



Our Member and Sponsor Surveys are out! Provide your feedback by February 17, 2022!

WTS SC Chapter Member Survey: https://form.typeform.com/to/U4J0zmTj

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Upcoming Events

WTS SC/NAWIC Palmetto Chapter Joint Luncheon February 22, 2022 | 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM*

WTS SC is partnering with the NAWIC Palmetto Chapter to host an in-person luncheon featuring guest speaker Leslie Clark, Vice President of Operations and Director of SC Government Relations & Divisions for the Carolinas AGC. Mark your calendar to join us virtually, or in-person at the Crowne Plaza in North Charleston.

Lunch Bunch February 8, 2022 | 12:00 PM*

Interested in joining this networking event for members only? Check your email for the Zoom link or contact Petrina Butler at <u>Petrina.Butler@mbakerintl.com</u>

*Check your email and WTS SC social pages for more information

President's Pen

Happy New Year! WTS South Carolina is excited to start this year with a new board of directors, a growing membership, and a very generous group of corporate sponsors. I am honored to serve this term as your board President, and would like to recognize Raven Gambrell for her tremendous contributions leading as our first WTS SC Chapter President.



Raven will continue to serve on the board as our Immediate Past President. We have some fantastic events planned for 2022, and we will strive to allow a variety of ways to engage by offering many in-person, virtual, and hybrid events.

We invite you to take our member and sponsor surveys above so that we can improve the benefits and value we offer. It is a great time to be a part of the transportation industry with the passing of the unprecedented Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which provides Once-In-A-Generation funding for infrastructure. Transportation touches the lives of every citizen every day and has the ability to impact the US Economy, with focus on critical issues such as sustainability, resiliency and equity.

Our commitment to advancing both the transportation industry, and the professional women who are a growing part of this industry, will continue to be at the heart of everything we do this year. Some of the exciting events this year will include career development workshops, technical programs, mentoring, networking, community outreach, our Signature Transportation Trailblazers event, and our first Awards & Scholarship Luncheon. We look forward to implementing our scholarship program this year and recognizing transportation professionals who contribute to the success of this industry. Our chapter would not be possible without the incredible support of our board of directors, volunteers, members, and corporate sponsors! We thank you for being a part of WTS SC and look forward to connecting with you at an upcoming event.

Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA <u>rileyj@scdot.org</u>
WTS SC President



Events Recap

What has WTS SC been up to?

2021 Annual Membership Meeting

WTS SC hosted our Annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Members were invited to attend in-person in Greenville, Columbia, or Charleston, or members could participate virtually. The event featured lunch, networking and the program. During the program our keynote speaker, Paula Hammond, WTS International Chair, presented on the 2021-2026 WTS International Strategic Plan. Additionally, WTS SC Board members Raven Gambrell, Joy Riley, Petrina Butler, and Lauren Turner presented on the following:

- Review of the past year's events and happenings
- WTS SC's Strategic Plan
- 2022 WTS SC Board of Directors

Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual Membership Meeting!



Lunch Bunch Featuring Susan Walter

On November 9, 2021, we held a members-only networking Lunch Bunch featuring guest speaker Susan Walter, Executive Vice President for North America Infrastructure with Stantec. Stantec is the 2021 WTS International Employer of the Year Award winner. Susan gave insight into Stantec's commitment to advancing careers and opportunities for women and shared her personal career story to becoming a national transportation leader. We had approximately 20 members participate virtually. Learn more about the Employer of the Year for 2021:

www.stantec.com/en/news/2021/wts-international-names-stantec-employer-of-the-year-2021



Transportation in the News

South Carolina Transportation News Highlight

Governor Henry McMaster joined SCDOT, FHWA and other elected officials for the groundbreaking of the Carolina Crossroads project in Columbia on November 8, 2021. The project is South Carolina's largest interstate improvement project to date and will improve 14 miles of I-20, I-26 and I-126. For more information, visit:

www.scdotcarolinacrossroads.com



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2022 WTS Annual Conference

The dates and location for the 2022 WTS Annual Conference have been announced. Join us in Seattle, Washington May 18-20, 2022! <u>Learn More.</u>



Be on the lookout for our 2022 awards announcement coming soon!



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We look forward to hearing from you!



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