

2019-2020 WTS-LA BIENNIAL REPORT



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By almost any measure this has been an unusual tenure. The pandemic, the election, social unrest—many factors contributed to the challenges. While respecting those challenges, WTS-LA opted to view this time as an opportunity. Furthering WTS International's transformed mission of "advancing women advancing transportation," WTS-LA integrated that mission meaningfully into its efforts on virtually every front. From Programs to College Outreach to Transportation YOU, WTS-LA committees continued to provide outstanding value and support to its members.

Growing our scholarship was a personal goal for my presidency. Over the last two years, WTS-LA awarded \$200,000 in annual scholarships...\$200,000! With the help of individuals, local firms and agencies dedicated to advancing women in transportation we reached this impressive goal and helped dozens of inspiring future transportation professionals reach their goals. I want to thank all those that supported WTS-LA in delivering those scholarships and encourage your continued support moving forward. This is a direct way we can ensure our industry continues to reach the best of the next generation and encourage women to be part of this incredible field and become the transportation leaders of the future.

This biannual report offers a glimpse at what we accomplished together. Of course, getting all that done took a small army of people. I am eternally grateful to the more than 50 amazing people that are on the board, work on committees, volunteer to help with events, and take time to get involved and help support our members and keep this chapter strong. Each of you fuels the chapter's success and through your efforts, and the efforts of those that came before us these past 35 years, our chapter is financially stable, growth-oriented, and soaring in our mission to advance women in transportation.

Thank you,

Lisa Karwoski
2019-2020 WTS-LA President

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019-2020 SUCCESSES

12 COMMITTEES

- Scholarship and Awards Dinner
- Awards/Recognitions
- College Outreach
- Communications
- Corporate Relations
- Legislative
- Membership/Volunteers
- Mentorship/Professional Development
- Programs
- Scholarships
- Small Business/TBAC/Diversity Recognitions
- Transportation YOU



SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS

- 10 in 2019
- 12 in 2020



33 PROGRAMS



38 SCHOLARSHIPS

- \$200,000 Distributed
- New WTS-LA Scholarship: Back to School
- Additional Community College Scholarships

12 AWARDS DISTRIBUTED



371 MEMBERS

41 CORPORATE PARTNERS



Transportation YOU

Transportation YOU brings real-world transportation experience to girls aged 13-18 through dynamic working professionals, and that makes the transportation industry come alive for these young women. Through the dedicated, innovative work of 2019-2020 co-chairs, Foothill Transit Director of Facilities **Sharlane Bailey** and Caltrans Deputy District 7 Director for Sustainability and Innovation **Barbara Marquez**, Transportation YOU delivered on that mission.

The Transportation YOU Adopt-A-School program includes Westchester, Dorsey, and Azusa High Schools. The committee visited these schools - in person in 2019 and virtually in 2020 - to present to a targeted group of young women interested in STEM. They discussed career paths in transportation, gave out \$38,000 in scholarships, and held two annual Empowerment Day summits. Empowerment Day brings the schools together to provide students with key insights to access the transportation field, navigate the workplace and academia as a woman, and overcome commonly-encountered obstacles.



Mentorship and Professional Development

Pairing early and mid-career women with established senior transportation professionals, the WTS-LA Mentorship Program provides invaluable one-on-one guidance and knowledge transfer for those looking to take their careers to the next level. In 2019-2020, under co-chairs AECOM Transportation Planner **Lynn Feng** and Fehr & Peers Transportation Planner **Rachel Om**, the program helped both protégés and mentors gain greater understanding of their careers, the industry, and their lives. The committee held programs to discuss perspectives on public and private sector careers, interpersonal communication, public speaking, writing, and negotiating skills.

Similarly, the committee's professional development programs sought to practically and meaningfully help WTS-LA members develop themselves and their careers for the advancement of both.

