

WTS Minnesota Chapter 2017 Annual Report



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WTS Minnesota Mission

Transforming the transportation industry through the advancement of women.

Message from the President



The 2017 WTS Minnesota Board of Directors is pleased to provide our members with the chapter's 2017 Annual Report. This report provides a summary of the chapter's activities, growth, and accomplishments over the past year.

2017 marks the 35th anniversary of WTS Minnesota and the largest board in our 35 year history. The group of enthusiastic leaders includes eleven directors, eight chairs, and one regional council member. The expansion of WTS Leadership allows our chapter to provide new and exciting initiatives, while improving and expanding our established programs. This has been an exciting and rewarding year to serve as Chapter President and I'd like to highlight a few of our successes and expansions in 2017:

- We added seven new chair positions (Special Events Co-Chairs, Mentoring Co-Chairs, Diversity and Equity Chair, Hospitality Chair, and Membership Chair).
- Thanks to our Corporate Partners, our chapter was able to assist 15 members through our grant program to attend three conferences throughout the year.
- Our Transportation YOU mentorship program continues to grow. We continue to partner with Blaine High School, and during the fall of 2017 we expanded to Wellstone International High School in Minneapolis.
- Two of our award winners, Member of the year – Fay Simer, City of St Paul and Ray LaHood Award winner – Philip Schaffner, MnDOT won the national WTS awards and the chapter was able to send them to the WTS Annual Conference in New York City to accept the awards in person.
- Thanks to Danial Baxter, we started a chapter run club.
- Collaboration between the new Diversity and Inclusion Chair and our Programs Co-Directors, allowed us to hold a Women Build Day with Habitat for Humanity.

The above list is just the start of what happened in 2017, with more details of the 2017 accomplishments and growth provided in this report. I encourage you to read this year's summary of events and give as much time allows in future years so our chapter continues to improve and grow year after year. I look forward to the years ahead to see what this dedicated and energetic group of women (and men) achieve while supporting the WTS Minnesota mission of transforming the Minnesota transportation industry through the advancement of women.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morgan Abbott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morgan Abbott

WTS Minnesota 2017 Chapter President

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Advisory Board

Membership

In 2017 The WTS Minnesota Chapter welcomed 30 new members. We had 170 members at the end of 2017. This represents an increase of about 8% over the ending 2016 number of 158 members. In celebration of the chapter's 35th anniversary, the chapter offered a \$35 rebate on membership dues for new members. Support from our generous corporate sponsors made it possible to offer this incentive and it really paid off. 2017 membership highlights include:

- 87% female identified; 13% male-identified (approximately equal to 2015 & 2016 numbers)
- 39% employed by the public sector; 7% by academic or non-profit institutions; and 54% by the private sector

The 2017 membership goals as reported in the 2016 annual report were:

- Use the results of the membership survey to strengthen the value of the WTS MN membership; come up with an action plan based on survey results to help members derive more value from their WTS membership.
- Continue to pilot ways to engage all members in informal ways, through programs like Connect with Coffee, to help increase the value of WTS membership.
- Continue the Connect with Coffee program in 2017 to encourage new connections through WTS and add value to WTS membership.

The Connect with Coffee program, started in 2015, continued to be a successful tool in 2017 to engage new members. As we contacted people as new members we offered this opportunity. Feedback from participants showed members really appreciated the opportunity to connect with others in the industry through this program. In 2017, we opened the Connect with Coffee program to general membership to engage existing members and build relationships in the chapter. There were 24 people, and 12 Connect with Coffee matches made in 2017.

The membership survey was administered in early 2017 and received 36 responses. Of these responses, 14 had never served on the board, 16 had served on the board, and 6 were on the advisory board. Two non-members responded. The survey included questions about programs, times and locations, and these results were shared with the programs committee. When asked what other benefits WTS could provide its members, some respondents said:

- Better communication as to what the board is working on and annual goals
- Professional development, Career building, skills building, support for certifications
- Mentorship opportunities
- More volunteering in the community

The following membership goals were established moving into 2018:

- Continue the Connect with Coffee program in 2017 to encourage new connections through WTS and add value to WTS membership.
- Work with the Diversity and Equity Committee to develop a membership demographic survey and identify diversity goals for the chapter.



