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2002 CORPORATE MEMBERS

The Washington, DC Chapter of the Women's Transportation Seminar
thanks our corporate members for their support in 2002:

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

This year was one in which we focused on the services the chapter provides to its members - specifically, our monthly programs and our new mentoring initiative. We hosted five federal administrator-level speakers, held several brown bag lunches on substantive topics impacting diverse segments of our population, and launched a successful mentoring program to enhance the careers of ten pairs of participating mentors and mentees.



Building on our prior chapter successes, we accomplished a great deal this year through the efforts of a tremendously dedicated, energetic, and creative Board, and our equally resourceful committee members:

- We expanded the features of our electronic newsletter.
- We increased our corporate membership to a record 13 members.
- We raised \$11,250 in corporate sponsorships to help fund our monthly events and special programs.
- We raised \$ 6,600 for our Scholarship Fund through a fundraising event, raffles, and direct donations.
- We welcomed 66 new members to our chapter.

It has been my privilege to serve as your president during this silver anniversary year. I look forward to participating in chapter activities in the future, and helping our chapter and its members continue to advance in our industry.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Rennert'.

Jamie Rennert
President
WTS Washington, DC Chapter

25TH ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY & HOLIDAY RECEPTION

Nearly 120 members, friends and supporters of WTS gathered at the Hotel Washington Sky Room to enjoy a special evening of celebration and camaraderie for the 25th Annual Awards Ceremony and Holiday Reception.

The WTS-DC Board commemorated the 25th anniversary of WTS by making the event free to all WTS members. Guests enjoyed a dinner buffet highlighted by a pasta bar and steamship round of beef. While enjoying the food and refreshments, the lively jazz trio “Crescendo” entertained with old favorites and special requests.

The award and recognitions presentations highlighted the evening. Melissa Loughlin, WTS-DC Recognitions Chair presented the **Woman of the Year** tribute to **Edith B. Boyden**, a long-time WTS-DC member who spent nearly her entire career in Washington, DC. Edith’s transportation career began at Public Technologies, where she learned the complexities of transportation requirements for local communities. She then joined the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment, and later represented the Washington, DC office of the Bechtel Corporation. Most recently, Edith served at the U.S. Department of Transportation Volpe National Transportation Systems Center. Throughout her career, Edith Boyden opened many doors for women and minorities through recruitment and internships, research opportunities and diversity programs, and made a significant, positive impact on our industry and future transportation professionals.



Members congratulate WTS-DC Woman of the Year Edith B. Boyden (center) on her award during the 25th Anniversary Reception and Annual Awards Ceremony.

Also, Federal Transit Administrator Jennifer L. Dorn, made presentations of recognition on behalf of the Chapter to the Professional Development Mentoring Initiative Committee – **Nancy Strine, Patricia Carroll, Stephanie Roth** and **Jeanette Kramer**.



The Mentoring Initiative program is the first program of its kind for the Chapter and was quite successful. Nancy Strine (above right) spoke on behalf of her committee and indicated that mentors and mentees alike found the program a constructive learning experience.

Organized by Chapter Vice President Donna Aggazio, the “WTS at 25” contest asked participants to name three prominent moments in transportation history that featured women. Gerri Mason Hall, Vice President of Business Diversity and Strategic Initiatives for Amtrak, presented the prize – two round-trip Acela train tickets to New York City – to contest winner and member Josh Sawislak of DMJM+Harris.



“WTS at 25” contest winner Josh Sawislak (left) along with fellow member Lydia Mercado (center) and Past Chapter President Elaine Dezenski (right).

Also, the Chapter raised over \$1,500 through raffle ticket sales for the WTS-DC Scholarship Fund. Diversity Chair Phil Roke and his wife Theresa created and donated two baskets of chocolate and French specialty food items for the raffle (right).



Lastly, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of WTS, all attendees received an engraved chrome pen.