The Metro Managers Panel, moderated by **Heather Anderson, PE**, Senior Engineer with HNTB, and a panel consisting of **Lucy Delgadillo**, Transportation Planning Manager; **Tham Nguyen**, Office of Extraordinary Innovation Senior Director; **Ayda Safaei**, Community Relations Director; **Jenny Cristales-Cevallos**, Transportation Planning Senior Manager; **Nancy Saravia**, Transportation Planning Manager; and **Kate Amisshah**, Regional Rail Senior Engineer. Panelists spoke about their career path, pivotal opportunities, and work-life balance. Interactive break-out groups covered diversity in the workplace, public speaking, creative problem solving and lessons learned, and career paths.

In 2020, a second program, *A Discussion on the Job Search and Career Development During Uncertain Times*, provided valuable insight to navigating networking, the job search, and career development while in-person activities were on hold. The panel included speakers from several firms who are involved with recruitment and career development.



College Outreach

Darlene Gonzalez-Szabo, 2019-2020 WTS-LA College Outreach Committee Chair and Mott MacDonald Transportation Planner, sees college outreach as critical to the chapter's long-term success. College outreach also keeps the chapter in close touch with current perspectives and outlooks in transportation, while helping the next generation of transportation professionals.

Pre-pandemic, the committee visited UCLA, Cal Poly Pomona, Loyola Marymount, and USC to inform students about scholarship and networking opportunities. In March 2019, the team paired transportation professionals with college students for a résumé workshop and industry-specific feedback and mentoring. At the annual student mixer in May 2019, corporate partners sponsored booths for over 40 college students to avail them of job opportunities and upcoming projects. In October 2019, the team hosted a construction site tour for 10 college students of Metro's signature Regional Connector Project, bringing them into a station construction site and subway tunnel. Then, the pandemic hit.

Taking pandemic challenges head on, Gonzalez-Szabo and her team created a program called *Overcoming Obstacles in Virtual Environments*, an event that once again embraced a mix of college students and transportation professionals, including LAWA Strategic Planning Manager **Tina Backstrom**, CivilTec Engineer **Gretel Ochoa-Nhac**, Mott MacDonald Systems Engineer **Brianna Pearlman**, Metrolink Human Resources Manager **Belinda Varela**, and Stantec Systems Project Engineer **Victoria Osaji**. Sharing experiences on everything from seeking mentors to leveraging technology during the pandemic, the event then split into breakout rooms to foster in-depth exploration of individual topics. The final program of 2020 took a small group of 10 students on a virtual visit with Caltrans District 7 staff to learn about their Liberty Canyon Wildlife Crossing Project, the largest of its kind in the country.

Gonzalez-Szabo knows the value of what she and her team present firsthand. "I'm so very proud to have accomplished so much with my college outreach team. WTS-LA is a phenomenal organization that brought me in when I was a graduate student myself. And I hope that the students I've met through this program continue to grow and impress us all as they move into the professional world."



Corporate Relations Committee and the WTS-LA Scholarships Program

The WTS-LA Corporate Relations Committee and the WTS-LA Scholarships Program are inextricably linked. While the Corporate Relations Committee provides funding to the chapter beyond scholarships, its most significant function is without doubt the money it raises to foster the next generation of transportation professionals through scholarships. And this was an extraordinarily successful period by any measure.

Through a combination of corporate partners, individual corporate donors, and individual donors, WTS-LA set a record by awarding \$200,000 in scholarships at the WTS-LA Scholarship and Awards programs in 2019 and 2020. And those donors included both corporations and public-sector agencies like **AECOM**, **Berg & Associates**, **BYD North America**, **Environmental Science Associates**, **Fehr & Peers**, **Hill International**, **HNTB**, **Jacobs**, **Mott MacDonald**, **PGH Wong**, **Psomas**, **SENER**, **Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)**, **Stantec**, **Toole Design**, **TY Lin**, and **WSP**. But the impetus behind such selfless generosity—the students—is what drives everyone involved.

