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Advancing Women in Transportation
Greater New York Chapter

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Attention all WTS-GNY Members

WTS-GNY is pleased to announce a new program, coming this summer: Learn from a Leader Summer Roundtable Series. Leaders from both the public and private sectors will be sharing their experiences with small groups, providing insight into the exciting work they are doing and the lessons learned in getting to this point in their careers. Click [here](#) for more details!

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Perspectives on why Men Join WTS

By Linda Travis - WTS-GNY Director-at-large

Mayer Hornof Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., is a long time member of our WTS-GNY chapter, having continuously been a member for more than 30 years. During a long and productive career, he has worked with women, for women, and had women report to him. He has been entirely comfortable in all of these situations, maintaining an egalitarian outlook. He proudly recalls successfully introducing the first female - a physicist - into an engineering firm, and the first women operators into a bus company. He noted that both ASCE and ITE - two of the other professional organizations of which he is a long time member - have been led by a number of women, both locally and nationally.

Mayer was one of the first men to join the WTS Greater New York Chapter. WTS member Carl Selinger convinced Mayer to join WTS. Mayer remains a member, supporting our events and seminars, by attending or spreading the word. While we chatted, Mayer shared a wealth of information about his life, education, and career, including some personal reflections on WTS.

Mayer speaks highly of WTS as it offers opportunities to network, attracts people in leadership positions in major agencies and companies, and our

Save the dates for these upcoming events

- [June 18 - NYCT's Rail Control Center tour](#)
- [Learn from a Leader Series](#)
- [June 24 - Meet and Greet](#)
- [June 26 - "Summer Solstice" Networking Event at Rat's Restaurant, Hamilton, NJ](#)
- [July 22 - Take Me Out to the Ballgame IV, Yankees v Rangers at Yankee Stadium members & guests \(one guest per member\)](#)
- [August 13 - Membership Recruitment](#)
- [October 7 - Annual Gala](#)

Chairman

meetings offer interesting speakers presenting on current topics. He enjoys being a part of WTS and encourages others to join - especially women.

Thank you Mayer Horn for recognizing the value of a diverse workplace and committing your time to supporting our initiatives!



CORPORATE PARTNER SPOTLIGHT - New York Building Congress

Celebrating its 93rd year, the New York Building Congress is a non-partisan, public policy coalition of business, labor, professional, and governmental organizations serving the design, construction, and real estate industry. Through a program of advocacy, research, events, committees, and networking, the Building Congress provides a unique forum to advance an industry-wide agenda focusing on economic and infrastructure investment, job creation, and professional exchange.

Advocacy

As a leading voice on the benefits of keeping New York City building for its future, the Building Congress promotes productive capital spending, encourages public/private partnerships, and evaluates the implementation of major government projects. The 2014 policy agenda is guided in large part by the Building Congress Infrastructure Campaign, an effort to focus public attention on the need for intelligent investment in core assets like rail, roads, schools, and water and sewer systems.

Research and Publications

With support from its charitable arm, the New York Building Foundation, the Building Congress has developed a robust research and analysis program that makes it a go-to resource for information on current and future market conditions as well as insights into trends and challenges related to capital budgets and private development throughout the five boroughs. Drawing on a wide array of data sources and the expertise of leading economists, budgetary analysts, and public policy experts, the Building Congress consistently produces reliable, relevant reports, such as its annual multi-year forecast, New York City Construction Outlook; How to Save New York City's Infrastructure: Dedicate Revenues; and Moving Midtown West.

Events

The Building Congress has earned a strong reputation for its ability to bring together prominent leaders from design, construction, and real estate, as well as public officials who manage and implement New York City's infrastructure projects, economic development initiatives, and capital programs. The broad spectrum of Building Congress policy forums, awards galas, and special events provide members with opportunities to debate and influence emerging issues, salute the achievements of colleagues, and network with associates across all industry sectors.

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Committees

Building Congress members are invited to participate in standing committees and councils that cover a range of industry interests and concerns, including energy; healthcare; higher education; planning, growth, and sustainability; public building and procurement; and transportation and infrastructure. Committee and council meetings offer exceptional networking opportunities and feature guest speakers who provide updates on capital plans, programs, and/or new initiatives.

To learn more about the New York Building Congress or join its growing membership, please visit <http://buildingcongress.com/>. For a copy of the 2014 New York Building Congress Annual Report, please contact rchapman@buildingcongress.com.

"Railality Bytes": transportation news links

- Following up on Polly Trottenberg's excellent presentation last week at the chapter's Spring dinner, [here's a link](#) regarding the next steps in implementing Vision Zero.
- [NPR.org features an ongoing series called "The Changing Lives of Women."](#) Most recent topic is "Advice for Women About Asking for a Raise." Highly recommended reading!
- In March, the New York Building Congress released its 2014 Policy Agenda, which you can find [here](#) (along with information about their upcoming events).
- Here's an op-ed from the March 24, 2014 [Daily News](#) entitled "[Rebuild NYC, create good jobs.](#)"

See/ read transportation-related news? Send the link to our Twitter account, @wts_gny, so we can post here.

Pratt Institute in Manhattan offers a continuing education class, "Connecting Us...The Arterial Highway System of the NY-NJ Region." This is a one-day course, accredited by NY State for seven PDH towards license renewal for PEs and RAs.

This course reviews the development of NYC's arterial highway system, focusing particularly from the 1930's through the present. It examines key influences and "influencers," system milestones, points of controversy, current system status, and the outlook for the future

The course presents and analyzes past, current, and emerging concepts for policy, planning, and operations of the arterial highway system including, for example, context-sensitive design, Bus Rapid Transit, managed lanes, autonomous vehicles, etc.

The next session is scheduled for June 25, 2014 (9 AM-5 PM) at Pratt Manhattan (144 West 14 Street). To register on Pratt Institute website, go to Pratt Center for Continuing and Professional Studies. For help with online registration please call Chris Ferrara at 212-647-7370.

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