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CORPORATE RELATIONS. WTS-DC provided many ways for organizations to support Chapter activities in 2002, such as: corporate memberships; Chapter program sponsorships; Mentoring Initiative sponsorships; and, 25th Annual Awards Ceremony contributions. The Washington, DC area community responded generously in 2002, with organizations taking advantage of all these opportunities.

In 2002, several new organizations joined WTS-DC as corporate members for the first time, increasing the total number of corporate members from 12 to 13. New members included DMJM+Harris, the public relations firm Buckley & Kaldenbach, Inc., and the District of Columbia Division of Transportation – our first corporate member from a local government.

Three organizations gave financial support to the Mentoring Initiative: the Association of American Railroads (AAR), Amtrak, and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). In return, these organizations received special access for their employees to participate in Mentoring Initiative events. We hope to continue this activity in the future, providing a way for local organizations to use the Chapter's Mentoring Initiative as part of their own employee professional development program.

Washington, DC area companies also eagerly supported Chapter programs. This year, five monthly programs received corporate sponsorships, offering a great marketing opportunity in return. Similarly, eight organizations contributed as sponsors to the 25th Annual Awards Ceremony.

In 2003, the chapter expects to continue its fundraising success. The challenge is to maintain the number of corporate members and rev-

enue from other forms of corporate support in a time of national economic uncertainty.

DIVERSITY. Throughout 2002, the Diversity Committee successfully continued to promote diversity among the WTS-DC membership and in its programs. Sherry Ways chaired the committee from January to June; Phil Roke assumed the chair in July. Both chairpersons worked to incorporate diversity into the Chapter.

Sherry Ways recommended that two minority women serve as senior advisors in the Mentoring Initiative. She also assisted in the recruitment of diverse transportation professionals to participate as mentors/mentees in the program. Ms. Ways was appointed to the WTS National Diversity Committee in August 2002 and participated on the "Leadership from the Front Lines" panel at the 2002 WTS National Conference where she discussed her involvement in the WTS National Leadership Development Program.

In April 2002, committee members attended a program sponsored by the Washington, DC Chapter of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators. WTS member Gerri Mason Hall, Vice President of Business Diversity and Strategic Initiatives for Amtrak, spoke on "Diversity in the Business Place."

The committee organized brown bag programs this year that were held at PricewaterhouseCoopers. In June, the topic "Seat Belt Use Among Minority Populations" was presented by Dr. Linda Cosgrove of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Dr. Cosgrove spoke on seat belt use and other traffic safety behaviors, attitudes, perceptions, and countermeasures for various ethnic and racial groups com-

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pared to the U.S. population as a whole. In August, the committee held another brown bag on “Transportation Needs for the Elderly” presented by NHTSA’s Dr. John Eberhard and Essie Wagner, M.A. Ms. Wagner reported on recent motor vehicle traffic statistics and their cost to society. Wagner indicated that older



Dr. John Eberhard (left) and Essie Wagner, M.A. (right) at the WTS-DC August Brown Bag

drivers are involved in the fewest fatal crashes of any age group. Ms. Wagner concluded that our transportation systems are not prepared for older drivers. Dr. Eberhard

explained USDOT’s approach to provide safe mobility for the elderly. Articles on both Diversity Committee programs appeared in the July/August and October newsletters.

LEGISLATIVE. Security remained the legislative emphasis in 2002. With passage of the Homeland Security Act, the most sweeping government reorganization in over 50 years is now underway. By combining 22 federal agencies and their 177,000 employees, a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is created. The Transportation Security Administration and the Coast Guard, formerly housed within USDOT, are among the organizations transferred to DHS. Congress also enacted the Maritime Transportation Security Act and the Pipeline Infrastructure Protection to Enhance Security and Safety Act. Unfortunately, at the conclusion of calendar year 2002, agreement was not reached on most of the spending measures for Fiscal Year 2003, including the transportation appropriations bill.

