



Advancing Women in Transportation
Greater New York Chapter

July 2018

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Learn from a Leader

More details coming soon!

Regional Plan Association

July 26th, 2018 | 06:00PM - 8:00PM (EST)

Opening Exhibit: The Fourth Regional Plan--a long-range strategic plan for the New York Metropolitan Area. This exhibition will present the plan's broad vision and specific recommendations to promote equity, health, prosperity, and sustainability for the next generation.

Free to the public. [Register](#).

August 2018

Emerging Women Leaders On-Site Training Series - How to Sponsor Others

August 21st, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST

The Emerging Women Leaders series is an on-site training series blending leadership skills training with advice from guest speakers who are senior-level female leaders.

Member Appreciation Event

More information coming soon!

Please check [our website](#) for event updates.

October 2018

WTS-GNY 2018 Annual Gala at Battery Gardens

October 10th, 2018, 5:30PM - 8:30PM

Woman of the Year: **Catherine Rinaldi**, President, MTA Metro-North Railroad.



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Monthly Discussion Topic: Innovation in the Transportation Industry

Transportation technology is changing the way we live and move today. From Waze to drones, life is being made easier and more convenient. What are some of the most interesting innovations that you have seen in the industry? What are some of the latest trends in the transportation industry that you think can most easily be adopted? We look forward to hearing from you!

#InnovationsInTransportation

Each month in the Chapter News, we will introduce a discussion topic. If you have an idea for an August topic, please let us know. We want to hear from you!!

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We're open to suggestions!!**

Delivering a New New York

On June 5th, 2018, Design Build Institute of America's Liberty Region (DBIA) and WTS Greater New York (WTS GNY) co-hosted *Delivering a New New York* at the Yale Club. In this symposium, industry leaders discussed how Design-Build has been used in New York State (NYS) as well as the challenges encountered and lessons learned using this delivery method. The program, which included two panel discussions, also featured a keynote presentation by Ali Chaudhri, NYS Deputy Secretary for Transportation.

The event, which sold out weeks in advance, represented designers and builders from the private sector, as well as representatives from public agencies and professional organizations. Six members of the WTS GNY leadership team volunteered for the event and educated attendees about WTS during breakfast and lunch: Alexa Gangemi (Speaker/Facilitator), Carla Simon-Artis (Membership Table), Yvonne Lopez-Diaz, Portia Henry, Bibi Khan, and Sheriza Majid (Check-In).

DBIA's mission is to provide tools and education to ensure success for owners and those in the industry. To achieve this, the organization provides educational materials, organizes events like this one, and offers "Design-Build Done Right" training to owners. In her opening remarks, Lisa

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Washington, Executive Director/CEO of Design-Build Institute of America, noted that DBIA started its lobbying efforts in New York in 2009. Governor Cuomo's support in 2011, including his request for authorization in his first state budget, was "the beginning of a New New York."

"Design-Build is now the fastest growing delivery method in the nation, accounting for almost half of all design and construction." Ms. Washington cited market research predicting an estimated 30 percent growth in transportation and wastewater sections over the next three years in Design-Build. Manufacturing and transportation projects will be the largest share of this growth.

Full article will be available next month!

Event volunteers - Alexa Gangemi, Ani Toncheva, Carla Simon-Artis (not pictured), Yvonne Lopez-Diaz (not pictured), Portia Henry, Bibi Khan, and Sheriza Majid



NJDOT Commissioner Welcome Reception

On the evening of June 19th, WTS-GNY welcomed Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti back to New Jersey (NJ) in her new role as NJ Department of Transportation (NJDOT) commissioner. The event was held near department headquarters at the Grounds for Sculpture, a sculpture park and museum in Hamilton, New Jersey.

The turnout of approximately 100 attendees reflected the strong relationships the Commissioner has built over the years. From the dozen-plus NJ Turnpike employees, from her last leadership post in New Jersey, to the WTS International Executive Leaders who flew halfway across the country to celebrate the appointment of this inspiring leader, it was a highly celebratory event.

After an hour of networking, during which the Commissioner personally greeted many of the guests, it was time for the official welcome.

Zenobia Fields, WTS-GNY NJ vice president, began her remarks by recognizing WTS-GNY President Alex Gangemi as well as the NJ Events Committee who had organized the program. After acknowledging chapter members, Ms. Fields stated that



the Commissioner always has been a proponent of WTS and demonstrated one of the Commissioner's methods of support by asking all WTS members to raise their hands. Practically the entire room was filled with raised hands followed by great applause. It clearly was a fantastic opportunity to put in a plug for the WTS-GNY 2018 Annual Gala in October when the Commissioner will serve as master of ceremonies!

Ms. Fields, who said that she first met the Commissioner in March during Women's History month on a glass-ceiling panel, remarked that beyond the Commissioner's resume, she was impressed by what Ms. Gutierrez-Scaccetti had to say about partnerships, professional development, bridge building and innovation. "It is appropriate that we are here among these sculpture installations to welcome the woman shaping the future of transportation for the state, Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti," she observed.

The Commissioner was welcomed to the podium with a warm round of applause, and then delivered inspiring reflections on innovation, partnerships, non-traditional program delivery and mentorship. She also spoke about initiatives under the Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) group in terms of innovation and its pending merger of the TSMO group under the Operations for streamlining as well as augmenting NJDOT staff with consultants. The Commissioner concluded her talk by highlighting the importance of promoting from within and of mentoring to support professional development. She then took questions about feasible contract duration and safety as a program emphasis area. In addition to sharing her vision for the department, she discussed her decision to return to New Jersey and her favorite sport teams.

The Commissioner stayed until the very end taking photos and mingling with colleagues, both old and new, and left everyone excited about the future of transportation in New Jersey.

