

# ANNUAL REPORT 2014



Advancing Women in Transportation  
Greater New York Chapter

# DEAR VALUED MEMBERS:



Beth DeAngelo

2014 was a year of tremendous growth and progress for the WTS-GNY chapter. The newly elected Board launched a wide range of programs and networking events that were critical to the

chapter's success. The Board focused on:

- Offering opportunities for career and leadership development
- Providing smaller forums for sharing of career and personal insight
- Delivering programs and events for professionals at all stages of their careers
- Visiting industry firms and agencies to introduce WTS to employees
- Demonstrating the value of membership

The chapter concentrated on expanding and improving our Mentoring program, and the Transportation YOU Committee's

efforts. We hosted dozens of participants at our annual meeting in January and sent a contingent to the annual summit in Washington, D.C. in June.

Our annual meeting honored members' contributions to the chapter, and to diversity and innovation in the workplace. Polly Trottenberg, the newly appointed NYCDOT commissioner was the featured speaker. Attendance has been steadily increasing at this event, in part due to the M/WBE Expo which gives our small businesses the chance to showcase their talents and capabilities.

To boost our membership and retain current members, we held several "appreciation" events in recent years. The most talked about event of this summer was the fourth annual "Take Us Out to the Ballgame," which brought together members and guests at Yankee Stadium. It was a big hit. The December party was a festive affair in Lower Manhattan just

before the holiday rush began.

We also initiated the new member-exclusive "Learn from a Leader" program over the summer, comprising weekly roundtable discussions for 15 to 20 professionals, led by successful women leaders. The forum provided unique chances for members to network, hear first-hand lessons, and garner insight from industry peers, in a comfortable environment. The series was a huge success.

My first year as president of the GNY chapter has been a wonderful experience, full of challenges and opportunities. I am privileged to work with a high-energy and motivated Board of Directors, whose intelligence and dedication is unmatched. I look forward to year two of my term and to continuing to move the chapter forward.

Sincerely,

Beth P. DeAngelo

President 2014-2015

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The Greater New York Chapter would like to take this opportunity to thank all the companies, agencies and individuals who have generously contributed to WTS-GNY and supported our programs and services. We look forward to your continued support in 2015.

# AWARDS

## Woman of the Year

**Veronique (“Ronnie”) Hakim** was appointed executive director of NJ Transit (NJT) on March 3, 2014. As executive director, Hakim leads the nation’s largest statewide public transportation system which provides more than 895,000 week-day trips on 261 bus routes, three light-rail lines, 12 commuter rail lines, as well as through the Access Link paratransit service. NJT has a combined operating and capital budget that exceeds \$3 billion and is the third largest transit system in the United States with 165 rail stations, 62 light-rail stations and over 19,000 bus stops linking major points in New Jersey, New York and Philadelphia.



Veronique Hakim

Prior to joining NJT, Hakim served for nearly four years as executive director of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTA). While at NJTA, she successfully spearheaded effective cost-cutting initiatives while maintaining the agency’s high performance levels. These savings and efficiencies include trimming \$10 million from NJTA’s operating budget; continuing funding of the agency’s ambitious \$7 billion capital program at a lower capital cost; and bringing a greater level of transparency and accountability to NJTA.

Hakim also served in leadership roles over a 23-year career with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) in New York City. This included service as Special Counsel at MTA New York City Transit and later as executive vice president and general counsel for Capital Construction at MTA Capital Construction. In that position, she provided senior management with policy and legal advice on numerous large-scale projects, including the Second Avenue Subway, the LIRR East Side Access and the No. 7 Subway Extension.

Executive Director Hakim holds a B.A. in political science from the University of Rochester and a J.D. from the Pace University School of Law.

## Member of the Year

**Stephanie Camay** has served as the board secretary for the WTS-GNY chapter for since 2011. In this capacity, she oversees chapter communications, including the website, monthly Community Buzz, and other publications; takes the official minutes of the board meetings; generates correspondence including invitations to events; and ensures that the chapter remains current with its communication strategy.



Stephanie Camay

Camay is a lead planner at Parsons Brinckerhoff with over 10 years of experience, serving as a transportation planner and task manager on a variety of assignments including alternative analyses for bus rapid transit corridors; neighborhood transportation studies; transit feasibility studies; EIS documentation; and stakeholder and public participation strategy development and implementation. In addition to planning, she has developed a strong communications background through project work, as well as her involvement in various transportation organizations.