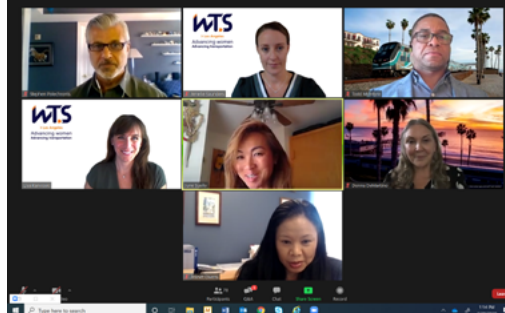
Hailing from myriad backgrounds and circumstances, WTS-LA scholarship winners range from first-time-in-their-family college students to multiple-degree candidates from the nation's most elite transportation education institutions, from high school standouts to PhD candidates on the very cutting edge of transportation—and every status in between. The WTS-LA Scholarships Program and the Corporate Relations Committee help make their dreams a reality by providing desperately needed funding for their education.

WTS-LA Chapter Scholarships Chair and SCAG Senior Regional Planner **Hannah Brunelle** adds, "We also expanded the community college scholarship, giving out two \$4,500 scholarships, and we created two new \$6,000 back-to-school scholarships for students continuing their education and/or working professionals going to back to school. We also engaged new first-time sponsors and donation partners to meet our \$100,000 annual goal. So, it's been a very successful time for the Scholarships Program and the young women we've been able to help."

Through the generosity of WTS-LA's corporate partners and the hard work and dedication of the Corporate Relations and Scholarship Committees, WTS-LA is encouraging young women to become part of Southern California's transportation future.

2019-2020 TWO YEARS OF SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS*

*Titles and agency/firm names reflect those as of the date of the program.



LEGEND

Programs
Transportation YOU
College Outreach
Mentorship/Professional Development
Conference Participation

25 JANUARY

Reception for Caltrans District 7 Director John Bulinski

22 FEBRUARY

Reception for Metrolink CEO Stephanie Wiggins

27 FEBRUARY

Visit to Westchester HS (Adopt-A-School)

06 MARCH

College Outreach Résumé Workshop

07 MARCH

International Women's Day Happy Hour

15 & 16 MARCH

STEAM event at Pomona Fairplex

29 MARCH

Metro Girls Empowerment Day

04 APRIL

EXP Oceans of Opportunity Annual Dinner & Scholarship Celebration

24 APRIL

Early-Career Mentorship Program Kick-off

25 APRIL

College Outreach Annual Corporate Partners/Students Mixer with representation from AECOM, Arcadis, Berg & Associates, HDR, Jacobs, Mark Thomas, Metro, Metrolink, Mott MacDonald, Parsons, Railpros, SCAG, Sener, Stantec, V&A Inc., WSP, and more!

15 - 17 MAY

WTS International Conference in Boston, MA: The Hub of Ingenuity

16 MAY

Visit to Dorsey HS (Adopt-A-School)

22 MAY

Update with the Ports with Moderator Eric Shen and panelists Tony Gioiello, Deputy Executive Director, POLA; Christina Birdsey, Chief Operating Officer, Port of Hueneme; and Dr. Noel Hacegaba, Deputy Executive Director, POLB

13 JUNE

Summer Happy Hour at Harbor House

20 JUNE

Mentorship Program Event I (Public Sector VS Private Sector)

18 JULY

Celebrate Recent Industry Milestones for Women Leaders in Transportation with Elissa Konove, Undersecretary CalSTA; Michelle Boehm, LA Director of Transportation; Nadine Lee, Chief of Staff, Metro; Yvette Zoe-Rapose, Chief Communications Officer, Metro; and Jonaura Wisdom, Chief Civil Rights Programs Officer, Metro

22 AUGUST

Mentorship Program Event II (Skills Development)

23 AUGUST

LAWA Update with Samantha Bricker and Members-Only Midfield Satellite Concourse Construction Tour

06 SEPTEMBER

Visit to Westchester HS (Adopt-A-School)

11 SEPTEMBER

TRB International Women's Issues in Transportation Conference Panel: Advancing Women in Transportation with Nadine Lee, Metro Chief of Staff, WTS-LA and WTS International Woman of the Year; Noopur Jain, PE, SE, CHSRA Regional Delivery Manager, WTS-LA Board and WTS Pacific West Regional Council Chair; Jeannie Lee, PE, OCTA Senior Project Manager of Highway Programs, WTS-Orange County President; Brianna Pilkington, Burns & McDonnell Environmental Department Manager, WTS-San Diego President; Lima Saft, PhD, PE, PMP, Caltrans Acting Project Manager, Asset Manager and Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Program Manager, WTS San Diego Vice President; and Maggie Walsh, HDR Vice-President and Strategic Clients and Pursuits Leader, WTS International Board President

