

2009 Annual Report - Women in Transportation Seminar, DC Chapter (WTS-DC)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We all expect that 2009 will be remembered as an especially challenging year for both businesses and all levels of government. As residents of the greater Washington DC area, members of WTS-DC have the distinction of being particularly sensitive to the way these challenges ripple through transportation issues throughout the country. It was with this perspective that the WTS-DC Board guided the chapter in 2009.

Through the dedicated efforts of many board members, 2009 was a successful year for WTS-DC, as detailed in the rest of this report. We were able to present a full calendar of programs, covering wide-ranging topics, as is only fitting considering the many modes of transportation represented by our chapter members. As always, the legislative and diversity programs were particularly popular and successful. Professional development brown bag events provided a forum for smaller groups (approximately 20) to engage in learning and dialogue in areas that will help us to be more effective at our respective jobs. Other highlights of the Board's activities include the efforts to improve communications with the chapter membership through the new newsletter format and improved program communication process. Finally, many of the Board's on-going efforts once again culminated in a highly successful holiday party, where we were able to recognize our annual Recognition and Scholarship winners, and through a successful silent auction, raise new funds for the scholarship fund.

All of these efforts were led by the WTS-DC Board, while at the same time our chapter, led by Annual Conference Co-chairs Jennifer Mitchell and Bonnie Sheperd, prepared to host the Annual Conference, which was a major success this past May. It is a testament to the strength of our chapter's membership and corporate supporters that the chapter maintained such strong activity on the normal chapter functions, while putting together a successful annual conference.

Finally, I will note that despite the economic conditions and difficult budgeting decisions many corporations and individuals had to make, the chapter finished the year strong in the important areas of total chapter membership and financial status. This is a reflection of a combination of good outreach to members, offering a valuable experience to corporate sponsors, and the careful decisions the Board made in fund expenditures.

Thank you to all of you that have supported WTS-DC. Whether it is through monetary support, the efforts to get to a program, or volunteering time, I am sure you have found your involvement realizes an excellent return on investment. When you see a WTS-DC Board member, thank them for their work in continuing to provide this wonderful forum where all of the transportation modes can come together and exchange ideas.

PROGRAMS

In 2009, the WTS DC chapter continued to host a broad and engaging calendar of programs for WTS members and the DC community. Based on the feedback from a WTS membership survey, the Programs co-chairs, Brittney Kohler and Lauren Letanski, started the year by

crafting the calendar of 2009 events around these three goals: 1) keep WTS events relevant to members from all transportation sectors and the current environment; 2) be inclusive in providing various types of events specific to members throughout their careers; and 3) provide venues and opportunities for the WTS community to network, develop, and re-connect. To fulfill these goals, an emphasis was placed on programming around relevant topics, such as the WTS/WIN reception honoring the female US DOT appointees in October, and adding more professional development events like May's "Unleashing the Power of Graphics" event which sold out in record time.

The Programs Committee also made several internal, functional changes to how programs were organized and executed. Professional development events, chaired by Courtney Kulyk, were organized strategically throughout the year with some having a technical focus and others having a more general focus, such as the "Tips and Tools Needed for Effective Presentations" event in August. Professional development events stood out this year as some of WTS's most popular and promising events focusing on keeping an intimate setting of about 20 people and reaching out to young professionals in the transportation field. Also, the Programs committee brought on Heather Krause as a liaison for the Programs and Communications committees to streamline program information and its release to membership using a Constant Contact system in addition to the WTS website and emails. This position was integral to releasing information and reminders more regularly and ensuring events were well attended.

From venues to speakers to registration, the 2009 WTS Programs committee graciously put forth great effort to ensure each program was collaborative, engaging and a better event than the last, and hopefully their efforts will be a launching point for another year of programs that will exceed our members' expectation in the coming year.

The following is a summary of the 2009-2010 WTS events:

March: WTS-DC held a luncheon program entitled "The Speed-Volume Paradox: Potential Impacts of Reduced Traffic on Congestion Delay and Potential for Reductions in Discretionary Travel During Peak Periods". Patrick DeCorla-Souza, AICP, FHWA Office of Operations; Robert M. Winick, PhD, President, MotionMaps; and Deborah Matherly, AICP, Senior Associate, The Louis Berger Group, presented key findings from this recently-completed study for FHWA.