Aside from WTS, Camay is active in the Transportation Research Board (TRB) as a member of the Visualization, Public Involvement, and Ferry committees, Committee Communications Coordinators Council, and Young Member Council—Planning & Environment Subcommittee. She has served on TRB’s cooperative research panels, delivered numerous presentations, and her work has been published in the Transportation Review

Record and Transportation Research News. In recognition of her service to TRB, she was honored with the inaugural Outstanding Young Member Award during the 2013 Annual Meeting.

## Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award

**Leslie Mesnick-Uretsky** has been an active advocate for young women and minorities in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). For several years, she has periodically volunteered at New York City public middle schools to teach students about environmental issues. Mesnick-Uretsky was subsequently selected as a volunteer guest lecturer at Motorola Foundation’s Camp GOALS at the Intrepid Sea, Air, & Space Museum. The mission of Camp GOALS is to help inner-city middle-school girls to build proficiency in math and science, while drawing on resources from the Intrepid Museum exhibits, visits with partner educational institutions and meetings with female scientists and professionals from the STEM fields.



Leslie Mesnick-Uretsky

In 2013, Mesnick-Uretsky became a founding participant of the NYC Dept. of Education’s (NYCDOE) STEM Matters Career Day, which is now an annual event. Volunteers were asked to open their office doors to City public high school students to share insights and benefits of STEM careers and explore the educational and career paths needed to attain such jobs. Inner-city students were able to visit two locations for 75-minute sessions. She engaged a variety of professionals at AKRF, Inc. and designed an interactive presentation that highlighted the interdisciplinary nature of the transportation field. She also

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# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The programs in 2014 focused on the transportation industry's need to adapt to a changing world and to confront the major problems facing the nation: a transportation funding shortfall, the lingering impacts of the recession, population growth, traffic congestion, global warming and hardening of infrastructure against future natural disasters. Sustainability was a recurrent

theme. Also, to meet members' needs, WTS-GNY offered several jobs skills and entrepreneurial workshops.

WTS-GNY also continued its efforts to increase its New Jersey presence by holding several meetings in the state.

The following is a summary of the variety of topics and fascinating speakers at our 2014 programs.

## JANUARY

34th Annual Awards Program and 17th Annual M/W/DBE Expo

### Keynote Speaker

Thomas Prendergast, MTA, Chairman and CEO



From left: WTS-GNY President Beth DeAngelo; Debra Allee, founder of AKRF, the 2014 Employer of the Year; and VHB Principal Terri Elkowitz.



WTS-GNY Membership Committee member Emily Gallo accepted the Innovative Transport Solutions Award on behalf of the Taxi & Limousine Commission.



From left: WTS-GNY Advisory Board member Deborah Wathen Finn; Chris Boylan, General Contractors Association; Joel Ettinger, New York Metropolitan Transportation Council; Victoria Kelly, Parsons Brinckerhoff at the Annual Meeting.

## MARCH

Behind-The-Scenes Tour of Grand Central Terminal

Transportation YOU Meet-and-Greet with NYCT President Carmen Bianco

Transportation YOU Staten Island Ferry Tour



From left: WTS-GNY Programs (NY) Committee Chair Alexa Gangemi and MTA Chairman and CEO Thomas Prendergast, who was the keynote speaker at the Annual Meeting.



From left: MTA Bus Chief Darrell Irick; Mayer Horn, Greenman-Pedersen; Harris Schectman, Sam Schwartz Engineering at the Annual Meeting.



From left: Taylor Reiss Gouge, NYCDOT; WTS-GNY Advisory Board member Felice Farber; and Harry Tom, Jacobs at the Annual Meeting.

## APRIL

TransConOpps Session at TransAction Conference

### Speakers

Denise Berger, PANY&NJ Assistant Chief Engineer/Operations

Rob Fischer, NJ Turnpike Authority Chief Engineer

Joe Resta, Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission Executive Director

Tracy Borda, Philadelphia International Airport Assistant Director of Aviation

Michael Venuto, Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO Director of Engineering, Chief Engineer

Veronique "Ronnie" Hakim, NJ Transit Executive Director

Technical Tour of NYCT Rail Control Center



In March, WTS members were thrilled to get an insider's tour of Grand Central Terminal, the sixth-most visited tourist attraction.