18 SEPTEMBER

Visit to Dorsey HS (Adopt-A-School)

20 SEPTEMBER

Welcome Reception and Planning Update with Jim de la Loza, LA Metro Chief Planning Officer

06 OCTOBER

College Outreach CicLAvia Student Meet Up

09 OCTOBER

Bus Agency Leadership Panel with moderator Michelle Caldwell, Foothill Transit; and panelists Dana Pynn, GTrans; Diane Corral-Lopez, Metro; LaShawn Gillespie, Foothill Transit; and Debra Johnson, Long Beach Transit

24 OCTOBER

Professional Development LA Metro Managers Panel: Moderated by Heather Anderson (HNTB), Lucy Delgadillo, Transportation Planning Manager; Tham Nguyen, Office of Extraordinary Innovation Senior Director; Ayda Safaei, Community Relations Director; Jenny Cristales-Cevallos, Transportation Planning Senior Manager; Nancy Saravia, Transportation Planning Manager; Kate Amisshah, Regional Rail Senior Engineer

25 OCTOBER

College Outreach Metro Regional Connector Tour

EXP: Your Future - Career Day Event

07 NOVEMBER

Scholarship and Awards Dinner

20 NOVEMBER

Mentorship Program Event III (Overcoming Challenges)

02 DECEMBER

Reception for Caltrans' Director, Toks Omishakin

04 DECEMBER

WTS-LA Girls Empowerment Day

30 JANUARY

Metro's Highway Program with Abdollah Ansari, Managing Executive Officer, Highway Program

21 & 22 FEBRUARY

American Society of Civil Engineers' (ASCE) Construction Institute Summit Panel Presentations:

– Workforce Development Seminar: with moderator Kathy Simons, LKG-CMC; Amanda Daflos, Chief Innovation Officer, Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti, City of Los Angeles; Rossana D'Antonio, Deputy Director at County of Los Angeles County Department of Public Works; and Lou Anne Bynum, Harbor Commission Secretary, Port of Long Beach

– Mindful Mentorship - Supporting Women in Transportation and Construction: with moderator Mahsa Pan, Port of Los Angeles; Lilian De Loza-Gutierrez, Metro; Abigail Flores, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works; and Hannah Brunelle, Southern California Association of Governments

05 MARCH

International Women's Day Happy Hour at Hill Street Bar and Grill

06 MARCH

GALA 2nd Annual Young Women's Career Conference

STEAM Fair event at the Pomona Fairplex

22 APRIL

Mid-Career Mentorship Program Kick-off

15 MAY

Azusa HS (Adopt-A-School) Virtual Meet & Greet

19 MAY

Westchester HS (Adopt-A-School) Virtual Meet & Greet

01 JUNE

Dorsey HS (Adopt-A-School) Virtual Meet & Greet

02 JUNE

EXP's Virtual Oceans of Opportunity Dinner & Scholarship Celebration

30 JUNE

Mentorship Program Event I (Career Planning) with Derek Higa, Caltrans; Edna Stanley, Metro; Eric Shen, USDOT; Lilian De Loza-Gutierrez, Metro; Stephen Polechronis, AECOM

29 JULY

Passenger Rail Panel with Jeanet Owens, Senior Executive Officer, Program Management and Regional Rail, Metro; June Susilo, Deputy Executive Officer, Program Management, Metro; Todd McIntyre, Chief Strategy Officer, Metrolink; and Donna DeMartino, Managing Director, Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency

26 AUGUST

Mentorship Program Event II (Leadership/Teamwork) with Lynda Bybee, LSA Associates; Noopur Jain, California High-Speed Rail Authority; and Trisha Murakawa, Murakawa Communications