JANUARY, 2017 | MASTERING THE ART OF ADA ACCESSIBILITY

Document accessibility is a vital topic and is a requirement for most public agencies and all work products that receive federal funding. WTS MN hosted an interactive program to learn

more about creating accessible documents using Microsoft Word. Topics covered the WHY and HOW of creating documents with accessibility in mind, including key considerations, tips and tricks, how screen readers work, the business and regulatory case for document accessibility. The training was led by Katie Caskey (MnDOT) and Jake Rueter (Metro Transit) and included both an interactive element and time for a hands-on work session.

FEBRUARY, 2017 | HIGHWAYMEN AT THE HISTORY THEATRE

WTS MN and Transportation YOU students attended a special viewing of the MN History Theater's production, The



Highwaymen. This unique play addressed the impacts of the Interstate 94 construction through the Rondo neighborhood in St. Paul in 1956. The construction of Interstate 94 destroyed the thriving, tight-knit Rondo neighborhood where homes, stores and businesses once stood. The new freeway tore through the heart of St. Paul's largest African-American community. This powerful drama explored the dynamics surrounding the decision-making process that shattered the lives of thousands of middle-class residents and changed the face of St. Paul forever.

MARCH, 2017 | NEW(ER) TO MANAGEMENT ROUNDTABLE

The transition from a technical expert within an organization to a management position can be the most challenging shift of a career. Making the switch requires learning new skills and comes with new challenges. (continued next page)

Programs

MARCH, 2017 | NEW(ER) TO MANAGEMENT ROUNDTABLE

Nikki Farrington (Short Elliott Hendrickson) and Kristin Thompson (Metro Transit) led a facilitated discussion (with breakout groups) to share knowledge and build community amongst newer managers. The event started with a general discussion about the challenges and opportunities of being in a management role and the often tricky transition from a technical (hard skills) role within an organization to management (soft skills) role. Breakout session topics were on specific challenges such as: building supervisory relationships with former co-workers, sharing tools for understanding working styles, and balancing new management responsibilities with current work expectations.

MAY, 2017 | BOOK CLUB- STREET FIGHT

WTS MN led a captivating book discussion on the progress and leadership of former NYC Transportation Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan's *Streetfight: Handbook for an Urban Revolution*. The conversation was led by Minneapolis Public Works Director Robin Hutcheson and Ramsey County's Beth Engum (WTS MN 2017 Honorary Member), who shared their own successes, words of wisdom, and insight gained from the author.

JUNE, 2017 | PADDLE SHARE



WTS embarked on a multi-modal adventure down the Mississippi River to explore the innovative Paddle Share program and riverfront redevelopment. Partnerships between the National Park Service, the Mississippi Park Connection, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB), and the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization have created the first pilot paddle share on the Mississippi River, in

a national park, and in the country. Susan Overson, National Park Service Paddle Share Program Manager, joined WTS to share her experience with the development and implementation the paddle share program. Carrie Ann Christensen, Senior Planner at MPRB, also joined WTS to share insights about the project and how development along the riverfront aims to connect people to the river.

After the formal program the group used the paddle share boats to kayak from North Mississippi Regional Park south to Boom Island. The kayak portion of the trip finished at Boom Island where the group used Nice Ride bicycles to bike back to the starting point at North Mississippi Regional Park.

JULY, 2017 | WINTER IN JULY AT THE METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION



At this WTS Technical Tour, Bridget Rief, Vice President for Planning and Development at the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) welcomed WTS to the MAC's state of the art Maintenance Facility. We were also joined by Sara Freese, Assistant Director of Operations, Field Maintenance and Airside Operations. Charlie Beuning, Assistant Manager of Field Maintenance for the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Airports

Commission (MAC), explained how winter weather can have a serious impact on safe airport operations, often resulting in conditions that may lead to incidents, accidents, or delays. For that reason, snow and ice control at an airport is extremely important, regardless of the size of the airport or the aircraft using it. Charlie spoke to the group about MSP's runway clearance, snow removal plan, and other secrets to getting it all done during small and 20-inch snow events. The group rounded off the event with behind-the-scenes tour of the Maintenance Facility to see equipment up close, experiment with a plowing simulator, and more!