Transportation YOU Meet-and-Greet with NYCT President Carmen Bianco in March. Photo credit: Marc A. Hermann/MTA New York City Transit



From left: 2014 TransConOpps program participants: Amanda Schumacher, Susan Boone, Joe Resta, Denise Berger, Carol Rose, Leslie Black, Megan Syrnick, Michael Venuto, Tracy Borda, Ronnie Hakim, WTS-GNY Vice President (NJ) Polina Knaster, WTS-GNY President Beth DeAngelo, and Rob Fischer. Photo courtesy of Stokes Creative Group

## April Dinner Program

### Keynote Speaker

Polly Trottenberg, NYCDOT  
Commissioner



NYCDOT  
Commissioner Polly  
Trottenberg served  
as the keynote  
speaker at the April  
Dinner Program.

From left: WTS-GNY President Beth DeAngelo (Parsons Brinckerhoff); 2013 Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award winner Leslie Mesnick-Uretsky (AKRF); WTS-GNY NY Programs Committee Chair Alexa Gangemi (CH2M Hill) at the April Dinner Program.

From left: NYCDOT Chief of Staff Emily Gallo; Trinity Brown, NYCDOT; Barbara Thayer, president of Barbara Thayer Associates; WTS-GNY Membership Committee Chair Sandra Forte (Parsons Brinckerhoff) at the April Dinner Program.

## MAY

### Technical Tour of NJ Transit's Newark Light Rail and Grove Street Station

#### Speakers

Sandra Check, NJT Senior Director of Employee Engagement  
Neal Fitzsimmons, NJT Director of Light Rail Service Planning  
Greg Woods, NJT Deputy General Manager of Newark Light Rail

### Transportation YOU Professional Development Workshop



NJT Director of Light Rail Service Planning Neil Fitzsimmons explains the Newark Light Rail to WTS members on a tour in May.



Transportation YOU Professional Development Workshop in May.

## JUNE

### Technical Tour of NYCT Rail Control Center

### 3rd Annual Summer Solstice Happy Hour

### Transportation YOU D.C. Summit



Summer Solstice Happy Hour in June. Standing from left: WTS-GNY NJ Programs Committee Chair Kerri Tyerman (Dewberry); WTS-GNY Vice President (NJ) Polina Knaster (HDR); Nancy Liu (NJDOT); Tam Sillick, Parsons Brinckerhoff. Seated from left: Deborah Rose, NJ Transit; Naomi Barnes, NJDOT; WTS-GNY President Beth DeAngelo (Parsons Brinckerhoff); Chrissy Barnes, Stokes Creative Group; Patty Egan, Stokes Creative Group; Yelena Shayer, Gannett Fleming.



"Take Me Out to the Ball Game" event in July. From left: Catherine Corless, NYCT (seated); Mavis Mai, MTA; WTS-GNY Advisor Board Member Marcia Shapiro (Marine Tiger Technologies); WTS-GNY President Beth DeAngelo (Parsons Brinckerhoff); and Debbie Chin, NYCT.

## JULY

### 4th Annual "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" Membership Appreciation Night

### Learn From A Leader Program

#### Keynote Speaker

Laine Rankin, NJDOT



Learn From a Leader program in July. Attendees: Standing from left: Kavita Dave (Parsons Brinckerhoff); Nancy Liu (NJDOT); Jennifer Steen (Parsons Brinckerhoff); WTS-GNY Vice President (NJ) Polina Knaster (HDR); Marilyn Fox (Parsons Brinckerhoff); Megan Myers (Arora and Associates); Colleen Turley (Parsons Brinckerhoff); Colleen O'Neil (Arora and Associates); Liz Archer (Dewberry). Seated from left: Laine Rankin (NJDOT); Thanh Le (NJDOT); Patty Egan (Stokes Creative Group); Nicole Khan (Michael Baker Corp.). Attendees not shown: Janet Keiser (Parsons Brinckerhoff) and Tam Sillick (Parsons Brinckerhoff).

## AUGUST

### Learn From a Leader Program

#### Keynote Speaker

Rebecca Reyes Alicea, FRA NEC  
Project Manager/NEC FUTURE  
Program Manager

### Membership Recruitment Event



The lucky raffle winners at the August Membership Recruitment event.