Throughout the year, the Legislative Committee provided updates on transportation-related legislation and nominations beginning with the annual WTS-DC legislative program. Held in March, the Legislative Committee invited staff from major authorizing and appropriating committees to discuss the outlook for the second session of the 107th Congress. Serving as panelists were Joyce Rose, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee; Mitch Warren, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee; Sam Whitehorn, Senate Commerce Committee; and, Peter Rogoff, Senate Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee. The speakers discussed highway-funding levels, reauthorization of TEA-21 and AIR-21, funding for Amtrak, transit securi-



WTS-DC Annual Legislative Program
The panel addressed a variety of transportation issues and fielded questions from the audience.

ty and implementation of the 2001 transportation security legislation. Committee Chair Nadine Hamilton moderated the program. Committee members—Nicole Austin, Meg Cederoth and Charlotte Hrcir—assisted in the planning for the program. The lively session attracted 146 guests, making it one of the best-attended WTS-DC programs in 2002.

With the reauthorization of TEA-21 due in 2003, debate on many policy issues is well underway. An emerging concern related to reauthorization is sprawl. In October, committee member Carol Stroebel organized the

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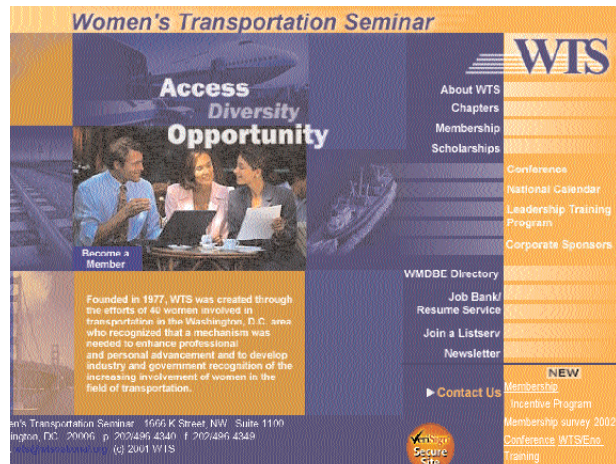
“Health Effects of Sprawl” program (see PROGRAMS for details).

MEMBERSHIP. Despite some membership losses early in 2002, the Chapter gained 66 new members bringing the total membership at the close of the year to 280. As was the case in 2001, without the benefit of a formal recruitment campaign, the Chapter continues to grow based on word-of-mouth, “brand recognition,” improved program outreach, and increased communication efforts for WTS-DC programs and events to non-members.

This was also the first full year under the new tiered dues structure implemented by WTS National for 2002 dues. The structured system was developed to make dues more equitable, based on members’ income brackets. Under WTS National, all the chapters are provided with a centralized administrative conduit for dues processing and membership reporting. In 2002, the WTS National web site was designed so that members from any chapter can open their membership record to renew online and/or update their contact information. Also, the web site enables new members to join online.

Renewals for 2002 have a new deadline. In the past, lapsed renewals would generally receive a reprieve well into the second quarter of the renewal year. However, under the new structure, deadlines to renew will stand firm (e.g. 2003 renewals - March 1st). Members are given two renewal notices. After the stated deadline, if a member has not renewed, he/she must rejoin and pay a new member processing fee. All of these measures were imposed to streamline dues processing and make it more evenhanded for all members.

The Chapter membership database, which is a helpful tool for the membership chair, func-



WTS National Web Site provides information as well as online membership application and payment modules.

tions as a source of immediate, at-your-fingertips information for members’ contact information and member type. It is also an excellent place to input contact information for prospective members and other industry peers. From our Chapter database, we are able to construct contact lists for our “blast” communication faxes/e-mails. These “blastcasts” have become the Chapter’s primary way of notifying our membership of upcoming events, programs, news, and Chapter initiatives.

Since WTS National has streamlined its dues processing and reporting features for the Chapters, WTS-DC will be able to better focus its efforts on retention and recruitment in the coming years.