AUGUST, 2017 | WTS & MINNESOTA SURVEYORS AND ENGINEERS SOCIETY (MSES) SUMMER SOCIAL WTS MN and MSES members and friends enjoyed a networking event at LynLake Brewery in Uptown Minneapolis. The event was hosted and sponsored by WTS MN and MSES Network Sponsors - Contech, Cemstone, Hiway, HDR, and the MN Asphalt Pavement Association.

SEPTEMBER, 2017 | WTS & HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WOMENS BUILD DAY



WTS MN joined Habitat for Humanity for a Womens Build Day. WTS colleagues helped build a home for a family in need in West St. Paul, Minnesota. WTS MN member Caroline Miller from Metro Transit - Blue Line Extension Project Office coordinated and lead the group on the Build Day. Julia Brauchle, Habitat's

Education and Group Engagement Associate spoke to the group about Habitat's programs and affordable housing in the Twin Cities.

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OCTOBER, 2017 | WTS MN FALL SOCIAL – CELEBRATIONS & LIBATIONS

WTS MN members and friends enjoyed a happy hour to celebrate recent achievements of local transportation industry leaders. Bridget Rief from Metropolitan Airports Commission was promoted to Vice President of Planning & Development. Katie Roth from the Metropolitan Council was named as one of Mass Transit Magazine's 40 under 40. Alene Tchourumoff from Metropolitan Council was appointed to Chair of the Metropolitan Council. Jessa Trbojevich from Hennepin County was promoted to Road Design Division Manager.

NOVEMBER, 2017 | NICOLLET MALL WALKING TOUR

WTS MN, along with Don Elwood and Robin Hutcheson from the City of Minneapolis Public Works and Lisa Middag from the Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District hosted an exciting and lesson-filled tour of the newly reconstructed Nicollet Mall in downtown Minneapolis. The program was hosted at the Minneapolis Central Library, which overlooks the Mall. Don, Robin, and Lisa gave presentations on the City's vision, infrastructure elements, funding, economic development, activation of the space, and more. Following the presentation, the group embarked on a guided walking tour to explore the Mall, artwork, infrastructure elements, and more in person.



DECEMBER, 2017 | HOLIDAY PARTY

The holiday party rounded out another great year at WTS MN. Over 150 friends and members gathered at the Weisman Art Museum at the University of Minnesota. The silent auction and raffle raised funds to support our educational programs and scholarships.



Programs

Recognition Awards

WTS Minnesota's Recognition Awards program provides an opportunity to recognize excellence in our field and raise the profile of WTS in Minnesota.



**WOMAN OF THE YEAR
CATHERINE FRENCH
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

Cathy has been teaching structures, concrete and steel courses in the Civil Engineering Department at the University of Minnesota since 1984. She has served as the Director of Undergraduate Studies for several years, where she's been able to advise an additional large population of both men and women at the University. Cathy has also taught the introductory course CSE 1001, where she's had an impact on the hundreds of freshmen engineering students who are required to take that course as they consider engineering as a career. Her technical expertise is beyond compare (she's a highly respected expert in structural design and performance, as well as steel and concrete materials and construction methods), but she stands out as a professor who really cares. She is smart, supportive, brilliant, kind, passionate, and has been a wonderful mentor and supporter of young women pursuing their degree in civil engineering.

**WTS-INTERNATIONAL AWARD AND WTS MN MEMBER OF THE YEAR
FAY SIMER – CITY OF ST. PAUL**

The record growth of the WTS Minnesota chapter can be traced back to Fay Simer and her efforts, hard work, and leadership while serving on the board. She began putting her mark on the chapter while serving as the Vice President by overseeing our record attended 30th anniversary Gala and serving on the first TYOU committee in 2012. The following year (2013), as president, Fay instilled the importance of strategic local outreach by utilizing the honorary membership program and developing a strategic plan that highlighted and defined the chapter's vision and future initiatives. This has been a key tool for the chapter presidents each year when deciding what new programs and initiatives to implement.

Recognition Awards



The profound impact that Fay's leadership had on our chapter will last years to come. Her leadership led to the chapter's increase in membership, which led to our increase in corporate partnership dollars, which then leads to the addition of two more scholarships awarded in 2017. Not to mention the increased networking opportunities that the organization can now provide which will help connect and advance women in the industry and improve

women's careers in transportation for years to come.