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## SEPTEMBER

Technical Tour of the Brooklyn Bridge & the Borough's Iconic Landmarks

### Speakers

Dan Wagner, NYCDOT Pedestrian Unit  
Alex Rothberg, Sam Schwartz Engineering



Tour guides discussing the Brooklyn Bridge in September.



Learn From a Leader webinar in October. From left: Pamela Lewis, Eliza Haburay-Herrling, Debleena Anand, Sutapa Bhattacharjee all from NJTPA; Elisa, Iribarne, HDR; Colleen Connolly, Malick & Scherer; Yetunde Adelekan, HDR.

## OCTOBER

Annual Gala Cocktail Reception

Learn From A Leader Webinar: "Motivating Yourself and Others"

### Keynote Speakers

Toni Pavlovich, Symantec Corporation  
Linda Newborn, Unity Point Health



PANY&NJ Executive Director Patrick Foye was the keynote speaker at the fall dinner program.



From left: PANY&NJ COO and WTS International Board member Stephanie Dawson; WTS-GNY President Beth DeAngelo (Parsons Brinckerhoff); Marcia Shapiro, Marine Tiger Technologies at the fall dinner program.



From left: WTS-GNY Transportation YOU Co-Chair Taylor Reiss Gouge (NYCDOT); Wandy Chang, Brooklyn Polytechnic; Transportation YOU Rising Recognition Award winner Alejandra Juarez; WTS-GNY Transportation YOU Co-Chair Emmanuelle Humblet (VHB) at the fall dinner program.

## NOVEMBER

PANY&NJ Projects: Moving the Region Forward

### Speakers

Patrick Foye, PANY&NJ Executive Director  
Stephanie Dawson, PANY&NJ COO and WTS International Board Member

"A Discussion of Future of New Jersey Transportation"

### Speakers

Jamie Fox, NJDOT Commissioner  
Tina Lado, PANY&NJ Director of NJ Government & Community Relations



From left: WTS-GNY President Beth DeAngelo (Parsons Brinckerhoff); WTS-GNY Vice President (NJ) Polina Knaster (HDR); Tina Lado, PANY&NJ director, NJ Government & Community Relations; NJDOT Commissioner Jamie Fox; WTS-GNY NJ Programs Committee Chair Kerri Tyerman (Dewberry) at the November program.



Holiday Party in December. From left: Malinda Foy (MTA Bridges & Tunnels); Lois Goldman (NJTPA); Nina Harvey (Arup).

## DECEMBER

Learn From A Leader Webinar: "Energize Your Women's Initiative"

### Keynote Speakers

Christina Roberts, Siemens  
Heather Howell, IBM

Holiday Party at Trinity Place in Lower Manhattan



Holiday Party in December. From left: WTS-GNY Director-At-Large Linda Travis (NY Life) and WTS-GNY Newsletter Subcommittee Chair Daniella Bernett (STV).



Holiday Party in December. From left: WTS-GNY Advisory Board members Jenny Kapelyan (Parsons Brinckerhoff) and Marcia Shapiro (Marine Tiger Technologies).



Holiday Party in December. Bottom row, left to right: WTS-GNY Advisory Board member Mary K. Murphy (NJTPA); WTS-GNY Director-At-Large Linda Travis (NY Life). Top row, left to right: WTS-GNY Communications Chair Amy Kaufman (Parsons Brinckerhoff); Deborah Hyman (NYCT); WTS-GNY Special Events Committee Co-Chair Ani Toncheva (Wilson Ihrig & Associates); WTS-GNY Vice President (NJ) Polina Knaster (HDR).

# 2014 ANNUAL GALA

Battery Park in Lower Manhattan, a vibrant area that is but one thread woven into the rich tapestry of New York City's history, served as the setting for WTS-GNY's Annual Gala on Oct. 7th. New York-New Jersey transportation leaders gathered at the elegant Battery Gardens Restaurant to pay homage to one among them who has risen to the top through hard work and diligence, and is continuously striving to make the industry better.

With breathtaking views of New York Harbor, the Statue of Liberty and Governors Island to feast their eyes upon, members and non-members came to honor NJ Transit (NJT) Executive Director Veronique "Ronnie" Hakim as the 2014 Woman of the Year and the chapter's six scholarship winners.

