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A Message from our President:



Kim Satterfield
2008 President

Dear WiNUP Members:

Happy New Year! I hope you are having a great 2008. It is a privilege and honor to be your President this year.

I want to extend a huge thank you to Teri Berliner, our Immediate Past President, for all her hard work and dedication last year.

Another WiNUP year—our 84th—has closed and another one is on

the horizon. I am excited about the upcoming year. My goal for the year is to focus on and address each of WiNUP's Objectives.

Opportunities for professional development of members: WiNUP's most coveted treasure is our members. Active involved members are the strength of the organization. Empowering our members through professional growth and development forces our employers to recognize WiNUP as a creditable organization.

Network and mentorship among members: WiNUP's legacy is an organization that highly promotes networking and mentorship among members. Networking is WiNUP's

greatest asset and mentoring gives WiNUP a significant advantage over other professional organizations. Mentoring offers valuable educational and social support.

Recognition and visibility for members & business partners: WiNUP offers members many opportunities to be recognized for outstanding accomplishments. An example would be holding a WiNUP office or chairing a committee. Do not be afraid to step out and take responsibility for obtaining the recognition that would impress your boss and company.

I want to challenge each of you to try new things in WiNUP this year. If you have never recruited a new member, try it! Increasing our membership will broaden our circle of influence. If you have not held an office or been on a committee, try it! New ideas, input and involvement can only make an organization stronger. You have a great opportunity to make a difference. Please do not let it pass you by.

I will be assigning committee members and chairs in the near future. If you are on a specific committee and would like to continue to serve on that committee, please let me know. If you are not on a committee and would like to serve on a specific committee, please let me know. There will be several openings to fill.

Kim Satterfield
2008 International President
Clarkesville Dept. of Electricity, Nashville Chapter

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Amendment of Bylaws Approved

Thanks to the efforts of the 2007 Bylaws Committee that consisted of Amber Helt as Chair, and Linda Johnson and Carolyn Gordon as members, an updated and more readable set of Bylaws was proposed to the membership for consideration and vote in December. Ballots were tallied and the changes accepted as the last item of business for 2007.

Layout changes included:

- Re-vamp of the over-all look of the document to be consistent with typical Bylaw structure.
- Replacement of all references to “this organization” with “WINUP”.
- Removal of the phrase “these Bylaws” to be consistent with Bylaw structure.
- Break down of several sections into pieces for easier reading.
- Changed Article and Section designations and references as appropriate to the new flow of text.

Other changes to text include statements to clarify that members will be qualified professionals; and that membership may be suspended or ended if the member in question is found to represent WINUP unethically.

Each member was sent the proposed by laws for review. The final amended version will be placed on the WINUP website.

HELP NEEDED:

Chapter Chairs, please send a list of your 2008 officers to Kim Satterfield or Theresa Drexler soon so we can update our email lists.

Board member names are needed now so that the Executive Committee can contact representatives as needed for business items requiring approvals.

WINUP Membership Dues

2008 membership renewal forms were sent out.

Please take time to update your membership information so that our member directory is as complete as possible.

Send your renewal to your local Chapter Treasurer, who will send on the information to the International Office.

If you do not know the address of your Chapter Treasurer, please contact Theresa Drexler at tdrexler@otpc.com.

Women's International Network of Utility Professionals, Inc.

Now accepting applications for 2008 scholarship awards

One \$2,000 scholarship and
one \$1,000 scholarships are available.


Eligible candidates will be pursuing a graduate level program
at an accredited university working toward an advanced degree in a field
related to service in the electrical energy industry.

Eligible applications must be postmarked on or before

March 1, 2008.

Winners will be notified by June 15.

Application form available online at WiNUP.org.



Do you have a mentoring program? Tell us about it.

A few requests for information on mentoring programs have come in to the
International Office. To be prepared to share information I'd like to gather
information on what WiNUP Chapters have done.

Tell me about your program.

Contact: Theresa Drexler at tdrexler@otpc.com



energy ^{UPDATE}

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I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Renewable Energy

One of Scotland's leading food companies, Mackie's, is producing Britain's first renewable energy ice cream. They produce 2,113,376 gallons of luxury ice cream each year with 100 percent green power generated by three wind turbines.

From Renewable Energy Focus in Energy Exchange. July/August 2007

Google Installs Sharp Solar Electricity System

Sharp, the world's leading provider of solar cells, provided solar modules for the largest commercial solar electricity system in the U.S. to date, which was installed this past summer at Google's corporate headquarters in Mountain View, California. In addition to roof-mounted arrays, the system also features a new structure that encompasses two carports under which employees can park—and recharge—their cars if they drive a plug-in hybrid. The system utilizes almost all available roof space on the Googleplex campus.