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR ISTHMUS ENGINEERING

Isthmus, a singularly woman-owned small business, maintains nearly a 50:50 split of women to men employees and leadership staff. Five of their eight Professional Engineers and three of their six leadership team members are women. While Isthmus does not hire based on gender guidelines, the workplace has been one of flexible work-schedules and family-oriented opportunities which has attracted many women staff. Staff are highly encouraged to participate in professional organizations and extra activities to participate in the industry and their own professional development outside of project parameters, but there is no requirement. Isthmus also embraces opportunities for all staff to grow their professional network in the industry whether through project opportunities or at regional conferences where all staff are encouraged to attend and to connect with industry leaders and peers.



Recognition Awards

ROSA PARKS DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP AWARD MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MNDOT)



MnDOT has taken a data-driven approach to addressing equity and inclusion in state-wide transportation planning. Their public engagement work on the Bicycle System Plan (2016), Minnesota Walks (2016), Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan (SMTP), Transit Plan and Minnesota State Highway Investment

Plan (MnSHIP) not only changed how the department collects public input but turned the focus inward to address inequality in the transportation industry workforce. A number of other initiatives at the Department, including their department-wide strategic focus, called the “Wildly Important Goal” (WIG) have contributed to improving trust and transparency between the department and the customers they serve. The Department’s focus on diversity has already had an impact on the industry state-wide.

INNOVATIVE TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS AWARD A LINE BRT METRO TRANSIT



The A Line BRT has set the precedent for a new type of rapid bus service in the Twin Cities—it’s the first of 11-arterial bus rapid transit (BRT) corridors planned for implementation in the next decade.

This planned investment of nearly \$500 million will improve the rider experience for a third of Metro Transit’s daily bus riders and grow ridership on these corridors to 160,000 daily rides by 2030. Through the end of 2016, the A Line has seen ridership increase by 33.5 percent. The A Line BRT is approximately 20 percent faster than the local bus it replaced and has consistently and reliably achieved an on-time performance track record of over 92 percent—a great start for the first arterial BRT corridor in the Twin Cities!



The A Line BRT was planned, designed, constructed, and implemented by women. This project would not be the success it is without the strong leadership of three women in particular—Katie Roth and Michelle Nelson of Metro Transit and Lisa Rasmussen of Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

and the leaders who supported and encouraged them.

**RAY LAHOOD AND WTS-INTERNATIONAL AWARD RAY LAHOOD AWARD
PHILIP SCHAFFNER - MNDOT**



In both large and small ways, Philip creates opportunities for and contributes to the reputation and credibility of women and minorities within transportation. Philip is a consistent and persistent supporter of women and minorities in all aspects of his work – hiring and supporting his own staff, amplifying the voices of women in decision-making, modeling behavior and attitudes for other managers

and ensuring diverse representation in programs and products. He not only supports the advancement of women and minorities, he normalizes it. A few examples of his leadership include:

- Co-founding MnDOT’s planning internship program to develop a diverse pool of professionals with experience in state-level transportation planning.
- Leading a team to look at increasing diversity within MnDOT’s workforce.
- Prioritizing diversity in his own hiring practices.
- Advocating for the participation and inclusion of women and minorities on professional panels.
- Amplifying the voices of women in meetings.
- Increasing the visibility of female staff and colleagues at conferences and professional events.

Each year, WTS Minnesota awards scholarships to promising female students pursuing a career in transportation. Our chapter’s scholarship program is central to our efforts to advancing women in transportation. In 2017, four scholarships were awarded to students, including two high school students, in efforts to “fuel the pipeline”.

**DONNA W ALLAN UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
ELLA RASP – UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

Ella is a sophomore at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus, where she is majoring in Urban Studies. Ella is very interested in the Twin Cities’ transportation system and has already begun preparing for a career in transportation through her volunteer roles with the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition, the University Avenue for Everyone Campaign—a grassroots organization building support for a protected bikeway near the University of Minnesota campus—and her recent internship in the Blue Line Extension LRT Project Office with Metro Transit.

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WTS MINNESOTA GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP MARIA WARDOKU – UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Maria is a graduate student in Urban and Regional Planning at the Humphrey School at the University of Minnesota, where she has designed her own concentration focused on active living.

In addition to her coursework, Maria has dedicated herself to diversifying her transportation experiences by interviewing suburban community leaders, public officials, and developers to uncover their barriers to building housing that promotes equity and active transportation as part of her graduate assistantship, interning in the transportation planning group at Kimley-Horn, serving on the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition board, and leading an interdisciplinary student consulting group.