WTS-GNY was pleased to welcome NYSDOT Commissioner Joan McDonald, who was the 2011 Woman of the Year, and NYCDOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg as special guest speakers. NJT Board Member Flora Castillo presented the Woman of the Year Award to Hakim. MTA Chairman Thomas Prendergast, MTA Capital Construction President

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From left: 2014 Woman of the Year Veronique "Ronnie" Hakim and WTS-GNY President Beth DeAngelo (Parsons Brinckerhoff).

## FRIENDS OF WTS-GNY

Our sincere thanks to the following organizations that provided in-kind services for the 2014 Annual Gala.

- Barbara Thayer Associates
- CH2M Hill
- HDR, Inc.
- Jacobs
- Michael Baker Engineering, Inc.
- Parsons Brinckerhoff
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- STV Incorporated
- Wilson Ihrig & Associates



From left: Penny Eickemeyer, University Transportation Research Center; WTS-GNY Scholarship Committee Chair Keri Cibelli (AKRF); the scholarship winners; NYCDOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg.

*WTS would like to thank the Special Events Committee overseen by WTS-GNY Director-at-Large Ella McLeod, and co-chairs Jing Du (MTA Bridges & Tunnels), Ani Toncheva (Wilson Ihrig & Associates) and Lisa Pompei (Garden State Engineering, Surveying and Planning), and members Laura Azze-Singh (MTA-NYCT), Daniella Burnett (STV), Wilhemina Brown (MTA-NYCT), Desiree Fumento (B. Thayer Associates); Yvette Janniere-Houder (MTA-Metro-North Railroad); Amy Kaufman (Parsons Brinckerhoff); Shajira Mason (Parsons Brinckerhoff); Amy Verel (NYC Parks & Recreation Dept.); Juliet Williams (MTA-NYCT); and Jacqueline Woodley (MTA-NYCT). Our thanks also go out to all those who donated items to the Silent Auction, which combined with monetary contributions, raised \$2,734 for the Scholarship Fund.*



From left: MTA Bridges & Tunnels President Jim Ferrara; MTA Chairman Thomas Prendergast; WTS-GNY Director-At-Large Rena Barta (Jacobs); Lee Sander, HAKS; Metro-North Railroad President Joseph Giulietti; MTA Capital Construction President Michael Horodniceanu; LIRR President Patrick Nowakowski.



From left: NYCDOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg; NYSDOT Commissioner Joan McDonald; WTS-GNY President Beth DeAngelo (Parsons Brinckerhoff); NJ Transit board member Flora Castillo.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Mentoring Program

The 2014 WTS-GNY Mentor program began with the submission of applications for eight apprentice positions and concluded with graduation on December 8th at ARUP. This year's graduation speaker was 2014 Woman of the Year Ronnie Hakim, NJ Transit executive director of. This was our first year where the program's apprentices and mentors were all women.

During the 10-month program, the apprentices had set and tracked three goals; made presentations to the group; and participated in open discussions with women who have reached the top and succeeded in what has traditionally been a male-dominated environment. The apprentices found their mentors through a speed-matching exercise, allowing them to get to know, and learn from, each of the mentors. Throughout the year, these women shared job updates, personal struggles and career challenges. They also participated in workshops focused on a such topics as the use of social media in the professional world; successful job transitions by other WTS members; and work/life balance.

WTS-GNY has now graduated over 100 apprentices who are strengthening the transportation community in Greater New York. Congratulations to this year's apprentices and deep thanks to those who have so generously mentored.

If you are interested in learning more about the mentoring program, please contact Sarah Steib (sarah.steib@jacobs.com) or Nicole Bucich (Bucichna@pbworld.com).

## 2014 Mentoring Program

### Apprentices

Justine Johnson  
Alyssa Pichardo  
Susan Poliwka  
Kathryn Sargent  
Erica Swansen  
Elizabeth Thompson  
Juliet Williams  
Adrienne Zicklin Kanter

### Mentors

Mary Ameen  
Deborah Chin  
Julia D'Orazio  
Victoria Kelly  
Naomi Klein  
arah Rios  
Ruby Siegel  
Cathy Sweeney

## Young Professionals

In 2014, the Young Professionals Committee continued its role as a gateway for women new to, or transitioning into, careers in transportation. The committee hosted a series of events focusing on networking and exposure to timely transportation planning and development projects in greater New York.

