



## Congratulations to New Chapter Executive Board



President Amy Archer



Vice President Kristin Cauoette



Membership Chair Nicole Richard



Student Outreach Chair Sam Hawkins

*Results of the Executive Board Elections are in! Congratulations to the new Chapter Leaders:*

**President: Amy Archer**

**Vice President: Kristin Cauoette**

**Membership: Nicole Richard**

**Student Outreach: Sam Hawkins**

*We hope you'll join us in helping them make 2021 a great year for the WTS-Rhode Island Chapter. Please watch for profiles of the entire board in the next newsletter.*

### Call for Memories!



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2021 will mark our Chapter's 15th anniversary! Send your photos, mememtos & more to [wtsrhodeisland@gmail.com](mailto:wtsrhodeisland@gmail.com)



## Member Profile: Anita Marshall

Anita Marshall, PE

Principal Civil Engineer

RIDOT

Since August 2019, I've been working in RIDOT Materials, under Jose Lima and I am a Principal Civil Engineer. I oversee rideability reports for pavement smoothness, and hot mix asphalt pay adjustments for contracts that have these Incentives. I review plans and Materials Test Book requirements for special provisions. I also review Mix designs, conduct Pre-Paving meetings, and attend Final Inspections. I have had a chance to grow in Materials by learning new skills, attending training sessions, and taking a few graduate classes at URI. I am currently enrolled in CVE 645X Advanced Pavement Design at URI. As part of the class, we do a research paper using data from the LTTP – Long Term Pavement Performance website. For the previous 29 years, I worked in Highway Design at RIDOT as a project manager on various roadway, in house design, and shared use path projects. I enjoyed the past and present work, and the comradery with my colleagues.

***Q: What interests you most about your field of work, and what abilities or personal qualities do you believe contribute most to your success in your job?***

I am interested in the mix designs, pavement design, and pay adjustment aspects for hot mix asphalt for performance, and long term durability. The pay adjustments provide an incentive for the Contractors to produce quality pavement that will last longer and be enjoyed by the traveling public.

My personal qualities that contribute to my success include being organized, detail oriented, and working with others as a team.

***Q. Tell us something most people do not know about you.***

I am very involved in my parish, St. Mary's Church with volunteer work. I enjoy teaching religious education to the fourth grade students, as well as being a lector and eucharistic minister. I was a chaperone and assisted our youth minister on domestic mission trips through [groupmissiontrips.com](http://groupmissiontrips.com) during the past few years (2019, 2018) with the teens from our parish to do volunteer home projects for the elderly for those impacted by hurricanes or storms. This opportunity provides the youth to develop their confidence with taking on a leadership role for that week, helping others with home repairs, and grow in their Christian faith. The groups are organized into one adult chaperone to 6 youth from different parishes across the country so they can meet new people.

***Q: How and why did you initially become involved in WTS? What are the most rewarding experiences you've had since you joined WTS?***

I was invited to the board meetings at RIDOT by one of my colleagues, and from there, became active and took on the role of Programs Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Director over the years. I am currently the Secretary for WTS-RI. WTS has helped me to grow as a person and keep up to date on the latest transportation topics. The most rewarding experiences have been the networking with other professionals, technical lunches, professional development, and participating in fun social events such as bike riding, bowling, wine tasting, etc.

***Q: What are your favorite hobbies?***

I enjoy bike riding, Aikido, and horseback riding.

# WTS-RHODE ISLAND UPDATES

It's been a busy final quarter of 2020. In addition to our annual meeting and the election of new officers, the Rhode Island Chapter of WTS hosted webinars, its first book club meeting and introduced a new round of scholarships.

Some updates:

- Next selection of the WTS-Rhode Island Book Club is "The Lilac Girls" by Martha Hall Kelly, which we will discuss in January. Email Pamela Cotter via [WTSRhodeIsland@gmail.com](mailto:WTSRhodeIsland@gmail.com) to get the book club invitation for this selection.
- WTS-Rhode Island is currently accepting applications for the WTS International 2020-2021 scholarships. There are a total of six scholarships available for high school, junior college, undergraduate and graduate students.

WTS-RI will award two \$1,000 local scholarships, one to an undergraduate student and one to a graduate student, and one \$500 local scholarship to a high school student. The application deadline is Monday, January 11, 2021.

To apply, please visit the WTS-Rhode Island Scholarship website.

For more information, please contact Ashley Cunha, WTS-RI Co-Chair of Student Outreach, at [acunha@vhb.com](mailto:acunha@vhb.com)

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