April: WTS-DC hosted a panel discussion about the National Surface Transportation Infrastructure Financing Commission's recommendations for increasing investment in transportation infrastructure. The panel included Mr. Bryan Grote, Commissioner and Principal of Mercatur Advisors, LLC; Ms. Kathy Ruffalo Farnsworth, Commissioner and President, Ruffalo and Associates, LLC; and Ms. Tamar Henkin, Partner, High Street Consulting.

May: WTS-DC held a brown bag luncheon, "Unleashing the Power of Graphics" as part of the Professional Development Training Series. Refer to the Professional Development Committee Report below for more information about this program.

WTS-DC also co-hosted a happy hour networking event with Young Professionals in Transportation (YPT). YPT is an international group of young transportation professionals

based in Washington, DC. Its mission is to provide career guidance, fellowship, and networking opportunities for young professionals in the transportation field.

June: WTS-DC hosted its annual legislative panel breakfast, with speakers from the House and Senate transportation-related committees. Refer to the Legislative Committee Report below for more information about this program.

WTS-DC also held a brown bag luncheon on “Streamlining Transportation Project Delivery”. The speakers included Ann Avila, Vice President and Government Affairs Director at ARCADIS - US, Inc; Jayme Blakely, Attorney - Advisor at the Federal Transit Administration; Ann-Therese Schmid, Senior Counsel at Holland & Knight; T.J. Schulz, Vice President for the Airport Consultants Council; Gloria Shepherd, Associate Administration for Planning, Environment and Realty at the Federal Highway Administration; and Beverly Swaim-Staley, Secretary for the Maryland Department of Transportation.

July: WTS-DC members gathered at the Verizon Center to watch the Washington Mystics play the LA Sparks. In addition to being an enjoyable evening, the event also raised money for the WTS-DC Scholarship Fund.

WTS-DC also joined the Baltimore and Central Virginia chapters of WTS for a tour of the newly constructed McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center. This facility houses and supports the partnership of more than five different agencies of Fairfax County and the Commonwealth of Virginia. The mission of this partnership is to increase the effectiveness of public safety response, improve traffic congestion management and better manage the response to and recovery from major emergencies.

August: WTS-DC held a brown bag luncheon, “Tips and Tools Needed for Effective Presentations” as part of the Professional Development Training Series. Refer to the Professional Development Committee Report below for more information about this program.

WTS-DC also joined ITE Young Members for a Washington Nationals game. Members enjoyed a fun night at the ballpark while watching the Washington Nationals beat the Florida Marlins.

WTS-DC hosted a multimodal environmental panel discussion on the relationship between transportation and climate change. The panel included Cindy Burbank, the National Environment and Planning Practice Leader at Parsons Brinckerhoff and former Associate Administrator for Planning, Environment, and Realty for FHWA; Arthur Guzzetti, Vice President of Policy at the American Public Transportation Association; and Carl E. Burluson, Director of the FAA's Office of Environment and Energy and Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Office of Aviation, Policy, Planning, and Environment. The panelists each represented a different mode of transportation and discussed climate change from that perspective.

September: WTS-DC co-hosted a DBE/MBE/WBE networking reception with the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) Washington, DC Chapter and International Office. The networking reception was attended by more than sixty-five interested

transportation professionals and vendors. It was a great opportunity to socialize and promote minority and women owned transportation businesses in the DC area.

WTS-DC also held a panel discussion about progress in the implementation of “Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and livable community principles” in Virginia, Maryland and across the country. Susan Borinsky, Associate Administrator for Planning and Environment at the Federal Transit Administration moderated the panel discussion for the at-capacity audience. The panel included Amy Inman, Planning & Project Manager at the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) in the Commonwealth of Virginia; Christopher Patusky, Director of the Office of Real Estate in the Maryland Department of Transportation; and Mariia Zimmerman, Vice President for Policy, Reconnecting America.

October: WTS-DC hosted its annual diversity luncheon with Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes-Norton as this year’s featured speaker. Congresswoman Holmes-Norton described her transportation vision for Washington, DC, which included the transformation of Union Station into a world class multi-modal hub for the region. She also touched upon other transportation topics such as the reauthorization of the transportation funding bill.

WTS-DC, in conjunction with the Women's Infrastructure Network (WIN), hosted a reception honoring the female appointees of the US Department of Transportation. The honorees included Polly Trottenberg, Assistant Secretary for Policy and Programs; Karen Rae, Deputy Administrator for the Federal Railroad Administration; Susan Kurland, Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs; Christa Fornarotto, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs; Sarah Cottingham, Special Assistant to the Undersecretary of Policy; Karen Hedlund, Chief Counsel for the Federal Highway Administration; Cathy St. Denis, Associate Administrator for Public Affairs; Denise Krepp, Chief Counsel for the Maritime Administration; Maureen Knightly, Deputy Director for Public Affairs; and Georgette Brammer, Scheduler to Secretary LaHood.