NEWSLETTER. Ten issues were produced and delivered at minimal cost to the Chapter because of electronic distribution and pro bono newsletter lay out, editing, and writing.

WTS-DC members warmly responded to an extensive Mother’s Day issue in May that focused on “*Moms in Transportation*” and profiled women in various jobs across the spectrum of transportation. A transit police chief, a commercial truck driver, a senior level Bush

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Administration appointee, and a city bus operator all spoke about the challenges of balancing work and family.



The newsletter also featured a farewell address from former Federal Aviation Administrator Jane Garvey and a profile of Federal Highway Administrator Mary Peters. Columns appeared from Amtrak representatives, the American Trucking

Associations, and former National Transportation Safety Board Chair Marion Blakey (current the FAA Administrator). Of course, the newsletter also followed the progress of the Chapter's ground breaking Mentoring Initiative program.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. The pilot year of the Mentoring Initiative program ended with a graduation in early November. At that time, ten mentees and ten mentors reflected on their accomplishments and how they personally benefited from the program.

The Mentoring Initiative was a successful one. The Senior Advisors' monthly programs served to partner mentors and mentees while also dispensing advice and knowledge. Valuable advice highlighted these programs and inspired participants to strive toward their goals. Specific mentoring programs included the following:

Developing and Learning Leadership Skills. **Mort Downey**, Principal Consultant, PB Consult, and former Deputy Secretary of the USDOT, was the featured speaker;

It's the Small Things That Count. **Michelle Pourciau**, Deputy Director, District of Columbia Division of Transportation, spoke and led a discussion with **Gerri Mason Hall**, VP, Business Diversity, Amtrak; **Marsha Kaiser**, Maryland DOT; and, **Karleen Swanlund**, Assistant Division Administrator, FHWA; and,

Making and Maintaining Personal Contacts to Achieve Success. Featured **Luz Hopewell**, Associate Administrator, Office of Government Contracting, Small Business Administration and former Director of the USDOT Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, and **Rosalyn Millman**, former NHTSA Acting Administrator.

The mentorship program is indebted to its Senior Advisors: **Barbara Armand** (Armand Corporation); **Joan McDonald** (Jacobs Civil); and **Bea Hicks** (WMATA). Also, thanks to all who contributed to the program's successful first year.

PROGRAMS. The Programs Committee effectively developed and planned six programs in 2002. More than 500 attendees participated in these programs, considered by our members to be the most visible service provided by the Chapter. Programs covered a range of interesting topics from health issues caused by sprawl to the latest safety initiatives from the FHWA.

This year, the Chapter changed its primary venue for programs to the Hotel Washington, with some programs held at the Marriott Metro Center and the Pier 7 Restaurant in southwest Washington.

Other highlights included our partnership with the Association for Transportation Law, Logistics and Policy (ATLLP) to jointly spon-

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sor the April program featuring speakers Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrator **Joseph Clapp** and Federal Railroad Administrator **Allan Rutter**.

The Programs Committee continues to use the OneBox.com RSVP system for its programs. At the request of our members, we also included a program committee member phone number on the flyer for anyone who had questions. Begun late in the year, this practice proved helpful to many of our members.

The committee also tried new ideas to streamline the on-site program registration procedures. The Committee also pursued new corporate sponsorships, worked on retaining the current sponsorships, developed program flyers, and coordinated the writing of newsletter pieces featuring our corporate sponsors.

Programs Co-Chairs **Jane Bass** and **Cheryl Lowrance** worked as a team to recruit new committee members and to recognize and greet new and returning WTS members to our monthly programs. We believe that the personal touch combined with outstanding programs is what keeps our attendance at all-time highs.

The 2002 program events were as follows:

January 30, Featuring the Honorable Jennifer L. Dorn. Federal Transit Administrator Dorn (left) spoke at the Hotel



Washington to a record number of attendees—130 people. She updated the audience on the latest issues of interest at the FTA. Dual sponsors American Bus Association and HNTB contributed towards the event.