KATHERINE F. TURNBULL LEADERSHIP AWARD CLAIRE WARREN – UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

As a senior at the University of Minnesota majoring in Industrial and Systems Engineering, Claire is passionate about energy efficiency and sustainability in the transportation sector. She has been applying her skills in her position as a Sustainability Engineering Intern at Metro Transit since 2014. In 2015, she traveled to Bangalore, India to further her education by learning about sustainable development in waste, water treatment, energy, transportation, and health care in India.



Recognition Awards

WTS MN HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

SINI ADAM – WELLSTONE INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Sini is a senior at Wellstone International High School and will attend the College of Saint Catherine in Saint Paul next year. Sini is a conscientious student and is dedicated to her academic career, as well as to her extracurricular activities such as the Outdoor Science Club, Oromo Club Association, and the Wellstone Soccer Team. Sini works part time as a cashier. She is interested in transportation as it has shaped her life in everything from her love of travel to her family's business.

FARDOSA OSMAN – WELLSTONE INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Fardosa is a senior at Wellstone International High School and will attend Normandale Community College in Bloomington next year where she intends to study business management. Fardosa is a proactive and determined student dedicated to her studies and pursuit of her education and career goals. She is interested in transportation and recognizes it as essential to individuals, businesses, and national economies.



Transportation You

The Chapter's Transportation YOU mentorship program is a national, hands-on, interactive program that offers young girls ages 13-18 an introduction to a wide variety of careers in the transportation field.

The Transportation YOU (TYOU) program continued its partnership with the Center for Engineering, Math and Science (CEMS) at Blaine High School and started a new partnership with Wellstone International High School.

JANUARY, 2017: Nine Blaine Students and seven WTS mentors met to prepare for the DC Summit applications. In this before-school meeting, mentors paired up with students to help them write their DC Summit applications and reflect on what they've learned in the program thus far.



FEBRUARY, 2017: Five Blaine students and four mentors took a tour of St. Paul Public Works. The students saw the street maintenance shop, the traffic operations technology, the bituminous plant, how sewer mains are designed and maintained, and met with bridge design inspectors and engineers.

MAY, 2017: Eight Blaine students and four mentors took a tour of AET & the



Green Line Operation and Maintenance Facility. Students learned about soil classification, research methods, and pavement design. They got real-life transit experience, riding the Green Line from AET to downtown Saint Paul. At the

Metro Transit Green Line Operation and Maintenance Facility, students saw all the behind the scenes work that happens to make the LRT run smoothly!

JUNE, 2017: The WTS Minnesota chapter sent two student & mentor pairs to the DC Summit in Washington D.C. because of a successful financial assistance application to International. Lindsey Anderson attended with her mentor Andrea Arnoldi, and Kellie Urman attended with her mentor Ann Wallenmayer. Both pairs had a fantastic time, with stops at the US Department of Transportation, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), the Turner Fairbank Research Center, as well as the historic monuments in the DC area.



SEPTEMBER, 2017: A new chapter of the Minnesota TYOU story started with a new partnership at Wellstone International High School for the 2017-2018 school year. In September, three mentors recruited new mentees for the upcoming school year during a lunch period at Wellstone International High School. The mentees gained interest from over 70 students and left excited for the partnership to follow.



OCTOBER, 2017: Both schools had introduction programs to kick-off the new school year. Blaine's program was in the morning during their pre-class activity period. Wellstone's program was in the after-school timeslot.

Transportation You

NOVEMBER, 2017: A dozen Blaine students and four mentors toured the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO). The students toured the space at the MWMO, watched a demonstration of watershed management and explored a life-size watershed model. This field trip sparked interest in many of the students in sustainability and environmental engineering.

DECEMBER, 2017: The calendar year ended with an after-school program at Wellstone on personal brand and handshakes. The girls learned how to present themselves professionally.

Thank you to all the members, friends, and corporate partners who have taken an interest and contributed to the cultivation of the next generation of transportation professionals! Our mentors went above and beyond the call of duty this year to continue TYOU's success at Blaine and expand our TYOU program to Wellstone.