November: WTS-DC held a brown bag luncheon featuring Therese McMillan, Deputy Federal Transit Administrator

LEGISLATIVE

On June 1, 2009 WTS-DC hosted a legislative breakfast panel to gain insight on current federal transportation authorization and appropriations issues from senior House and Senate committee staff. Over 60 members and non-members attended the event held at the Phoenix Park Hotel. The panel consisted of six staff from both House and Senate Committees who discussed fiscal 2010 appropriations, surface transportation reauthorization, and ARRA implementation.

The panel featured speakers with varying backgrounds in transportation: Kate Hallahan, Majority Clerk of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development; Rachel Milberg, Majority Professional Staff Member for the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development; Amy Scarton, Majority Legal Counsel for the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Highways and Transit; Joyce Rose, Minority Staff Director for the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous

Materials; Mitch Warren, Majority Professional Staff Member for the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee; and Susan Binder, Majority Senior Policy Advisor for the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

WTS-DC President Melinda Pagliarello introduced the panelists and gave them each five minutes for informal remarks before opening the discussion to questions and discussion among the panelists.

Kate Hallahan addressed the appropriation committee's difficulty "because of the lack of detail provided by the Administration in the 2010 budget." However, the Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman John Olver (D-MA) is pleased to see sufficient funding for Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen), Amtrak and High Speed Rail. Ms. Hallahan is optimistic the FY10 bill will be off the House floor before August.

Rachel Milberg reinforced the basics of Kate's message, particularly on the challenge of determining appropriations levels in the absence of an authorization bill. Due to the compressed schedule, Senate THUD will have limited time to review the House bill before it marks up, but the Subcommittee hopes to have a bill on time.

Amy Scarton told the attendees there may be a surface transportation bill on the House floor in July. However, she did warn the bill may not include specific authorized funding levels, but may address the Highway Trust Fund problems. The Subcommittee may mark-up by the end of June, but cannot include funding levels – or proceed to the floor – until Ways and Means Committee identifies financing before proceeding to full committee.

Joyce Rose touched on the New Starts/Small Starts Guidance posted by the Federal Transit Administration saying the Committee would like to speed up the program delivery. This should be less difficult than in past years because the House, Senate and Administration are generally in agreement on how to best advance the rail program. She reiterated that Ranking Member Mica shares the President's vision on high speed rail, which the committee hopes will generate successful projects that become a reality. She anticipates a rail title, to address technical corrections in last year's rail bill (Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act – PRIIA). The stimulus funding should allow for incremental improvements in state-based intercity passenger rail corridors.

Mitch Warren emphasized the Senate Banking Committee is looking at both short and long term solutions for the Highway Trust Fund. Chairman Dodd's interests include eliminating program silos, and transportation that supports sustainable development. Something Mr. Warren would like to see is a way to "grow the number of people who use transit." The Committee holds a symposium on June 19 on improving the New Starts Program.

Susan Binder said the Committee has "consistently heard that the Highway Trust Fund system is broken and needs to be reinvigorated, which was reinforced by two commissions." Ms. Binder noted that the Senate and House are working together to finish the surface transportation bill, and that the Big Four on EPW are working together. Issues include multimodalism, freight mobility, and institutional issues related to role of MPOs, states, etc. "It will be a challenge to meet the September 30 deadline, but we are very aware of it."

Following the panelists remarks, members engaged in a lively Q&A session with the panelists that touched on such issues as: impact and short & long term implications of General Funds “patching” the HTF shortfall; the outlook for proposals to create a national infrastructure bank; transit, including potential for direct funding flow to MPOs; and concern with provisions in the Waxman-Markey bill that give EPA a lead role in transportation planning.

The legislative breakfast panel was a great opportunity for our members to network and learn about the current federal transportation issues and the future of transportation.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

WTS-DC held a brown bag luncheon, “Unleashing the Power of Graphics” as part of the Professional Development Training Series. Refer to the Professional Development Committee Report below for more information about this program.

CORPORATE RELATIONS

Corporate support from public and private institutions is invaluable in enabling WTS-DC to present successful and informative programs and events. The local transportation community benefits from the support provided by our generous corporate partners, which allows WTS-DC to minimize program fees to registrants while presenting quality events.