March 1, Legislative Outlook. The annual legislative update program featured a panel of Hill staffers: **Joyce Rose, Mitch Warren, Sam Whitehorn** and **Peter Rogoff** provided an update on the legislative transportation agenda for 2002. WTS members and guests attended (see LEGISLATIVE for details).

April 23, Surface Transportation Policy. This jointly sponsored with the ATLLP featured Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrator **Joseph Clapp** and Federal Railroad Administrator **Allan Rutter**. Held at the Pier 7 Restaurant, the program included remarks from both administrators on a variety of timely issues. Attendance topped 100 and represented many modes and organizations.

May 15, Breakfast Briefing: USDOT Present and Future Fiscal Plans. **Donna McLean**, Assistant Secretary and Chief Financial Officer for USDOT Office of Budget and Programs, spoke at a breakfast meeting held at the Marriott Metro Center sponsored by Siemens. About 70 members and guests listened to Assistant Secretary McLean discuss budgetary implications of transportation issues. Metro accessibility and the early hour of the meeting successfully combined to provide an alternative event that received favorable feedback from our members.

September 17, Featuring the Honorable Mary Peters. FHWA Administrator Peters spoke to over 100 members and guests on a number of issues, including seatbelt safety. Parsons Brinckerhoff sponsored the highly attended event.

October 30, Health Effects of Sprawl. Our final program of 2002, held at the Hotel

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Washington, was a “first” for WTS on two fronts. For the first time, non-members outnumbered WTS members at this sold-out event—nearly 80 professionals from the healthcare, environmental and congressional sectors attended. Another milestone—WTS offered a reduced luncheon price for non-members to ensure that everyone interested could attend. Support from the Public Transportation Partnership for Tomorrow, made this possible.

Panelists included **Dr. Susan Cummins**, Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences; **Katherine Kraft**, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; and, **Daniel Swartz**, Children's Environmental Health Network. They led a thought-provoking slideshow, panel discussion and live Q&A period. Among the topics discussed was the relationship between transportation networks and health concerns—especially the sharp increases in obesity and asthma among adults and children.

SCHOLARSHIP & RECOGNITIONS. Our Chapter awarded two scholarships to students at local universities, held a fundraising reception and raffle, and organized a program for the 2001-2002 scholarship winners to make presentations on their research.

Scholarship Fund. In 2002, the chapter spent and contributed about \$6,160 on scholarship-related activities. The committee raised a total of \$5,560 through a fundraising reception, the raffling of two gift baskets created and donated by a chapter member, and general donations. The Chapter hosted a fundraising reception in May at the National Building Museum in Washington, DC. The reception featured appetizers, beverages, and a keynote address by **Marion Blakey**, NTSB Chair. The



2002 WTS Scholarship Fundraising Reception

From left to right: WTS-DC Scholarship Chair Lora Byala, 2001-02 Scholarship Winners Tina Gupta and Jennifer Lee, WTS-DC President Jamie Rennert, and NTSB Chair Marion Blakey.

Chapter's two 2001-2002 Scholarship recipients—**Jennifer Lee** of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and **Tina Gupta** of the University of Maryland—attended the May reception.

The Chapter conducted a successful raffle at the 25th Annual Awards Ceremony in December 2002, adding \$1,500 to the scholarship fund. The Chapter invited all of the 2002-2003 scholarship applicants to attend the event at no cost, thanks to a donation by chapter member Margaret Ballard. We invested the funds in our interest-bearing scholarship account with Legg Mason Wood and Walker, Inc.

The chapter awarded two scholarships in 2002. This year, the Board voted to increase the amount of the graduate student scholarship to \$1,500. The undergraduate scholarship remains at \$1,000. In total, the Chapter awarded \$2,500 in scholarships in 2002.