From Sharp Solar Energy Solutions Group, June 18, 2007 Press Release and Energy Exchange. July/August 2007

Plan to Save Anne Frank Tree with Steel Frame

Conservationists want to build a steel frame to support the tree that Jewish teenager Anne Frank took comfort from during her time in hiding. The fungus-infected tree is 150 years old and some experts say is so diseased it could topple over. Anne Frank drew comfort from the tree as one of the only signs of nature visible from her stuffy hiding place, mentioning it several times in her diary before being betrayed and arrested by the Nazis in 1944. She died in a concentration camp in 1945, shortly before the end of World War II. In order to preserve the tree, architects working for the Tree Foundation have designed an eight-meter high steel frame that would cost about \$73,000.

From Reuters, December 11, 2007



Growing List of Cities Switching To LED Holiday Tree Lights

Old Colorado City, the national historic district of Colorado Springs, has joined a growing list of cities switching to low energy tree lights. The city's town managers decided to trade in their inefficient incandescent holiday lights for LED Christmas lights. The city purchased 120 new sets of multi-colored LED Christmas tree lights which it used to decorate the 30' Blue Spruce located in the center of their town. The new LED lights are 80% more efficient than the incandescent mini lights they will replace and are rated to last for more than 200,000 hours. The lights only consume .072 watts of energy per bulb. During the estimated 45 days that the lights will be illuminated they will consume only 233.3 KWh of electricity and cost an estimated \$26. In contrast, the old incandescent lights which they will replace would consume 2430 KWh during the same period and cost the City about \$270.

From Environmental News Network at <http://www.enn.com/pollution/article/24290>

GE Says Smart Panel Will Cut Power Bills

General Electric said it is developing a control panel that should allow homeowners to trim utility bills by helping manage power and water consumption. The "eco-dashboard" will be available in December in new home developments in southern and western U.S. states. The panel is designed to show ratepayers how much money they would save if, for example, they pre-cooled or pre-heated their homes before electricity prices went up during peak periods. They also could set the panel to turn up the air conditioning, or run the clothes dryer only when power prices drop below a target level. Once consumers better understand their energy use, they may change their habits. Such savings could eliminate the need for some new power plants.

Timothy Gardner, Reuters, October 29, 2007

McDonald's Restaurant Taps Into Geothermal

A McDonald's under construction in Pensacola is tapping into the earth for heating and cooling. The restaurant will utilize geothermal energy gathered by a heat pump system through 55 holes, each 350 feet deep. While the Pensacola McDonald's will be the first Florida restaurant in the chain to use geothermal, the claim of first McDonald's ever to use geothermal goes to a Westland, Michigan location that in 1997 was built with geothermal heat pumps. That restaurant also was built with efficient lighting, sensors to dim the lights when daylight's available, energy-efficient motors in the cooking fans and heavy insulation. *From GreenBiz News at greenbiz.com/news/news_third.cfm?NewsID=36256, Nov. 15, 2007*

Highlights of the October Business Meeting

Annually, during the fall conference, WinUP members participate in a general business meeting. Highlights of that meeting are summarized below.

Teri Berliner presented her President's report for the year. 2007 work focused on resolving the organization's financial record and personnel issues. A highpoint of the year was establishment of the ArkLaTex chapter, which was chartered in June 2007 with 14 members and is the 14th Chapter in the organization.

Election results confirmed Julie Jumper-Morris as Vice-Chair, Lila Munsey as Treasurer, and Amber Helt as Secretary for 2008. Kim Satterfield automatically moved to President.

Other key items reviewed during the meeting included a discussion about the results of the financial review and the organization's options to resolve outstanding issues related to that review. Plans are to pursue securing a mutual release. Once signed WinUP will be able to move forward to close two more bank accounts and determine where and how to invest those funds. Several new processes and policies related to handling and verifying the organization's funds were reviewed and discussed. Members recommended that the Executive Committee investigate a fidelity bond for the Executive Director that will protect the organization, and Director and Officer Insurance to protect members serving in those positions. Both of these items are being followed on by the Executive Committee as a part of 2008 business. Stone Rudolf and Henry will be contracted for a review of 2006 finances. President Berliner reminded members that communications regarding these issues are available to the members for review.

Future Conference locations announced!

- Virginia Chapter will host the 2008 conference in Roanoke.
- ArkLaTex Chapter will host the 2009 conference in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Thank you to both chapters for supporting WinUP in this way!

Shoot For The Stars!

Save the date!

October 13-15, 2008

The Virginia Chapter is proud to announce the 2008 WinUP National Conference will be held in downtown

Roanoke, Virginia

at the beautiful Hotel Roanoke.

Please make plans to join us, as we

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