



Advancing Women in Transportation  
Greater New York Chapter



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### What's Happening at WTS-GNY

ELECTIONS for the 2016-17 Board of Directors:  
members look for your ballot in your inbox!

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### Save the dates for these upcoming events!

Monday, November 2: 35th Anniversary Dinner Program featuring Meera Joshi, Executive Director of the NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission. Club 101, Park Ave South at 40th Street. LAST CALL!

ASLA NY and WTS-GNY, and the producers of **The Eternal Space**, a two-person play about an unlikely friendship forged during the demolition of New York's Pennsylvania Station, cordially invite you to attend a performance of the show on **Wednesday, November 18 at 8 p.m.** Prior to the show at 6:30 p.m., join us for an exclusive joint ASLA NY & WTS-GNY cocktail event at a nearby pub. To reserve tickets and entry to the cocktail event, [please click here](#).

**Tuesday, December 8,** Holiday Party. Join friends and colleagues for a cheer-filled holiday celebration. Stay tuned for the full announcement!

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Check our website [www.wtsinternational.org/greaternewyork](http://www.wtsinternational.org/greaternewyork) for updates on events, and watch your email inbox for invites!

Learn from a Leader - New Jersey

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By Colleen Connolly, Malick & Scherer, co-chair of the NJ Programs Committee



In August, WTS members were treated to two great Learn from a Leader events in New Jersey. The first was on August 12th with Zenobia Fields from the North Jersey

Transportation Planning Authority. This event was held in the HDR office in Newark, NJ. During the informal roundtable discussion, attendees learned about Fields' quick rise to a leadership position.

The second event featuring Lamis Malak from the New Jersey Turnpike Authority was held on August 27th. Malak discussed her career path as she transitioned from the private to the public sector.

All attendees had an opportunity to ask the leader questions regarding her career. Everyone left with tips to apply to her own career.



## INDUSTRY NEWS

### Debbie Chin has a positive new role at MTA Long Island Rail Road



In August 2015, Debbie Chin joined Long Island Rail Road as the executive director - Positive Train Control (PTC). In this role, she leads the agency's efforts to meet a federal mandate under the Railroad Safety Enhancement Act of 2008 requiring all passenger railroads to implement PTC.

Positive Train Control is a computerized system that monitors and automatically controls train movement when the engineer fails to comply with safe operating rules, and eliminates the occurrence of potentially dangerous situations such as train-to-train collisions or over-speed derailments.

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Alyssa Pichardo is joining the Regional Plan Association as an Associate Planner in Transportation. She is excited to work with them on the Fourth Regional Plan and develop innovative transportation research for the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut

metro region.

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## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Colleen Connolly - co-chair, New Jersey Programs Committee



Colleen Connolly was introduced to WTS by an enthusiastic member while coordinating on a work project in 2012. She attended the annual membership event shortly after joining. There, the WTS Board Members addressed all WTS members asking for ideas and opinions on ways to improve WTS. She was really impressed that it was an organization that focused on catering to the member's needs, wants and desires.

Since joining WTS in 2012, Connolly has focused on promoting events sponsored by the New Jersey programs committee. This year, she became co-chair of the committee and has focused on expanding WTS's footprint in the New Jersey area with different programs that could promote larger attendance.

Not only has Connolly been an active participant in WTS committees, she's also volunteered for other WTS events. In 2014, she spoke at the Rutgers Women's Leadership conference regarding communication in the workplace. She was excited to participate since this was an opportunity to offer insight to college students at the beginning of their career which would help them build a stronger foundation for communication with future clients and colleagues.

Aside from being an active member with WTS, Connolly is currently the director of Transportation and associate partner at Malick & Scherer, P.C., where she juggles her time in project management and marketing pursuits.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

NYC Taxi and Limousine  
Commission  
Director of Fiscal Operations  
Job ID # 219494

For Full Job Description:

<http://www1.nyc.gov/jobs/index.page> and Search Taxi & Limousine



The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) is the agency responsible for licensing and regulating New York City's yellow taxicabs, for-hire vehicles (community-based liveries and black cars), commuter vans, paratransit vehicles, and certain luxury limousines.

The Director of Fiscal Operations is responsible for managing fiscal responsibilities of the Taxi and Limousine Commission, including administering accounts payable, revenue accounting, as well as all banking functions. The position offers an opportunity to play a strategic role in the rollout of certain programs for TLC licensees and advise senior management on budgetary and fiscal matters.

This work includes but is not limited to:

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\* Lead a team of 7 accounting staff members and 11 cashiers to implement the agency's general accounting functions as noted above. Verify the integrity and accuracy of the agency's financial operations.

\* Implement and monitor the agency's compliance with Citywide and agency fiscal policies and procedures, including local and federal accounting requirements as well as State and City Comptroller directives.

\* Coordinate monthly, quarterly, and annual financial reporting as well as ad hoc reports as necessary.

\* Coordinate the issuance of refunds, as necessary.

\* Assist with annual budget development and financial plans

**Minimum Qualifications:**

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college including or supplemented by 24 credits in accounting, including one course each in advanced accounting, auditing, and cost accounting and four years of satisfactory full-time professional accounting or auditing experience, at least 18 months of which must have been in an administrative, managerial, or executive capacity or supervising a staff performing accounting or auditing work; or
2. A valid New York State Certified Public Accountant license and at least 18 months of satisfactory full-time professional accounting or auditing experience in an administrative, managerial or executive capacity or supervising a staff performing accounting or auditing work.

**Preferred Skills**

Interested candidates should have excellent written and verbal communication skills, effective problem-solving skills, and the ability to prioritize, manage time, and engage in multiple tasks in a fast-paced environment. 7-10 years of accounting and budgetary experience desired. At least 5 years of progressive management years preferred.

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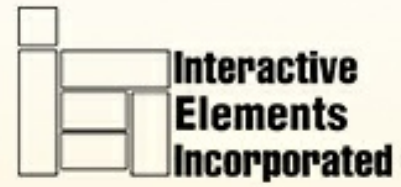
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