



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF UTILITY PROFESSIONALS

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Letter to WiNUP members from President Jumper-Morris



Julie Jumper-Morris

Dear WiNUP Members,

Spring has arrived in Texas and across much of the U.S. And it seems that Old Man Winter has finally given up his hold and birds and flowers are on their way. I hope the weather where ever you are is dry, calm and pleasant.

NOMINATIONS are due soon: Please submit nominations from your chapter for the awards that will be presented at the 2009 International Conference in Shreveport, LA. The awards are for the **POWER, Oak, and Member of the Year (Member at Large)**. These nominations are due

The Guidelines document, as well as the website, has the nominations forms and judging criteria in order for your candidate to complete the form. I have had the privilege to judge the POWER Award and the Oak Award in the past. I am in awe of the outstanding WiNUP members who give of their time and their talents in the community and at work to make life better for those less fortunate. And remember to look around your chapter and **consider who you might nominate for WiNUP's special Honorary Life Award**. Honorary Life nominations are a bit lengthier so start now as they are due by June 15.

The Chapter Achievement Award and Newsletter Award nominations, reintroduced last year are due August 15 to our Executive Director. The forms are on the WiNUP website in the Member's Only section under the Awards and Grants tab. The scoring sheet is also included for your review. The Chapter Achievement Award has three categories depending on the size of your chapter and the Newsletter award has first, second, and third place winners. There are monetary prizes awarded to the Chapters selected as winners for these two awards!

COMMITTEE MEMBERS sought: *If you are interested in learning more about WiNUP the best way is to volunteer to be a member of an International Committee.* Current committee membership is included in this newsletter and you'll find a description of each committee online at www.winup.org. Most committees require at least two members with one chair. If you are interested, please contact the committee chair or send me a note and I'll pass on your information to them.

THE 2009 CONFERENCE: *Our fall conference will be held in Shreveport, LA and hosted by the ArkLaTex Chapter.* ArkLaTex chapter members have created a wonderful program you will not want to miss! Consider investing in **YOURSELF** if your company has travel restrictions and make plans to attend. WiNUP members who are planning to attend may be willing to share a room to save expenses. Sharing a room with a fellow WiNUP member/s creates lasting memories. Good Night John Boy. I am usually the last one to close my eyes and mouth. Sharing three to a room can really be fun!

**Best Regards,
Julie Jumper-Morris**



Opportunity to Lead: Nominating committee seeks candidates for International Officer Posts

The nominating committee is seeking suggestions for candidates for individuals interested in serving on WiNUP's executive board beginning in 2010. This may be a chapter officer or member who will grow from this unique leadership opportunity or someone who would contribute to the board and membership as a mentoring professional. Please refer to the Bylaws and Guidelines for officer duties and expectations. Some considerations for proposed candidates:

Currently, the President-Elect/Vice President transitions to President but all other offices are open for election. The positions are President-Elect/Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. If you have questions or wish to nominate someone for office, contact Cindy Berry, Nominating Committee Chair at cberry@frontierassoc.com.

Kentucky Chapter receives its Charter!



Front Row: Lynn Thieneman presents the Charter to Kentucky Chapter Chair, Debbie Kahn.
Middle Row: Judi Willis, Debbie Greene, Linda Bevins, and Clyda Hester
Back Row: Mary Ann Fitzgerald, Carolyn Thacker, Delinda Borden, Kathy Brandenburg, and Adrienne Meade



Kentucky Chapter Officers -From Left: Delinda Borden, Treasurer; Debbie Greene, Vice Chair/Chair Elect; Debbie Kahn, Chair; Clyda Hester, Secretary; Lynn Thieneman, International Board Rep.

Great news!

We've chartered a new WiNUP Chapter in the state of Kentucky.

Approval of the Kentucky Chapter took place through board vote in February. The Kentucky Chapter is starting strong with 25 new members to WiNUP who are based in Ashland, Louisa, Pikeville, Hazard, and Frankfort Kentucky.

The Kentucky Chapter held its first meeting in March where Lynn Thieneman, Past President presented the chapter charter and officially joined the chapter. Lynn has chaired the WiNUP Bluegrass Leadership committee, which was formed when the Bluegrass Chapter (which had been located in Kentucky) dissolved in the 1990s.

In addition to receiving its charter, a chapter business meeting was held and officers were named (see photo at left).

Welcome to the WiNUP Kentucky Chapter!

Summer Board meeting to be held June 4-5 in Dallas

Thursday and Friday, June 4 and 5 WINUP board and executive committee will meet at the Marriott Fairfield Inn and Suites in Grapevine, Texas. Executive committee meets Thursday afternoon followed by an interactive team-building activity for all attendees that will be led by Past Presidents, Lynn White and Cynthia Salinas-Snyder. The group will dine together that evening.

The Board meeting will get underway at 8:30 a.m. on Friday and will wrap up at about 12:30 p.m. Past President and current North Texas Chapter Chair, Gloria Roberts will be leading a professional development segment on Stephen Covey's book – The Speed of Trust.

All Board members and Chapter Chairs are invited to attend. By attending the Board meeting is a great experience for those interested in leadership development. Please contact Julie Jumper-Morris at julie.jumper@oncor.com with you plans to attend.

Board members and committee chairs are reminded to prepare and submit a report of your current activities to the full board.

Hotel information: Phone 800-228-2800. Room rate: \$89. Rate code: WINP. Hotel provides a complimentary shuttle from DFW Airport to the hotel and 5 mile radius to local restaurants. Complimentary breakfast provided. Address: 2050 Highway 121 North, Grapevine, TX 76051. Look forward to

See you at the Board meeting in Grapevine!

Committee Membership- where would you like to serve?

Bluegrass Leadership

Lynn Thieneman - Kentucky - Chair

Fellowship

Donna Campbell - West Virginia, Chair
Gloria Roberts - North Texas
Sheryl Edwards, Northern Indiana
Rohdonda Hardin - Ohio

Guidelines

Teri Berliner - Ohio, Chair

Chapter Development and Retention

Amber Helt - Oklahoma, Chair

Members-At-Large Award

Teri Berliner - Ohio, Chair
(no award presented in 2008)

Public Relations

Cindy Berry - South Texas, Chair

International Conference 2009

Shunta Reynolds - ArkLaTex, Chair

Bylaws

Amber Helt - Oklahoma, Chair

Mentoring

Jan Sine - Nashville, Chair
Cynthia Snyder - South Texas
Lynn White - South Texas

New Member Development

Rita Simpson - Nashville, Chair

OAK Award

Linda Bryant - Nashville, Chair

POWER Award

Amber Helt - Oklahoma, Chair

Web site

Amanda Thatcher - Ohio, Co-chair
Judy Smith - Ohio, Co-chair

Past Presidents' Grant

Gloria Roberts - North Texas, Chair

Budget & Finance

Executive Committee

Nominating

Cindy Berry - South Texas, Chair
Linda Johnson - Members At Large
Mary Fernanders - Northern Indiana

Newsletter

Theresa Drexler - Exec Dir, Chair

Energy Affairs

Anne Allen - East Tenn, Chair

Honorary Life Award

Rita Simpson - Nashville, Chair

Ways and Means

no chair at this time

Past Presidents' Council

Emily Schilling - Indiana, Chair