Event volunteers - Janet Sharkey, Zenobia Fields, Kruti Barot, Janet Keiser, Mariya Goldman, Leticia Caviness, Polina Knaster, Tam Sillick, Kerri Tyerman, and Liz Archer



Volunteers Wanted and Appreciated!

WTS-GNY is looking for a volunteer to develop marketing materials for the chapter.

Call for **WTS-GNY Special Events Committee** Volunteers! The Special



Events Committee organizes the chapter's Annual Gala and is looking to bring on additional volunteers to help with: music selection/audio visual, silent auction/raffle sub-committee, mailing lists and administrative tasks like meeting minutes, etc. Please email Desiree Gazzo at dgazzo2018@gmail.com. We look forward to working with you on this special WTS event!

New Jersey Programs Committee is looking for active members to assist with planning and execution of events.

The **Communications Committee** is looking for volunteers to write content for social media sites, as well as design new templates for chapter emails and our website. We also are eager for help in brainstorming new ideas for reaching out to our membership. We're especially interested in adding some marketing experts to our team!

Don't see anything of interest above, but want to help? Email our volunteer champion, [Elizabeth Hynes](#), to find a committee that's right for you!

In Memoriam: Pinson, President, Gilbert Tweed Associates

- [American Public Transportation Association](#)

Stephanie L. Pinson, 82, president of Gilbert Tweed International in New York City, a past chair of the APTA Business Member Board of Governors (BMBG) and a former member of the APTA Executive Committee, died June 18. She was a recipient of APTA's 2001 Outstanding Public Transportation Business Member Award. Pinson, who joined the company in 1981, directed its Transit and Transportation and Government Services practices. She also was a past trustee and past chair of the Mineta Transportation Institute.

"Stephanie Pinson has been a change agent through her relentless dedication and advocacy for the transit industry," said current BMBG Chair Jeff Wharton. "She has been an inspiration and has touched many lives throughout her career and her strong involvement with APTA."

"The industry mourns the loss of Stephanie. She was a well-respected and highly influential member of the public transportation family and she will be sorely missed," said APTA President and CEO Paul P. Skoutelas.

The BMBG endowed an American Public Transportation Foundation scholarship in Pinson's honor earlier this year.

During her tenure as BMBG chair, Pinson supported efforts to work with FTA to create international trade missions for APTA business members and to bring international delegations to the U.S., and worked on Buy America efforts. Her election broke ground for women in the public transit industry. She also encouraged business members to participate in APTA's governance activities.

During her tenure on the APTA Executive Committee, she was vice chair-business members from 1998-2000, coinciding with her term as BMBG chair, and vice chair-business member-at-large from 2000-2002.



From Left: WTS-GNY Advisory Board member Stephanie Pinson, Alexandra DePrete of Gilbert Tweed Associates and Sandra Lautenberg of Trueform at WTS GNY Annual Dinner of 2008.

Transportation Job Opportunities

WTS-GNY would like to be a resource for women seeking positions in transportation and firms looking for candidates. Visit our [Job Opportunities](#) page for latest updates!

If your firm would like to post a position, fill out our [job form](#). We will share your job opportunity on our LinkedIn Page and in our next Chapter News as well as our website.

July Opportunities (more on the [WTS-GNY Jobs Page](#))

Employer Dewberry
Job Title Marketing Coordinator - Northern New Jersey
How to Apply [Dewberry Website](#)
Deadline October 31, 2018

Employer MTA NYC Transit
Job Title Transportation Planner/Analyst Series
How to Apply [Website](#)
Deadline July 16, 2018

Employer Michael Baker International
Job Title Highway Technical Manager
How to Apply [Website](#)
Deadline September 30, 2018

Employer Michael Baker International
Job Title Transportation/Highway Engineer
How to Apply [Website](#)
Deadline July 31, 2018

GNY Chapter Adds Value to the 2018 WTS International Conference

WTS International Conference, this year was attended by 34 WTS-GNY chapter members. A number of our members participated in various panels held at the conference and were an integral part of it.

- Culture Change: Creating a Diverse, Cross-Generational Workplace in the Era of the Millennial:
 - **Flora Castillo**, President, Pivot Strategies, LLC
 - **Emily Gallo**, Chief of Staff, NYCDOT
 - **Portia Henry**, Project Manager, Port Authority of NY & NJ
- Changing Lanes:
 - **Denise Berger**, FAIA, Chief of Operations Port Authority of NY & NJ
- Empowering Young Professionals and Urban Solutions through Design Competitions:
 - **Nathalie Waelbroeck**, Project Designer at IBI Group and sAVe
- The Route to Resilience: Lessons from Integrating Resilience into Transportation Assets:
 - **Elsie Poisson-Vitet**, Senior Program Manager, Port Authority of NY & NJ
- Mix and Mingle poster presentations:
 - **Leticia Caviness**, Avenues to Advance the Careers of Women of Color | President, Port Authority Hispanic Society
 - **Zenobia Fields**, poster presentation on Alternative Fuel Vehicle Readiness | Department Director of Planning, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
 - Scholarship Award Recipients: Natalie Waelboeck, Tennile Green, Fione Robe

A few highlights from the San Diego WTS Annual conference:

- *"Venue was great overlooking Coronado Bay. Great place to be outdoors with smart, intelligent women!"*
- *"The opening panel discussion with several transit and FTA leaders was inspiring, [had] fantastic recommendations to the audience and very uplifting on women in transportation. We need more of that!"*
- *"I always come away for the Annual Conference inspired. The female astronaut during the closing luncheon was fabulous. Her story, her video and her personality - all very engaging."*



Have exciting content for the August issue?

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