2002-2003 Chapter Scholarship Winners.

The Chapter distributed scholarship applications to universities in September. The WTS-DC board reviewed the applications and selected **Alice Ryan** and **Adriana Rossiter** as Undergraduate and Graduate scholarship recipients, respectively. Both recipients are highly qualified and display great commitment to the transportation field.

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Ms. Ryan is a junior at the University of Maryland majoring in Aerospace Engineering. She is a participant in the University Honors Program and the Aerospace Engineering Honors Program. Named to the Dean's List four times, Ms. Ryan also received the Tau Beta Pi Outstanding Sophomore Award. She also is a member and is currently secretary for the National Aerospace Honor Society and is a member of the Society of Women Engineers. In addition to her studies, Ms. Ryan is currently working as an undergraduate research assistant in the Smart Structures Lab and in the Aviation Engineering Division of the National Transportation Safety Board. Her main interest is in aircraft accidents and she would eventually like to work at the NTSB on commercial aviation accidents.

In her first year of a PhD program in Logistics, Business and Public Policy at the University of Maryland, Ms. Rossiter has a Masters degree in Transportation Engineering from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and a BS in Civil Engineering from the Federal University of Pernambuco. Following her Masters degree, Ms. Rossiter worked as a transportation engineer for a private consulting company on many types of projects, including highway traffic and capacity studies, highway operation design, and on technical and financial proposals for transportation-related public

works projects. She received multiple honors, including being named the top undergraduate student in Civil Engineering and being selected as a team member for a Rotary International program for young professionals. Upon graduating from the PhD program, Ms. Rossiter plans to work as a researcher in both academia and in the private sector, focusing on international projects.

Based on their outstanding credentials, the Chapter forwarded both scholarship recipients to WTS National for consideration in the nationwide competition.

For the second year in a row, the Chapter held a luncheon meeting to give our 2001 scholarship recipients an opportunity to present information on their studies and work. About 25 members attended the presentation. The program presented a great networking and presentation skills opportunity for the students.

Chapter and National Recognitions. The Recognitions function of the WTS-DC Chapter carried on this year with February nominations for National awards (our 2001 Chapter winners); solicitation, evaluation, and selection of nominees for the 2002 Chapter awards; and, successful completion of our semi-annual Chapter board elections.

The Chapter submitted three nominations for 2002 WTS National Awards in February. The Chapter submitted the 2001 Woman of the Year (Cindy Burbank), Member of the Year (Jan Balkin), and Employer of the Year (Federal Transit Administration) recipients. Despite the outstanding qualifications of our Chapter's nominees, the National recognitions board committee selected other candidates.



WTS-DC Scholarship Chair Lora Byala (left) chats with the 2002-03 Scholarship Winners Alice Ryan (center) and Adriana Rossiter (right) at the 25th Anniversary Reception.

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Soliciting the 2002 Chapter-level awards nominations began during the summer months. We placed newsletter reminders and made announcements at Chapter events. The Chapter received many qualified nominations for the Woman of the Year category this year, making the decision



2002 Woman of the Year
Edith B. Boyden

a difficult one. Unfortunately, we did not receive any nominations for Employer of the Year and none of the nominations received for Member of the Year met the specified criteria.

At the 25th Annual Awards Ceremony, the Board honored **Edith B. Boyden** (left) of the Volpe Center as the WTS-DC Woman of the Year. Members of the Professional Development Committee's Mentoring Initiative—**Nancy Strine, Stephanie Roth, Pat Carroll and Jeanette Kramer** (above right)—were also recognized for their efforts in professional and membership development. The Chapter nominated Ms. Boyden for the 2003 WTS National Woman of the Year in February 2003.

The Chapter conducted its annual elections for board positions. Members selected the 2003 board by 98 percent affirmative vote, based on approximately 25 percent chapter participation.