Corporate partners benefit from their association with the DC Chapter of WTS. There are three main ways in which corporate partners support WTS-DC: through Corporate Membership, WTS-DC Program Sponsorship and sponsorship of the annual Holiday Party, Awards Ceremony and Silent Auction supporting the WTS-DC Scholarship Fund.

Corporate Members

In 2009 WTS-DC was grateful to retain the previous year’s membership of 10 Corporate Members even though the economic challenges facing organizations were considerable. These Corporate Members received two membership rate attendances for their employees at each WTS-DC program and event. Each event also prominently displayed signage throughout the year, thanking and acknowledging our Corporate Members’ support. Additionally, Corporate Members benefit from a featured article in the WTS-DC chapter newsletter on a rotating basis.

During 2007, the WTS-DC Board revised its Corporate Membership benefits to include one registration to WTS International for a corporate representative, as well as chapter membership benefits for a second representative. The chapter benefits can be shared among any corporate representative throughout the year. This allows companies to receive the full benefit of WTS International, as well as chapter benefits such as reduced program fees. The Chapter board continues to review corporate member benefits, particularly the link between WTS corporate membership at the chapter level and WTS International. This review is ongoing and will continue in 2009

Program Sponsors

Corporate partners who wish to be closely identified with a program or presenter have the opportunity to sponsor a program at various tier levels (\$500, \$1,000, \$2,000, \$3,000). One of the most popular aspects of the higher levels of Program Sponsorship is the opportunity to have staff sit at the speaker's table; the number of speaker's table seats available to the sponsor varies with the sponsorship tier level. Program Sponsors are acknowledged on program flyer advertisements and e-mail notices, on programs and signs at the event and during the program introduction.

Program Sponsors are also acknowledged in summary articles published in the chapter newsletter, as well as on the WTS-DC "News and Events" website pages with the sponsor's logo linking to their company website. All of these acknowledgements provided a wide range of positive exposure for our sponsors.

MEMBERSHIP

At the close of 2009, the Chapter gained 45 new Members and held a retention rate of 66 percent, bringing the total membership to 207 members. Throughout the year, membership efforts focused on retention and recruitment activities. Invitations were sent by e-mail to non-members who had shown an interest in the organization and to those who had been members previously. Additionally, emails were sent to members whose membership was expiring that month as a reminder. Further, individual calls were made to those members whose membership had expired for more than 6 months to inform them on what programs were schedule and other incentives for members. Through that effort, almost 20% of those that had expired renewed their membership.

Throughout the year, the chair participated in the WTS International quarterly membership calls. The reason for these calls was to promote interaction among the various Chapters' membership chairs on best practices as well as to share ideas for retaining and recruiting members. The Membership Committee's goal in the coming year is to continue increasing membership numbers focusing on providing exceptional programs and increasing recruitment and retention goals. At least one event in 2010 will focus on membership (speed networking).

NEWSLETTER AND COMMUNICATIONS

This year the Newsletter and Communications Chair helped develop the newsletter design, while also providing overall editorial responsibility. The newsletter was transitioned to development through Constant Contact as part of the move to standardize emails announcements and newsletters from WTS-DC. The newsletter is broadcast to the WTS-DC Chapter members, WTS-DC friends, WTS International Board, and the WTS Chapter Presidents. In 2009, four issues of the WTS-DC newsletter were distributed to the members via e-mail. These newsletter editions were made available on the WTS-DC's newsletter webpage.

Frequent broadcast e-mails were sent to Chapter members to advertise WTS-DC sponsored events and activities in 2009. E-mail broadcasts have become the primary and most direct source of communication with our members. Program flyers for WTS-DC events were developed by the chair and distributed via e-mail broadcast to members and nonmembers.

Information on the Chapter's events was regularly posted and updated on the WTS-DC website. Information on WTS-DC events was also transmitted to WTS International for inclusion in their newsletter.

The website continues to be a secondary source of communication for our members. The WTS International primary website has dedicated sections for each of its 41 Chapters in the U.S., Canada and United Kingdom. The chair maintained WTS-DC pages including "News and Events" and "Newsletter" pages.

SCHOLARSHIP

This year the chapter e-mailed an informational letter and application to colleges and universities in the Washington, DC metropolitan area to invite students to apply for the WTS scholarships available for the 2009-2010 academic year. The e-mails were sent to professors, staff and student organizations in various transportation-related programs including civil engineering, urban and regional planning, business, and public policy. The chapter received an excellent group of 7 scholarship applicants from different programs/schools including: George Mason University, Trinity University, and the University of Maryland.

