

WTS Central Florida Chapter ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to our 2023 Board of Directors elected as of October 24, 2022 by the WTSCFL membership. In addition to the elected members shown below, current president Snehal Ambare will continue on the board as Immediate Past President. The transition to the new board will begin with the Board Retreat on November 5 and this phenomenal crew will take over on January 1, 2023.

President: Ivannia Bok, PMP®

Senior Designer/Project Coordinator, [CTS Engineering](#)



Joined WTS: March 2017

WTS Roles: Vice President (current), Secretary (2020-2021) Fundraising Co-Chair (2018-2021)

“The WTS vision of equity and access for women in transportation requires a shared vision and local chapter efforts. I feel strongly that the #WTSCFL chapter needs to focus on working together as a team to publicize Central Florida women for the betterment and growth of our industry I want to take the experiences from serving on the board to continue our fundamental activities with recharged approaches.”

Vice President: Stacey Russell, CDP

Corporate Employee Engagement Specialist, [GPI](#)

Joined WTS: September 2014

WTS Roles: Director of Diversity (current), Membership Chair (2018-2019), Membership Co-Chair (2020-2021)

“My commitment to elevating women in transportation is grounded in my personal experiences, training, years of leadership, professional relationships, and my deep allegiance to improving representation for women in our industry, where they have been historically underrepresented.”



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Secretary: Sarah Larsen



Transportation Planner, [MetroPlan Orlando](#)

Joined WTS: January 2021

WTS Roles: Director of Advancement (current)

Committee Reports: Communications, Website, Social Media

"I'm a self-proclaimed LinkedIn nerd, so you can rely on me for an up-to-date feed of all the events, programs, and activities in our chapter. If you don't live on social media, I will make sure you are still in-the-know about what our chapter is up to, no matter what your preferred method of communication is (though I heard carrier pigeons are not in the budget for next year)."

Treasurer: Nancy Clements, PE

Senior Vice President, Transportation [WGI](#)

Joined WTS: November 2017

WTS Roles: Treasurer (current), Emerging Professionals Chair (2017-2021)

Committee Reports: Sponsorship, Fundraising

Nancy uses her degrees in economics and civil engineering for her role as treasurer. Nancy is the Senior Vice President of the Transportation Division with WGI. Past roles include Planning and Production Director Florida's Turnpike Enterprise and Project Manager for Bechtel Infrastructure on the Central Artery Tunnel Project in Boston.



Director of Advancement: Negaar Minaei, PTP

Transportation Planner, [CDM Smith](#)



Joined WTS: December 2021

Prior WTS Roles: Student Liaison Committee (current)

Committee Reports: Scholarship, Transportation YOU, Student Liaison

"I strongly feel connected with students, and I would like to help our chapter to thrive. I introduced WTS to my colleagues who were less familiar with this organization. I believe that my background and the experience of working in two countries with very different cultural backgrounds yet similar professional core values could be beneficial to the chapter."

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Director of Diversity: Rebecca Bess, Esq.

Director of Administration, [Southeastern Surveying and Mapping](#)

Joined WTS: January 2022

Prior WTS Roles: Diversity Committee Member (current), Recognitions Committee (2022)

Committee Reports: Diversity, Community Relations

“Diversity and inclusion are core factors that are necessary for an evolving industry. The transportation industry is mainly comprised of a small population sector, but it impacts people from all backgrounds. Much like the transportation industry itself, the WTS Central Florida Chapter and its imprint on the community is broad and helps to form and influence the workforce.”



Director of Membership: Kathrin Tellez, AICP, PTP, RSPI

Principal, [Fehr & Peers](#)



Joined WTS: June 2019

Prior WTS Roles: Director of Membership (current), Membership Co-Chair (2021), Membership Committee (2020), Banquet Committee (2019)

Committee Reports: Membership, Recognitions

“What differentiates our WTS chapter from others is the little events and opportunities for our members to connect. We understand that we all have busy schedules and different interests, so by providing varied programs with different levels of effort and diverse topics, all within our WTS community can find ways to participate and engage.”

Director of Professional Development: Dawn Ratican, PE

Vice President, [AIM Engineering & Surveying](#)

Joined WTS: January 2020

Prior WTS Roles: Programs Committee (current), Recognitions Committee (current), Scholarship Committee (2021-current)

Committee Reports: Emerging Professionals, Professional Development

“I became a member in 2020 and got involved in the Emerging Professionals Program... I remember thinking ‘I wish I had a professional in the industry to be supported by when I was starting my career.’”

