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Finance

The Finance Committee is responsible for overseeing the WTS Boston Investment Plan and the invoicing process implemented in 2016. The goal of the committee is to both ensure the proper investment of WTS funds to maximize the return on investment and that support committees in collecting payments for events. Anyone interested in the financial aspect of the Chapter, especially those with a finance background or who are well-organized, are encouraged to join.

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The Fundraising Committee is responsible for managing the WTS-Boston Annual Sponsorship Program. The program supports chapter activities and programs – including the Scholarship Fund – through contributions from local corporate and agency sponsors. The committee also establishes the sponsorship levels and benefits for the Chapter’s supporters. It coordinates fundraising activities and special events with other committees such as Communications and Special Projects. If you are interested in helping support fundraising for the Chapter, contact the committee co-chairs.

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Outreach

The Outreach Committee is the link between WTS-Boston and Transportation YOU, a joint initiative between the U.S. Department of Transportation and WTS-International to encourage young women to pursue careers in transportation. The committee provides local Transportation YOU programming to middle school and high school aged girls at partner schools in the Boston area, including modal tours, mentoring activities, career panel discussions, and hands-on activities. Additionally, the committee participates at Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) events in the community to reach an even broader audience. The Outreach Committee also hosts a one-day Transportation YOU Summit, providing girls in the Boston area with hands-on activities and interaction with professionals in transportation-related careers.

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Diversity

The Diversity Committee seeks to improve diversity, inclusion, and representation within WTS-Boston by serving as an internal resource and collaborating with other committees to achieve these goals through their regular programming. The committee defines diversity as the event of a mixed organization that provides a wide range of abilities, experience, knowledge, and strengths due to its heterogeneity in age, background, race, ethnicity, cognitive and physical abilities, sex, gender identity and presentation, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, political and religious beliefs, and other attributes. Inclusion is the practice of valuing diversity and diverse perspectives, and it refers to the degree to which a diverse array of individuals are able to participate in decision-making and realize benefits of membership and affiliation. Representation refers to the ability of current and prospective members to see themselves represented throughout the levels of the organization.

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The Public Art Committee is responsible for implementing the vision for the WTS-Boston Public Art Project. The project is the installation of a public art piece in the Silver Line/Rad Line Concourse at South Station. The Public Art Committee has been working with MassDOT and the MBTA to make this vision a reality. After narrowing down the 195 applicants in response to the RFP down to 4 artists, the selection committee chose Ellen Harvey's conceptual proposal entitled NETWORK. NETWORK consists of a handmade glass mosaic map of the surroundings of South Station. The next phases include fundraising for the project, finalizing the concept design, ensuring the proper installation of the piece, and establishing a mechanism for maintenance of the art piece which a committee members will be actively involved in all aspects of this project.

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Professional Development

The Professional Development Committee is a very active committee, aspiring to provide excellent professional development programming for the benefit of our members. The committee organizes professional development seminars, workshops and panel discussions on a variety of topics including professional licensing, networking, social media, managing, presentation skills and marketing. Networking opportunities are also offered, such as the annual Fall Social Event. The committee welcomes new members and offers opportunities for all to help plan and participate in professional development programs.

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Programs

The Programs Committee is responsible for developing, planning, and conducting eight monthly luncheon meetings held throughout the year as well as a summer tour event. The focus of our programs is to regularly bring to our members and interested parties current transportation related topics discussed by key industry leaders, both from the public and private sectors. Our programs have included federal government speakers, state and local officials, and key private industry leaders discussing relevant issues impacting the transportation industry. Additionally, the Programs Committee solicits programs which provide information about all modes of transportation and actively seeks female speakers (if appropriate) to discuss these issues.

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Scholarship and Awards

The Scholarship and Awards Committee serves the Boston chapter through the development of students, our future transportation leaders and through recognition of their leaders. This committee supports women students in transportation by awarding undergraduate, graduate, community college, and high school scholarships. The committee organizes outreach to local students and universities for nominations, performs evaluations, selects the local winners, and submits the student candidates for the National competition. The committee also solicits nominations, performs evaluations, and provides recommendations for the Annual Chapter Recognition Awards. These awards currently include Woman of the Year, Claire Barrett Member of the Year, Employer of the Year, Innovative Transportation Solutions Award, Honor, Ray LaHood Award, and the Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award. The committee also submits the candidates for the National competition.

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Special Projects

The Special Projects Committee is responsible for planning three events: the New Year’s Reception, April Leadership Forum, and Annual Scholarships and Awards Dinner. Each year, an industry leader greets 150+ attendees at the New Year’s Reception, including many dignitaries from Boston’s public agencies. The April Leadership Forum is held annually to recognize the chapter’s corporate sponsors and the ‘Excellence in Leadership Award’ recipients. This event bring together leaders in the transportation community including state legislators, agencies, and private companies. The Awards and Scholarship Committee solicits nominations, performs evaluations, selects the local winners, and submits the student candidates for the National competition. The committee also solicits nominations, performs evaluations, and provides recommendations for the Annual Chapter Recognition Awards. These awards currently include Woman of the Year, Claire Barrett Member of the Year, Employer of the Year, Innovative Transportation Solutions Award, Honor, Ray LaHood Award, and the Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award. The committee also submits the candidates for the National competition.

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Mentoring

The Mentoring Committee is responsible for overseeing several programs that provide WTS-Boston members with valuable mentoring opportunities and relationships, including the following: Emerging Professional (E-P), Formally Mentoring Program, TED Talk Discussions, Book Clubs, and New Member Ambassador Program. The Emerging Professional Women (E-P) program supports the development of future leaders by providing two annual awards to “Emerging Professionals” for paid WTS membership, paid attendance at key WTS events, and advisor support from the WTS-Boston Board of Directors. The WTS-Boston Book Clubs and TED Talk Discussions meet to explore topics related to professional development or transportation, with each group meeting facilitated by a leader within the WTS-Boston Chapter. The New Member Ambassador Program, in conjunction with the Membership Committee, provides each new member with a seasoned WTS member who connects them with events, programs and opportunities.

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Student Chapter

The Student Chapter Committee serves as a link between the WTS-Boston Student Chapter at UMass Amherst and the professionals within the Boston Chapter providing guidance and mentoring to the students. The committee supports the overall mission of WTS by encouraging the development and involvement of women in the field of transportation. The committee works with the student chapter to bring speakers to the campus that can provide insight to the everyday challenges and successes that are a part of current transportation projects, from in-depth technical discussions to the soft skills of interviewing and presentation. WTS Boston’s first Student Chapter is at UMass Amherst. The Student Chapter Committee assists in the development annual reports and holds monthly calls with the Student Chapter President. The committee will help guide the UMass Boston Student Chapter grow as a point where it can operate independently and become a certified chapter. The Student Chapter Committee supports and encourages the participation of undergraduate students in the student chapter with the intent of seeing some continuity with the chapter members. The committee will continue to assess the potential for the formation of additional student chapters.

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