The fifth annual "Transportation Trivia Night," hosted in partnership with the American Planning Association and the Young Professionals in Transportation, was once again was resounding

success that challenged over 80 of the region's top transit enthusiasts with domestic and international planning, engineering and policy questions. To commemorate the chapter's history and look towards the future, a "Pop-Talk Kick-Off Event" featured current and former board members, President Beth DeAngelo, Immediate Past President Mary K. Murphy and Ruby Siegel (AECOM). Each panelist highlighted the role WTS played in her career development and provided advice before breaking for informal networking with the group. The committee's final event of the year was a guided walking tour, highlighting the technical and historical development of the Brooklyn Bridge and surrounding downtown neighborhood.

The Young Professionals Committee will continue to position itself as a resource for access to mid-level career women, while grooming young professionals for leadership roles in transportation.

## Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee would like to take the opportunity to shed the spotlight on this year's winners. It is rewarding for WTS to see that our scholarship awards are providing the financial support to advance women in transportation.

### Leonard Braun Memorial Graduate Scholarship



**Wei Zou** is a Ph.D. student in Civil and Environmental Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, specializing in transportation and statistics. She received her Master of Science from UC Davis and Bachelor of Science from the University of Hong Kong.

### Leadership Legacy Graduate Scholarship



**Quanquan Chen** is a second year Transportation Ph.D. candidate in the Civil Engineering department at the City College of New York. She obtained a M.S. in Logistics Engineering from Southwest Jiaotong University, China, and a B.S. in Transportation Management from Central South University, China.

### Susan Miskowicz Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship



**Kaitlin Lang** is a Civil Engineering major at Manhattan College. She has completed internship programs at Skanska USA Civil and at Bungalow Design & Engineering PC.

### Molitoris Leadership Undergraduate Scholarship



**Judith Zhao** is an undergraduate student in the Civil and Urban Engineering Department at the New York University Polytechnic School of Engineering. She will be receiving her B.S. in Civil Engineering as well as minors in Sustainable Urban Environments, Construction Management, and Financial and Risk Engineering.

### Technical and Trade School Scholarship



**Maria Kezadri** is enrolled at Vaughn College of Aeronautics. She is pursuing an Airframe and Powerplant license and intends to further her studies in Aviation Maintenance and Aviation Safety.

### Transportation YOU High School Scholarship



**Gabrielle Kempfski** is a senior at Hendrick Hudson High School, with a concentration in Marine Engineering. She was accepted to the SUNY Maritime College, where she will pursue a degree in Marine Engineering. Along with her bachelor's degree, she intends to earn her U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner's License. ☒

## AWARDS

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spoke to the students about organizations such as WTS – including its mission, available scholarships and the importance of professional networking. Her mentorship has helped and will continue to help shape future generations of transportation leaders in an inclusive manner, consistent with WTS' mission and goals.

## Employer of the Year

AKRF is a people-oriented organization. For over three decades, the firm has understood that it is only as strong as its current staff and its future is dependent upon developing the next generation. This approach has allowed AKRF to grow into one of the most respected firms in the industry in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions. AKRF is a recognized trailblazer with its integrated environmental, planning, engineering and permitting services for transportation initiatives ranging from site-specific enhancements to large-scale transportation infrastructure throughout the New York City metro region and beyond. AKRF integrates environmental, planning and engineering services to strategically address complex project issues.

With over 200 employees in five offices, the firm has expanded over its 30-year history, but still has kept its “family” feel and devotion to its employees. As a company, it also participates in a wide variety of community service activities throughout the year.