Proposed goals for the Chapter's Recognitions program in 2003 include the following:

- Stimulate wider involvement in the recognitions program by clarifying and improv-



Professional Development Mentoring Initiative Committee members (from left to right) Jeanette Kramer, Patricia Carroll, Nancy Strine (Chair) and (not pictured) Stephanie Roth were presented with certificates of recognition for the success and production of the Chapter's first-ever mentorship program in 2002.

ing awareness of the selection criteria and process.

- Re-evaluate the goals of the Chapter's recognitions program as compared to the WTS National program: is it appropriate to make all chapter award criteria identical to those of the National organization?
- Revise the Chapter's Bylaws and Policies & Procedures document to better reflect best, or at least accurate, practices of this Chapter function.
- Investigate alternative methods to a mail-out balloting for Chapter elections. Electronic balloting has been tried in the past, but participation was no stronger than in this year's paper-driven election. Paper elections cost the Chapter in ballot production and postage, but have traditionally been used for security, logistical, and publicity purposes.

OTHER CHAPTER ACTIVITIES. The Chapter adopted a new policy for reimbursement for attendance at the WTS National Conference. This policy is designed to address when chapter members or their employers cannot cover the expenses associated with attending the conference.

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At the direction of the President, the Vice President drafted program planning responsibilities for Diversity, Legislative, Professional Development and Scholarship committees. These guidelines assist the program planning process by providing a step-by-step list of responsibilities so that all specialized committees work in harmony with the program committee.

Asking members to take a moment to reflect on the past 25 years in transportation, the Chapter sponsored a contest to recognize the most influential events or milestones for women in transportation. The drawing took place at the 25th Annual Awards Ceremony on December 4, 2002. The winner received two roundtrip tickets on Amtrak's Acela train to New York City, thanks to Amtrak's support and generosity. The Chapter also contributed a selection of "memories" to the 25th Anniversary Memory Book coordinated by WTS National.

Several board members hosted informal "happy hour" social events in June, August and October 2002. The goal of these informal gatherings is to provide members with an alternative way to enhance their network and introduce non-members to WTS in a casual setting. Also, the alternate time frame and locations can be more flexible for members who are not able to regularly make it to programs during the day in the town. These events proved popular with members and non-members alike and promise to continue into 2003.

The Chapter continues to believe that the website is an important communication tool. The Chapter Secretary provided in-depth comments to the WTS National's Web Site Task Force, resulting in strategic online improvements.

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TREASURER'S REPORT. Financially, the Chapter performed well in 2002. We began the year by transferring \$8,500 from the operating account to our cash reserve account, which is invested in Legg Mason bond and money market funds. Despite the performance of the stock market in 2002, these conservative funds posted steady earnings throughout the year. Overall, the cash reserve account earned over \$1,100 in 2002.

With the new dues structure, the chapter experienced a degree of uncertainty over the revenues we would receive for membership renewals. We budgeted conservatively, and our actual membership revenues exceeded budgeted by over \$500. Other categories in which actual revenues exceeded budgeted include corporate membership (we added two more corporate members in 2002), corporate sponsorship (for programs and the holiday party) and programs revenues. Actual spending also exceeded budgeted, but the Chapter still ended the year with a strong carry-forward balance.

In honor of the WTS 25th anniversary, the WTS-DC Board decided to make the annual holiday

party and awards reception free of charge for members. The Board wanted to thank our members for their support of the Chapter and thought that the holiday party would be a good occasion to do so, even though we knew we would take a financial loss on the event itself. We did incur a loss, but not a significant one, thanks to the corporate sponsorships secured for the event.

The WTS-DC Scholarship Fund also fared well in 2002. Overall, the Chapter raised \$6,600 for the Scholarship Fund this year. Contributions came as a result of the fundraising reception held in May, a benefit raffle organized in conjunction with the holiday party and individual contributions. The Chapter also made a donation to the Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Fund, like the reserve account, is invested in conservative bond funds, which also posted gains in 2002. The robustness of the Scholarship Fund enabled the Chapter to raise the amount of the graduate scholarship award to \$1,500. In the future, the Chapter may consider a boost to the undergraduate award as well.

