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**The Women’s International Network**

**of Utility Professional**

**2019 Conference Program**

**Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel**

**October 5 and 9, 2019**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 5, 2019**

Noon – 5:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Location: Directors Row H

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 6, 2019**

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Board Meeting

Location: Directors Row H

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm Chapter Chair Meeting

Location: Directors Row H

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm New Members/First-Time Attendees Session

Location: Directors Row H

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Welcome Reception

Location: Windows Reception Room

**Note: Monday – Wednesday Conference will be in Majestic Ballroom**

**MONDAY OCTOBER 7, 2019**

8:30 am - 9:30 am **A Mile High Welcome**

***The 2019 WiNUP International Conference kicks off in high style! Welcome to the Mile High City!***

*Janet Rehberg, 2019 Conference Chair*

*Holly Huffman, 2019 International President*

*Ashley Anderson, VP of Strategic Partnerships, Colorado Succeeds/Colorado STEM Champions  
Government Officials*

9:30 am - 11:00 am **A High Level Low Down: Looking at Electric Utilities from all Angles**

***Not all electric utilities are created equal. Learn the similarities, differences and challenges of our various employers — be they investor-owned, municipal, or electric cooperatives.***

*Moderator: Teri Berliner, Retired American Electric Power*

*Speakers: Mary Ann Zehr, Tri-State G&T Association*

*Lisa Barton, American Electric Power*

*Sarah LaBarre, Colorado Springs*

11:00 am – Noon **High and Mighty: What You May Not Know about Renewable Energy**

***We’re in the heart of renewable energy research land. Get the latest scoop about our industry’s future.***

*Speaker: Bobi Garrett, National Renewable Energy Laboratory*

Noon - 5:00 pm **Explore and Tour: Visit NREL, Breckinridge Brewery and Red Rock**

***Grab a box lunch and board a bus for our two informational tours.***

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 8, 2019**

8:30 am - 9:00 am **Up and At 'Em: Business Meeting (Open to all members)**

***Hear from the WINUP executive committee on how the international organization is working for you. Your 2020 international officers will be introduced at the meeting.***

9:00 am - 9:30 am **It’s the Climb: Turning Challenges into Opportunities**

***Former Mrs. Colorado Emily Stark survived a mother’s worse nightmare. After giving birth to conjoined twins, she had to make a difficult decision. Was a risky surgery the best option for her twins’ future?***

*Speaker: Emily Stark, Mrs. Colorado & Wyoming America Pageants*

9:30 am - 10:00 am **Breaking the Cyber Security Ceiling: Women Excelling in a Man’s World**

***Women hold leadership positions in various utility fields. But cyber security is still primarily an old boys’ network. Or is it? Can women “make it” in this growing field?***

*Moderator: Andora Marshall, American Electric Power*

*Speakers: Deana Elizondo, American Electric Power*

*Suzanne Snider, American Electric Power*

10:00 am - 10:30 am **Networking Break**

10:30 am - 11:30 am **A ‘Brand’ New You: Don’t Sell Yourself Short**

***You may be great at your job, but if your skills and image aren’t aligning you could unknowingly be sabotaging your career. Janet Rehberg from Ohio’s Electric Cooperatives reveals how you can create a personal brand that can elevate your professional status and showcase your true worth.***

*Speaker: Janet Rehberg, Ohio’s Electric Cooperatives*

11:30 am - 1:00 pm **Luncheon:** **Stepping Up in WiNUP — Why You Should Strive to Lead**

***WiNUP’s past presidents invite you to a luncheon focused on leadership. Have you considered taking on leadership roles in the organization but aren’t sure if you’re up to the task? Is the risk worth the reward? Hear from those who’ve “been there.” And, attendees have the chance to win gift cards through a fun activity!***

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm **Taking It Up a Notch: How Utilities Can Adapt to Change**

***Today’s utility industry is evolving faster than ever. Three leaders from diverse utilities discuss how their companies are not just surviving in this fast-paced environment. They’re thriving.***

*Moderator: Stephanie Boddy, Leidos’*

*Speakers: Jennifer Wozniak, Xcel Energy*

*Stacy Chesney, Denver Water*

*Jennifer Montague, NiSource*

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm **Networking Break**

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm **Revving Up: Electric Vehicles are on the Fast Lane (experience a Tesla**)

***You’ve doubtless heard about them but have you ever driven one? Francesca Wahl from Tesla is here to change all that! Get behind the wheel of an electric vehicle!***

*Speaker: Francesca Wahl, Tesla*

5:30 pm - 9:00 pm **Evening of Elegance: WiNUP Annual Awards Banquet**

***We'll elevate and celebrate with our WiNUP friends. On tap: Awards presentations and installation of 2020 international officers.***

Denver Downtown Aquarium

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9, 2019**

8:30 am - 9:00 am **Get to know your new ED & 2020 Conference Preview**

***Begin the morning by meeting your new WiNUP executive director, Lisa Morinini. Other important announcements are in store, too!***

*Janet Rehberg, 2019 Conference Chair*

*Check Presentation to Colorado STEM*

*Ark-La-Tex, N & S Texas, Texahoma, MAl Chapters (Little Rock, AR)*

*Century Club Promotion for 2023 Conference*

*Get to know your new Executive Director Lisa Morinini*

9:00 am - 10:30 am **Catalyst to High Performing Culture: Emotional Intelligence Part 1**

***Studies show it’s not always what you know that leads to career success — it’s how you interact with others. Learn how to up your emotional IQ and be the best you that you can be.***

*Speaker: Sarah Turner, Faroute Group*

10:30 am - 11:00 am **Networking Break**

11:00 am – Noon **Tangible Strategies for An Elevated Version of You: Emotional Intelligence Part 2**

*Speaker: Sarah Turner, Faroute Group*

Noon **Closing & Raffle of Kate Spade Purse**