

## Bio: Vikki Michalski



Vikki Michalski is a past WiNUP international president, vice president and member of the international board of directors. A member of the Ohio Chapter, she is the 2011 recipient of WiNUP's prestigious OAK Award, which honors members for their contributions to the organization. Michalski joined EWRT/WiNUP in 1997 while attending the international conference in Columbus, Ohio.

At the international level, she currently is chair of the Nominating Committee and Acorns to Oaks history book revision committee. She is past chair of the Past Presidents Council and Past Presidents Conference Grant for WiNUP Members, and served as co-chair of the 2005 conference and conference committee member for 2010 and 2012. She also has been an advisor and member of the Guidelines and Newsletter committees.

At the chapter level, she is a past chapter chair, vice chair, chapter rep to the international board of directors, program and planning committee chair and member; member of hospitality committee; publicity chair, newsletter committee chair and member, and newsletter editor and contributing writer.

Michalski previously was a member of Women In Mining (WIM), an organization dedicated to educating the public about all aspects of mining. She was an Ohio chapter officer, national rep and national vice president of WIM. In 2001, she received WIM National's Distinguished Service Award.

Professionally, Michalski is a principal communications consultant for AEP Ohio, a unit of American Electric Power. A company communications professional and company spokesperson, she provides external and internal communications support for AEP Ohio and its company matrix partners, and previously supported AEP's former Fuel Supply mining and fuel transportation operations.

Michalski is an honor's graduate of Ohio University where she received her bachelor's degree in journalism and her master's degree in communications. She joined American Electric Power's corporate communications department in early 1997. Previously, she was a newspaper editor, newsroom manager and reporter.

During her newspaper career, she was the recipient of several writing and newspaper design awards from the Associated Press. She also was recognized by the Ohio State Bar Association for reporting on the legal system and feature writing series about the development of the U.S. Constitution. She also was recognized by the Ohio House of Representatives for her Constitution series.