As a loyal corporate sponsor for many years, AKRF supports the WTS mission and has demonstrated consistent member involvement at events and participation on committees. In a traditionally male-dominated industry, AKRF's team is 42 percent female with the same level of representation in the senior management ranks. In fact, AKRF was founded by a woman. The firm prides itself on its staff diversity, with employees speaking more than 25 different languages and coming from over 20 countries. Although AKRF does not have a formal internship program, it does have a long record of hiring both graduate and undergraduate students in various technical groups company-wide. It has longstanding relationships with university co-op programs and graduate schools, which provide students on an as-needed basis. Over the years, many female students have had the opportunity to participate in this way, with internships often leading to employment. ☒

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Michael Horodniceanu, MTA Bridges & Tunnels President Jim Ferrara, Metro-North Railroad President Joseph Giuliatti and LIRR President Patrick Nowakowski were on hand to help the chapter bestow this honor. Meanwhile, WTS International President Marcia Ferranto also extended her congratulations to Hakim. In addition, Ferranto wanted to show her support for all of the chapter's initiatives, which set a high bar as it strives to further the organization's goal of advancing woman in transportation. ☒



A special Book of Memoirs was presented to Nigel Margetson, the husband of WTS-GNY Special Events Committee member Stephanie Margetson, who passed away earlier this year.

# BUDGET REPORT

2014 saw a jump in revenues stemming largely from an emphasis on bolstering the WTS-GNY corporate partnership program. Our corporate partnership participation increased by more than \$30,000 from 2013 to 2014, affording us the opportunity to replenish our decreasing scholarship fund balance during the fiscal year. We have always leaned heavily on our corporate partners, who enable us to deliver the kind of programming and networking events that greatly enhance the value of a WTS-GNY membership. With each passing year, our appreciation grows for the unstinting support provided by these dedicated companies.

Another important initiative was a push to grow – and retain – our membership. This summer, we held a successful membership recruitment drive at The Park in Chelsea, and we honored our current members with a membership appreciation event at Yankee Stadium. The chapter also focused on boosting attendance at our spring and fall dinner programs this year, which contributed to our overall increase in revenue and further supported our goal of broadening the reach of WTS-GNY in the greater New York region. We will continue all of these efforts in 2015.

	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>Revenues</b>				
Membership Dues	\$17,610.00	\$12,674.50	\$15,535.00	\$12,130.00
Bank Interest	324.24	222.89	173.34	189.31
Monthly Programs and Workshops	22,238.66	17,343.00	21,898.47	28,180.84
Membership Events	–	–	–	2,705.00
Corporate Partners	60,500.00	79,500.00	65,250.00	96,900.00
Fundraising	28,790.00	25,610.50	29,988.00	31,191.05
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>129,462.90</b>	<b>135,350.89</b>	<b>132,844.81</b>	<b>171,296.20</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
President	\$785.54	\$118.40	\$625.00	\$590.49
Board Training	7,153.93	10,028.76	5,516.32	9,849.10
Bank Fees	51.32	42.40	27.10	101.56
Credit Card Processing Fees	596.88	1,161.75	1,698.46	2,381.63
Monthly Programs and Workshops*	40,336.71	32,582.80	36,590.93	43,333.32
Membership Events	9,001.54	13,389.72	5,444.30	8,283.66
Fundraising	42,243.15	36,653.57	49,256.23	41,447.73
Transportation YOU	–	6,284.87	6,352.74	7,034.14
Corporate Relations	338.56	248.89	183.33	89.78
Board Expenses**	2,636.87	4,326.48	4,487.24	6,937.36
Board Liability Insurance	900.00	900.00	900.00	909.00
Mentoring	6,165.38	2,672.38	2,928.60	2,852.01
Newsletter/Annual Report	309.37	266.09	401.13	268.55
Photography	2,150.00	2,150.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Young Professionals	596.63	1,122.86	1,279.47	930.24
Miscellaneous	–	–	–	100.14
International Conference Attendance Scholarships	4,243.02	2,942.15	2,303.23	3,914.75
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>117,508.90</b>	<b>114,891.12</b>	<b>118,994.08</b>	<b>131,112.75</b>
Money Raised for WTS Scholarship	4,534.90	2,823.00	4,712.00	1,850.00
<b>Total Expenses including Deposit to Scholarship Account</b>	<b>122,043.80</b>	<b>117,714.12</b>	<b>123,706.08</b>	<b>132,962.75</b>
<b>Net Revenue After Distributions</b>	<b>\$7,419.10</b>	<b>\$17,636.77</b>	<b>\$9,138.73</b>	<b>\$38,333.45</b>
WTS Scholarship Account Balance (December 2013)	\$34,618.90			
WTS Scholarship Account Balance (December 2014)	\$26,141.47			

\*includes diversity and professional development programming

Note: Board Expenses include food at board meetings, conference call line, communications tools, and supplies

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