Special thanks to our mentors:

Andrea Arnoldi: Kimley-Horn and Associates, Anna Cunningham: Kimley-Horn and Associates, Carrie Desmond: WSP, Andrea Dvorak: Kimley-Horn, Lindsey Haraldson: SRF, Morgan Hoxsie: Kimley-Horn and Associates, Belick Pha: AET, Anna Potter: Kimley-Horn, Juana Sandoval, Chris Tillema: AET, Lisa Wall: Kimley-Horn and Associates, Anna Wallenmeyer: WSB, Molly Weismantel: LHB

Central Region Conference

The third annual WTS MN Central Region Conference was held in Columbus, OH on February 2-3, 2017. Katie Roth and Nikki Farrington represented the WTS Minnesota chapter at the Conference held in Columbus, OH. The conference drew over 100 participants from the central region states of Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, Indiana, Missouri, Ohio, Kansas, Iowa, South Dakota, Michigan, North Dakota and Wisconsin. The conference kicked off with a quick history lesson of transportation within Columbus with fascinating insight from Ed Lentz, Executive Director of Columbus Landmarks Foundation. Katie shared the success of Metro Transit's A Line Bus Rapid Transit line as part of a panel discussion session. The first day ended with a panel of representatives from Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky and Wisconsin DOTs discussing the current transportation FAST Act and upcoming challenges in increasing transportation funding. A favorite presentation was on Friday morning by Jennifer Harper with the Missouri DOT. She talked about the Road to Tomorrow initiative that is looking to implement solar roadways, truck platooning technology, electric vehicle infrastructure and innovative funding sources such as using their existing infrastructure (camera poles, bridges, signs) for leasing by private companies.

WTSI Leadership Conference

WTS MN sent three board members, Morgan Abbott, Nikki Farrington, and Chelsey Dubreil to WTSI's Chapter Leadership Training Conference held in Las Vegas, NV. The conference was packed with opportunities to learn from the international leaders and other state WTS chapters. It was inspirational to meet so many WTS leaders from across the country that are dedicated to the WTS mission to build the future of transportation through the global advancement of women.



Conferences

WTSI Annual Conference

WTS International (WTSI) hosted the 2017 annual conference in New York City in May. Morgan Abbott, Katie Caskey, Morgan Hoxsie, Michelle Julius, Tara McBride, Kristina Nesse, Kristin Petersen, Katie Roth, Fay Simer, Juana Sandoval and Phillip Schaffner attended the conference from Minnesota. The four conference program tracks focused on resilient and sustainable systems, multi-modal and multi-agency collaboration, transportation technology, and professional development. Katie Caskey presented in a session titled Technology in Serving the Public and shared about the interactive tools and data that is used by MNDOT's statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan. At the Annual Awards Ceremony and 40th Anniversary Celebration, Fay Simer was recognized as WTS Member of the Year and Phillip Schaffner was presented the WTS Honorable Ray LaHood Award, and their international award.



2017 Scholarship Donors

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Financial Report

INCOME	
Membership Dues	\$5,280.00
Monthly Programs	\$12,749.84
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Corporate Support for the Regional Conference (for 2018)	\$1,750.00
Interest	\$0.19
Corporate Partnership	\$31,375.00
TOTAL 2017 INCOME	\$51,155.03
DONATIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND	
Silent Auction/Raffle Donations	\$8,593.46
Scholarship Donations	\$2,535.00
Total 2017 Donations to Scholarship Fund	\$11,128.46
EXPENSES	
Monthly Programs	\$6,592.45
Travel/Board Member Training	\$16,757.66
Supplies/Communication	\$948.88
Membership Development	\$1,894.80
Insurance	\$1,050.00
Scholarship Luncheon	\$7,578.18
Holiday Party	\$8,654.53
Transportation YOU	\$3,227.52
Miscellaneous	\$793.78
Total 2017 Expenses	\$47,497.80

All the accomplishments in this report would not be possible without our Corporate Partners. WTS Minnesota's Corporate Partnership Program began in 2012 with just one firm. In 2017, that number grew to 29 firms who committed a combined \$33,500. Those contributions have greatly advanced the chapter's educational, scholarship, and leadership programs. WTS Minnesota recognizes that financial backing is only possible with strong voices expressing why this is a valuable organization, so we thank the following organizations and their people for their support in 2017.



SUPPORTER LEVEL

- Alliant Engineering
- American Engineering Testing, Inc.
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