The pool of applicants was strong with students studying civil engineering, and transportation, and urban planning. This year the chapter awarded a total of three scholarships: two masters, and a PhD. The winners were:

MASTERS AWARD: Casey Morgan, George Mason University

MASTERS AWARD: Lilly Shoup, University of Maryland

PHD AWARD: Woon Kim, University of Maryland

The Masters award winners split a \$3000 scholarship, receiving \$1500 each, and the PhD winner received \$2,500 to help fund their educational expenses. Additionally, the Chapter paid for one year of WTS membership for each of the winners, and forwarded two of the applications to WTS International for consideration for its annual awards. In addition to the three scholarships, the chapter also awarded three students with an "honorable mention" as part of the WTS mission of supporting women in transportation. Each of these students received a \$250 award.

As part of student outreach efforts, WTS-DC compiled its first Transportation Resume Book for graduating students. Undergraduate and graduate students from local universities and colleges were encouraged to participate. The chapter received 20 resumes which were compiled into a book and electronically distributed to chapter sponsors.

DIVERSITY

In recent years, WTS-DC has sought to recognize that "diversity" encompasses many areas, including age. As a result of input from out-going co-chair Tonya Holland at the 2009 WTS-DC BOD transition meeting, the Chapter's newsletters in 2009 highlighted brief biographies of some of the Chapter's Younger Members.

One of the most dynamic programs held in 2009 by the Chapter was the October luncheon featuring the Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton, Congressional Representative for the District of Columbia. The Diversity Committee succeeded in hosting Rep. Norton at the Phoenix Park Hotel near Capitol Hill. As the first woman appointed to chair the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and with ten successful terms in Congress, Rep. Norton holds a unique perspective on promoting diversity in the workplace.

The Chapter also enjoyed a lively no-host Happy Hour with the Conference on Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) in August. This event offered a great opportunity for members to mix and mingle with key transit and transportation officials and staff.

At the Chapter's Annual Holiday Reception and Awards Ceremony, the Chapter officially recognized National Capital Region's Transportation Planning Board (see Annual Award for more information)

Incidentally, the Chapter's 2008 Diversity Award winner, COMTO, went on to win the WTS-International 2008 Rosa Parks Diversity Award.

Our Goals for 2010 include: Continue to acknowledge achievements in diversity through the Rosa Parks Diversity Award for the Chapter and supporting the annual program showcasing diversity issues relating to the transportation industry;
Continue to reach out to local colleges and universities to encourage attendance by young women and women-of-color at one or more Chapter events;
Continue to re-evaluate the Annual Diversity program, and add a second event for Chapter members.
Continue to coordinate a diversity program that highlights handicap/transportation issues.

RECOGNITIONS

The Recognitions Committee is responsible for the submission of our Chapter's nominees for the WTS International recognitions awards, the solicitation of nominations for the Chapter recognitions awards in the fall, and the evaluation and selection of the award winners, also completed in the fall.

During the fall, work began to solicit nominations for the 2009 recognitions awards. The Chairs placed articles and reminders in the Chapter newsletter, made announcements and utilized our blast communications technology to get the word out about recognitions and to urge Chapter members to submit nominations. Our efforts paid off. This year we were fortunate to receive strong nominations in each of our four awards categories – Woman of the Year, Member of the Year, Employer of the Year, and the Diversity Award – and the Chapter was able to honor award recipients in each of these categories.

In keeping with past years, the Chapter procured etched-glass awards naming each winner. At the annual Holiday Party and Awards Ceremony, the Chapter officially recognized the following Award winners:

Mariia Zimmerman, Woman of the Year

Sean Denniston, Member of the Year

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership

Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB), Employer of the Year

The Chapter nominated these exemplary award recipients for the WTS International 2010 Awards in January.

Mariia is Senior Policy Director with Reconnecting America and a founding member of the Transportation For America coalition (T4 America). Reconnecting America is a national transportation non-profit devoted to improving the connection between transportation systems and the communities they serve. Mariia brings over a decade of experience working on federal transportation policy from a variety of angles. She served in the Federal Transit Administration under the Clinton Administration and spent six years on Capitol Hill with Congressman Earl Blumenauer as Chief of Staff and supporting his work on transportation and livable communities. She played a key role in several of the Congressman's legislative victories including transit worker security, federal funding for streetcars, and the reauthorization of TEA-21.