2002 Balance Sheet

	As of 12/31/02	As of 01/01/02	Change
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash	\$6,559.90	\$14,020.50	(\$7,460.60)
Cash Reserve Acct.	\$23,310.06	\$13,686.06	\$9,624.00
Accounts Receivable	\$1,000	\$40.00	\$960.00
Total Assets	\$30,869.96	\$27,746.56	\$3,123.40
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$126.59	\$424.85	(\$298.26)
Total Liabilities	\$126.59	\$424.85	(\$298.26)
FUND BALANCE	\$30,743.37	\$27,321.71	\$3,421.66

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2002 Income Statement

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>Actual 2002</u>	<u>Budgeted 2002</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Membership Dues	\$7,690.00	\$7,187.50	\$502.50
Corporate Membership Dues	\$12,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$2,000.00
Programs	\$14,574.00	\$11,200.00	\$3,374.00
Holiday Party	\$570.00	\$750.00	(\$180.00)
Corporate Sponsorships	\$11,250.00	\$10,000.00	\$1,250.00
Professional Development	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Earnings from Investments	\$1,124.00	\$0.00	\$1,124.00
Total Revenue	\$47,208.00	\$39,137.50	\$8,070.50

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>Actual 2002</u>	<u>Budgeted 2002</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Membership Expenses	\$1,175.56	\$2,000.00	\$824.44
Programs	\$20,894.97	\$16,500.00	(\$4,394.97)
Holiday Party	\$8,921.90	\$9,000.00	\$78.10
Bank Service Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Corporate Fundraising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Professional Development	\$841.93	\$500.00	(\$341.93)
Mentoring Initiative	\$2,212.61	\$2,000.00	(\$212.61)
Blast Communications	\$3,828.30	\$3,800.00	(\$28.30)
Administrative	\$975.76	\$2,200.00	\$1,224.24
Scholarship Expenses	\$3,662.59	\$3,000.00	(\$662.59)
Donation to Scholarship Fund	\$1,040.00	\$0.00	(\$1,040.00)
Recognitions	\$232.72	\$700.00	\$467.28
Special Events	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$43,786.34	\$39,700.00	(\$4,086.34)

**Note: the Chapter also deposited \$8,500 into our Reserve Account in 2002.*

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF WTS - SILVER ANNIVERSARY PHOTO GALLERY -

The Chapter commemorated its Silver Anniversary during the WTS-DC 25th Annual Awards Ceremony and Holiday Reception .



WTS-DC President Jamie Rennert welcomes everyone and thanks them for coming.

Annual Awards Ceremony Event Coordinator Jeanette Kramer thanks her Jacobs Civil co-workers Molly Wagner and Dawn Bracken for their event-planning assistance.



Legislative Chair Nadine Hamilton congratulates WTS-DC 2002 Woman of the Year Edith B. Boyden.

Long-time member and supporter Mort Downey looks on with FTA Administrator Jennifer Dorn as the awards and recognitions were presented.



“TALKING SHOP”



KellyAnne Gallagher and William Millar



Ann Wilson and Programs Committee Co-Chair Jane Bass



Bob LePore, Philip Braum and Corporate Relations Co-Chair Jennifer Clinger

“MAKING CONNECTIONS”



Members take advantage of the casual reception environment to catch up with fellow members and meet top-level transportation officials and colleagues. This annual event is also a wonderful way to reflect on the Chapter's accomplishments throughout the year.

Clockwise beginning at far left: Fran Bents and Bill Scott.; Elaine Dezenski and Jenna Dorn; Bill Millar and Tony Kane; Jolene Molitoris and Robert Skinner, Jr.; Federico Cura and Sarah Clements; Bryna Helfer, Phil Roke and Vi Truong.