14 SEPTEMBER

WTS-LA Virtual Girls Empowerment Day

29 SEPTEMBER

Informational Webinar on Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA 5) with California Assemblymember Mike Gipson and Tashai Smith, Deputy Executive Officer for Diversity and Economic Opportunity, Metro

08 OCTOBER

College Outreach Overcoming Obstacles in Virtual Environments with Tina Backstrom, LAWA; Gretel Ochoa-Nhac, Civiltec; Brianna Pearlman, Mott MacDonald; Victoria Osaji, Stantec; and Belinda Varela, Metrolink

16 OCTOBER

College Outreach Caltrans District 7 Virtual Visit of Liberty Canyon Wildlife Crossing Project with Sheik Moinuddin, Barbara Marquez, and John Bulinski

20 OCTOBER

Mentorship Program Event III (Overcoming Challenges) with Abigail Flores, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works; Dina Rochford, Leighton; and Vida Mannings, Metrolink

29 OCTOBER

Cynthia Guidry, Long Beach Airport Director and Michelle Schwartz Chief Corporate Strategy & Affairs Officer, Los Angeles World Airports

12 NOVEMBER

Scholarship and Awards Program

18 NOVEMBER

Professional Development Panel: A Discussion on the Job Search and Career Development During Uncertain Times with Judy Johnson, Jacobs; Sheena Barthold, Jacobs; Sam Wilson, Mott MacDonald; and Scott Brasfield, Arcadis

10 DECEMBER

Mentorship Program Graduation Event

2019 - 2020





AWARDEES



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Women of the Year

Each year, WTS-LA honors a woman who serves as an outstanding role model while significantly contributing to the advancement of women and minorities in transportation. She must be a leader who has made “an outstanding contribution” to the transportation industry and has “advanced the reputation and credibility of women in transportation.” In truth, it’s a tall order. Fortunately, the exemplary women shaping Southern California transportation provide a very advanced, stellar pool of candidates.

In July 2019, **Cynthia Guidry, PE** became the director of Long Beach International Airport. Crowning a quarter-century-plus aviation career largely at Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), Guidry is known for her vision, smarts, innovation, and absolute mastery at delivering massive, complex projects. Her work at LAWA is legendary. But she didn’t stop there. She’s also been extremely active in WTS for almost her entire career, serving on the WTS-LA board for more than 16 years, as well as in numerous other capacities for the chapter. In many ways, she embodies the WTS-LA mission perfectly. So, it was no surprise to anyone when the chapter named her the *2019 WTS-LA Woman of the Year*.

Jeanet Owens, PE, Metro Senior Executive Officer for Program Management and Regional Rail Metro, manages a program of more than \$5 billion in capital improvements. And for more than 25 years, she, too, has demonstrated absolute mastery when it comes to overseeing enormous, complex, and highly sensitive signature projects. It is an extraordinary record. But for her, that’s not enough. She’s also an accredited LEED professional and a lieutenant and eight-year veteran in the U.S. Navy Reserve Civil Engineering Corps. She’s also a strong believer in WTS-LA and its mission, devoting considerable time, energy, and effort into helping the chapter and its members. She, too, was a natural selection for the *2020 WTS-LA Woman of the Year*.

2019

Emcees: Nadine Lee, Chief of Staff at Metro and Kome Ajise, Director of Southern California Association of Governments

Woman of the Year: Long Beach Airport Director Cynthia Guidry, PE

Member of the Year: Parsons Business Development Director Eileen Ryder

Honorable Ray LaHood Award: Los Angeles City Engineer Gary Lee Moore, PE

Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership: Build Plus Community Marketplace Founder Wajeha Bilal

Innovative Transportation Solution: Los Angeles World Airports Automatic People Mover Project

Employer of the Year: California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)

2020

Emcees: Lisa Karwoski, WTS-LA President (Mott MacDonald) and Jenelle Saunders, WTS-LA 1st Vice President (Berg & Associates)

Woman of the Year: Metro Senior Executive Officer Jeanet Owens, PE

Employer of the Year: Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

Honorable Ray LaHood Award: Caltrans District 7 Director John Bulinski, PE

Innovative Transportation Solutions Award: Metro - Understanding How Women Travel

Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award: Redwood Resources Consultancy Principal Schenae’ Rourk

Member of the Year: HNTB Senior Engineer Heather Anderson, PE



2019

WTS-LA Graduate Scholarships

Maddy Ruvolo, UCLA, Myra L. Frank Memorial Scholarship (\$10,000)

Cassie Halls, UCLA, Myra L. Frank Memorial Scholarship (\$8,000)

Annaleigh Yahata, UCLA, WTS-LA Board of Directors Scholarship (\$6,000)

WTS-LA Undergraduate Scholarships

Katheryn Kornegay, Pomona College, Ava Doner Memorial Scholarship (\$10,000)

Codi Weisz, USC, Ava Doner Memorial Scholarship (\$8,000)

Named Sponsor Scholarships

Ma’ayan Dembo, UCLA, Fehr & Peers (\$6,000)

Guadalupe Huerta, UCLA, Fehr & Peers (\$6,000)

Julene Paul, UCLA, BYD (\$6,000)

Christi Fu, UCLA, Arup/CM Solutions (\$6,000)

Evonnie Estrada, California Polytechnic State University, Pomona, Jacobs (\$6,000)

Camille Maxwell, California Polytechnic State University, Pomona, Stantec (\$6,000)

Narina Artin, Glendale Community College, Berg & Associates (\$4,000)

High School Scholarships

Six high school students received scholarships, sponsored by the following:

- WTS-LA Joan G. Wood Memorial Scholarship (\$4,000)
- WTS-LA Marilyn J. Reece Memorial Scholarship (\$4,000)
- AECOM Scholarship (\$2,500)
- Berg & Associates Scholarship (\$2,500)
- PGH Wong Engineering Scholarship (\$2,500)
- WSP Bright Futures Scholarship (\$2,500)

2020

WTS-LA Graduate Student Scholarships

Lilly Nie, USC, Myra L. Frank Memorial Scholarship (\$10,000)

Shelly Quan, UCLA, Myra L. Frank Memorial Scholarship (\$8,000)

Demi Espinoza, Antioch University, Back to School Scholarship (\$6,000)

Samikchhya Bhusal, UCLA, WTS-LA Board of Directors Scholarship in Memory of Sharon Yates (\$5,000)

WTS-LA Undergraduate Student Scholarships

Allison Fischer, USC, Ava Doner Memorial Scholarship (\$10,000)

Elise Adreon, USC, Ava Doner Memorial Scholarship (\$8,000)

Rebecca Swint, California State University, Northridge, Back to School Scholarship (\$6,000)

Named Sponsor Scholarships

Marena William, USC, BYD: Build Your Dreams Graduate Scholarship (\$5,000)

Jessica Brown, USC, Environmental Science Associates Undergraduate Scholarship (\$5,000)

Yerandy Pacheco, USC, Jacobs Undergraduate Scholarship (\$5,000)

Roxan Rivas, California State University, Northridge, Stantec Graduate Scholarship (\$5,000)

Shantal Bustamante, Glendale Community College, WTS-LA and SCAG Community College Scholarship (\$4,500)

Annamaria Viazzo, Glendale Community College, HNTB Community College Scholarship (\$4,500)

High School Scholarships

Eight high school students received \$2,500 scholarships, sponsored by the following:

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- WTS-LA Marilyn J. Reece Memorial Scholarship
- AECOM Scholarship
- Berg & Associates Scholarship
- Hill International Scholarship
- Mott MacDonald Scholarship
- PGH Wong Engineering Scholarship
- WSP Bright Futures Scholarship



2019-2020 WTS-LA BOARD MEMBERS

Executive Board of Directors

- President, Lisa Karwoski, PE, Mott MacDonald
- Vice President, Programs & Recognition, Jenelle Saunders, Berg & Associates
- Vice President, Membership & Communications, Lisa Levy Buch, Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority
- Vice President, Professional Development & Student Outreach, Heather Anderson, PE, HNTB
- Secretary, Mahsa Pan, PE, CCM, LEED GA, Port of Los Angeles
- Treasurer, Christi Fu, PE, CCM, Arcadis
- Immediate Past President, Kathy Simons, LKG-CMC

