



## **Michelle Yurk**

### **Director**

**Detroit Chapter 183**

Michelle Yurk is a Project Manger at WSSA (West Second Street Associates) in Flint, MI. Michelle has been with WSSA for 2.5 years and is responsible for projects in Florida, Texas and Michigan. In her role as Project Manager she oversees the construction for commercial projects with the GSA and VA arms of the Federal Government and acts as the liaison between the government and lessor. From design to post construction turnover to the Property Management team, Michelle is involved in all aspects of the project.

Having struggled in the construction environment at times, Michelle is passionate about working with other women to assist in navigating their career in the world of construction. Being a part of this industry is hugely important to Michelle and she is devoted to helping more women enter careers in the construction sector. Becoming a member of NAWIC and working in a board director capacity would mean that she can help open the construction industry up to more women. Her biggest goal for the industry is that the NAWIC becomes bigger and stronger and a household name for women in construction.

By taking on a Board Member role, Michelle feels that she can begin to learn the strengths and weaknesses of the pieces that play a vital role in opening the industry up to women. Michelle is very passionate about bringing new ideas to the table and having open dialog with participants to get more involvement and build the membership of both Chapter 183 and NAWIC.

In her spare time Michelle is heavily involved in horses. Having retired from the show ring she finds herself enjoying as much time as she can trail riding and teaching riding lessons. With 45+ years riding Michelle has enjoyed owning a number of horses but currently rides her 32-year-old retired show horse, Izzy. Izzy and Michelle have been together since Izzy was 2 years old and have multiple championships together in the show ring. Additionally, Michelle is involved in the Brighton Trail Riders Association and is the Facebook facilitator for the group and has increased the group by over 200 members in a year.

Michelle has two grown children who both graduated from Ferris State University. Her son Thomas followed in mom's footsteps and oversees the Florida Region for WSSA's Property Management group and her daughter works in Finance and Insurance at a boat dealership and is getting married in September.

