

## AWIP 2021 Board of Directors

**Maria Bunting Smedley**

**President**

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Maria is as Vice President of Human Resources and Strategy for both Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC) and Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (AECI). She leads human resources initiatives and corporate-wide strategy execution. Maria's prior experience includes human resources leadership roles with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, World Wide Automotive a Delco Remy Company, Solectron Technology, a Flex LTD subsidiary and Duracell, a Birkshire Hathaway subsidiary. Maria was recognized in 2018 as a Chief Human Resource Officer Leader of Distinction at the North American HRO Today Forum. Maria holds a JD from George Mason University Law School, a MBA from the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga and a BSBA from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, Illinois.

**Jennifer Henington**

**Vice President**

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Jennifer Henington is a Project Manager for EDG, Inc. Utilities Division, a consulting firm providing project management, construction support, safety and field supervision services to electric utilities and oil & gas customers. Jennifer has a Bachelor's Degree of Science from Eastern Illinois University and has received her Project Management Professional (PMP) certification. She has an extensive quality engineering background and made a career change in 2010, pivoting back to project management, her passion. She has worked in the oil and gas, and electric utility industries as a project manager for more than 10 years combined. She currently serves as Director of Student Outreach for Project Management Institute's local chapter (PMI-CAC). Her other volunteer opportunities include: Project Management for Youth (PM4Y); Character By Design Champion (LR office); Committee Chairperson for Cub Scouts Pack 147.

Kendra Campbell

Secretary

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Kendra Campbell is a Business Analyst II for Southwest Power Pool. She holds a Master of Science in Instructional Technology and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management Information Systems from the University of Central Arkansas and recently received her Project Management Professional certification from the Project Management Institute. In her community, Kendra is heavily involved in volunteer opportunities through her church, with organizations such as Family Promise, Dorcas House, Salvation Army and Our House, to name a few. Kendra is also involved with Junior Achievement. Kendra is a servant at heart, always seeking opportunities to help serve others.

Zeynep Vural

Treasurer

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Zeynep Vural is currently the Manager of the Accounting Department at Southwest Power Pool. Zeynep's team is responsible for the entire range of accounting and finance functions at SPP including corporate accounting, cash and bank management, billing and accounts payable, and financial planning (budget and forecasting). Prior to joining SPP, she worked as a staff manager in various functions within the finance organization at Alltel and later at Verizon from 2004 to 2011. Zeynep's earlier experiences include public accounting and audit services at Deloitte, both in Little Rock and in her native country of Turkey. She is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). Zeynep has a Bachelor of Science degree in management from Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey and an MBA from University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Zeynep is married and has two sons, and has been living in Little Rock with her family since 1997. Zeynep Vurahe Manager of the Accounting Department at Southwest Power Pool. Zeynep's team

Connie Martindale

Membership Chairperson  
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Connie Martindale is the Manager – Benefits and HRIS for Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation and Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., where she has worked for the past seven years. She holds a Bachelor of Science, Information Technology from University of Phoenix. She is a Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) and a Certified Benefits Professional (CBP). In her role at AECC, Connie oversees group and retirement benefits, executive deferred compensation, wellness, HRIS and various leave functions. Prior to joining AECC, Connie held a similar role in human resources at Windstream, where she spent 5 years. Connie also has 10 years’ combined experience in accounting, where

she managed various aspects of the field such as accounts receivable and payable, cost accounting, financial reporting, payroll and system integration and conversions across different industries. When Connie is not working diligently to serve employees and directors of AECC, she can usually be found watching one of her kids baseball games.

Lori L. Burrows

Past President  
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Lori L. Burrows is Vice President & General Counsel for Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC). Before joining AECC, Lori served as a Legal Advisor to the Arkansas Public Service Commissioners and was also an Assistant AG in the Consumer Division of the Arkansas Attorney General’s office. Lori is a graduate of Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program and holds a Juris Doctor, with honors, from the UA Little Rock Bowen School of Law. Immediately before law school, Lori served as a United States Peace Corps Volunteer working in non-profit development in the Pacific island country of the Federated States of Micronesia. In addition to being a Founder and the Inaugural President of Arkansas Women In Power, Lori is

immediate Past President of the Historic Arkansas Museum's Foundation Board and President of the Friends of KLRE/KUAR Board. Lori is an alumnus of LeadAR (Class 18) and Leadership Greater Little Rock (Class XXX), has been honored by various publications, including Arkansas Business (40 under 40 and 2018, 2019, and 2020 Arkansas 250), AY Magazine in 2016 (Powerful Woman in Law) and Vanguard Law Magazine.