2019-20 Committee Chairs

- Scholarship and Awards Dinner Co-Chair, Brindusa Dumitrascu, Mott MacDonald
- Scholarship and Awards Dinner Co-Chair, Jenny Jing, BYD (2020)
- Awards/Recognitions Chair, Elisabeth Rosenson, Arellano Associates
- College Outreach Chair, Darlene Gonzalez-Szabo, Mott MacDonald
- Communications Co-Chair - E-news/Website, Eileen Ryder, Parsons
- Communications Co-Chair - Social Media, Raffi Garboushian, BYD
- Corporate Relations Chair, Emily Freund, Flatiron
- Historian, Kyra Tao, WSP
- Legislative Chair, Andrée Blais, Nossaman LLP
- Membership/Volunteers Chair, Judith Taylor, HR&A Advisors (2019)
- Membership/Volunteers Chair, Tina Backstrom, Los Angeles World Airports (2020)
- Mentorship/Professional Development Co-Chair, Lynn Feng, AECOM
- Mentorship/Professional Development Co-Chair, Rachel Om, Fehr & Peers (2020)
- Programs Co-Chair, Teri Marsh, HNTB (2019)
- Programs Co-Chair, Estee Sepulveda, Southern California Association of Governments (2020)

- Programs Co-Chair, Andie Tempelis, HNTB
- Scholarships Chair, Tamar Fuhrer, Kite Gilead (2019)
- Scholarships Chair, Hannah Brunelle, Southern California Association of Governments (2020)
- Small Business/TBAC/Diversity Recognitions Chair, Trisha Murakawa, Murakawa Communications
- Transportation YOU Co-Chair, Sharlane Bailey, Foothill Transit
- Transportation YOU Co-Chair, Barbara Marquez, Caltrans District 7

Directors at Large

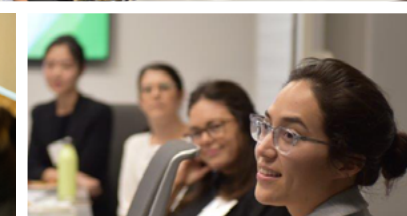
- Dina Aryan-Zahlan, PE, PMP, Port of Los Angeles
- Michelle Boehm, City of Los Angeles Office of the Mayor (2019)
- Shirley Choate, Caltrans District 7 (2019)
- John Bulinski, PE, Caltrans District 7 (2020)
- Cynthia Guidry, PE, Long Beach Airport
- Elissa Konove, Metrolink (2019)
- Gary Lee Moore, PE, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering
- Professor James E. Moore II, University of Southern California
- Mark Pestrella, PE, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
- Seleta Reynolds, Los Angeles Department of Transportation
- Eric Shen, PE, PTP, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation
- Dr. Allison Yoh, Port of Long Beach
- Yvette Zoe-Robles Rapose, Metro

WTS International Pacific West Regional Council Representative

- Noopur Jain, PE, SE, California High-Speed Rail Authority

Special Advisors to the President

- Lynda Bybee, LSA Associates
- Sheila Given, PGH Wong Engineering, Inc.
- Amanda Heinke, Kite Gilead
- Elizabeth Ramirez, Athens Services
- Nancy Smith, JD, Nossaman LLP



CORPORATE RELATIONS

“Our corporate partners have been a constant support to the LA Chapter, some of them for decades,” explains Corporate Relations Chair and Business Development Director at Flatiron Construction **Emily Freund**. “They are integral to the success of our chapter and add so much to the conversation of our industry. We are especially grateful for their support during the last year and look forward to a successful 2021 full of new opportunities!”

Looking to increase the value of corporate involvement for each and every partner, Freund looks to query those partners for their input in shaping programs, particularly in relation to key monthly programs and professional development. Freund also hopes to increase participation at all levels as well, bringing increased value to each level of support. But perhaps the greatest result of these partnerships is in the incredible number and amount of scholarships WTS-LA was able to award to deserving women through the generosity of our corporate partners.

PLATINUM



GOLD



SILVER



BRONZE



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