Code: NAFW

Click here to reserve a room at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers today! Group rate included.

Link: <https://bostonparkplaza.reztrip.com/index.html#property=100&mode=b&pm=true&sr=9999>

- ◆ Hotel reservation deadline: April 23, 2012
- ◆ Ask for “National Association for Workforce Improvement” room block
- ◆ Single and double occupancy rate: \$219.00 plus tax
- ◆ NAWI group rate will be available pre- and post-conference (based on availability).

Check-in: 3:00 p.m.

Check-out: 12:00 noon



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http://www.nawionline.org/

Pathways to Prosperity: Innovation for the 21st Century Workforce

May 24-25, 2012

Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers, Boston, Massachusetts

Conference Registration Form

Name Badge Information (Please type or print)

Billing Information (If using a purchase order)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Order #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please include copy of Purchase Order)

- Registration Deadline: May 4, 2012
Early Bird Fee: \$275.00 if paid by April 2, 2012
\$250.00 bring a friend for a reduced fee
Registration Fee: \$300.00 for full conference
\$275.00 bring a friend for a reduced fee
Presenter Fee: \$225.00

Registration includes one-year NAWI membership.

Refund Policy: All requests for refunds must be made to Dana Wilson, CTECS, at dwilson@ctecs.org by May 4, 2012.

Make check payable to: CTECS; Fed. ID: FEIN 38-3796290

Mail your payment and registration form to: CTECS, Attn: Dana Wilson
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Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097
Phone: 1-404-679-4501 ext. 3543
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dwilson@ctecs.org

Registration Fees section containing checkboxes for fee types (Early Bird, Regular, Presenter) and a table for meal attendance (Thursday Lunch, Thursday Evening Reception, Friday Breakfast, Friday Lunch).

NOTE: If you wish to bring guests to any meal functions, please contact Dana Wilson (dwilson@ctecs.org or 1-404-679-4501 ext. 3543) for costs and reservations by May 4, 2012.



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## 2011-2012 NAWI MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Membership is May 1 through April 30.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Institution or Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Annual dues may be paid up to three years at a time. Please indicate the time period for which you are paying.

1 year/\$10.00

2 years/\$20.00

3 years/\$30.00

Mail this form with your check to the NAWI Membership Secretary: Nicholas M. Massa

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OR register online at <http://www.nawionline.org/application/index.html>. A one-year NAWI membership is included in each conference registration.