Sean is Transportation Industry Analyst, Office of Rulemaking, FAA. Sean Denniston has been a member of WTS since 2003, when he joined the Boston chapter while working at the Massachusetts DOT. He has been an indefatigable contributing member of the WTS-DC Chapter since coming to the area in 2007. Over the past two years, Sean has voluntarily appeared at many of the chapter Board of Director meetings and has arranged a program and a reception. He's working on the 2010 International conference.

The National Capital Region TPB is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Washington, DC region. The work of the TPB extends far beyond those activities that are federally mandated. Initiatives within the TPB realm reach all cross-sections of the population including improving transportation options for persons with disabilities and limited mobility, enhancing multi-cultural awareness among transportation planners, service providers and activists, providing tools to help the public to better understand and contribute to transportation planning in the region, and understanding the importance of cultural awareness in creating an effective public education campaign. The TPB has several initiatives and programs underway which highlight its commitment to understanding and better serving the transportation needs of the diverse populations in the Washington Region. These initiatives and programs include the Access for All Advisory Committee, the Human Service Transportation Coordination Task Force, the Community Leadership Institute, and the Street Smart Program.

PB has been a strong leader in supporting WTS and WTS-DC for many years. PB has provided in-kind and sponsorship donations to our Chapter. The company provides opportunities for and encourages its employees towards professional development. PB has hosted the vast majority of WTS-DC Board of Directors meetings over the past two years, as another means to contribute to the transportation community. The firm also encourages its staff to participate actively in such organizations; several of its local employees have served on the Chapter's Board over the past two years.

2009 HOLIDAY PARTY, ANNUAL AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

The annual WTS-DC Holiday Party, Annual Awards Ceremony and Silent Auction was held on December 3 at the City Club at Franklin Square in Washington, DC. About 100 members and

guests from throughout the transportation industry – government agencies, private business, trade associations, special interest groups, etc. – were in attendance.

This very special evening was an opportunity for our Chapter to recognize and honor our Member of the Year, Woman of the Year, Employer of the Year, and Diversity Leadership Award recipients. (See the Recognitions report for details). These individuals and organizations made extraordinary contributions to the transportation industry as leaders, role models, mentors, and benefactors and they generously support WTS in a variety of ways.

In addition to honoring our award winners, we also recognized three extremely talented and deserving students as recipients of WTS-DC Scholarship Fund endowments, along with three honorable mentions. Funded through the annual WTS-DC Scholarship Fund Silent Auction, direct contributions, and programs whose proceeds go to the fund these awards are a way to support our industry's future. (See the Scholarship report for details).

The following companies contributed to the event as Holiday Party Sponsors:

Level 1

Parsons Brinkerhoff

Level 2

Parsons

Level 3

Association of American Railroad
B&I Transportation Consulting LLC

The ever-popular Silent Auction celebrated its sixth consecutive year as a part of the Holiday Party. Approximately \$4,000 was raised for the Chapter's Scholarship Fund. WTS-DC would like to thank the organizations and individuals for their contributions of gifts and direct monetary donations. Your generosity in supplying the auction items and monetary donations directly supports the motto of our organization "advancing women in transportation."

We especially thank everyone that generously bid on the wonderful auction items. Because of your support, we can continue to provide scholarships to deserving female students in transportation related disciplines at area universities and colleges.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income:		
Dues		\$19,495.00
Program Meeting Registrations		\$11,839.00
Sponsorships		\$11,489.00
Scholarship (not sent to WTSS)		\$4,025.00
Unrealized Gain/Loss (Investments)		\$2,652.19
Holiday Party 2008		\$2,615.00
Total		\$52,115.19
Expenses:		
Program Meetings		\$19,445.00
Newsletter/Publications		\$413.00
Unreimbursed Scholarship Expenses		\$6,250.00
Postage and Shipping		\$177.36
Supplies		\$563.22
Registration/Certification/Insurance		\$730.00
Board/Ctte Meetings		\$1,604.49
Awards		\$628.00
Chapter/Corporate Membership Expenses		\$1,515.00
Holiday Party 2008		\$12,007.00
Total		\$43,333.07
Accounts:	1-Jan-09	31-Dec-09
Cash Balance - Checking	\$53,616.26	\$32,071.58
Other Assets:		
Cash Reserve Account	\$34,657.00	\$63,977.02
Accounts Receivable		
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$1,513.52	\$506.74
Total	\$86,759.74	\$95,541.86