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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The WTS-Boston Chapter continues to be one of the largest and strongest of WTS International's 70+ chapters. One of the reasons our Chapter is so successful is because of our meaningful and relevant programming driven by our committee volunteers. Our chapter advances women and advances transportation by developing events and networking opportunities, recognizing our successes and those of our local industry in our weekly newsletter and annual awards, growing future leaders through mentoring, scholarships, and youth programming, and in many other ways. I look forward to maintaining the momentum of our Chapter, but I can't do it without your help. We are operated completely by volunteers including our Board of Directors, Advisory Board, Committee Co-Chairs, and Committee Members. I encourage you to take a look at our many committees, reach out, and get involved in something you are passionate about, or in an area where you want to learn and grow. The best way to learn about WTS and benefit from it is to get involved. Through volunteering, I am confident you'll develop new friendships, have networking opportunities, improve your leadership skills, and get exposure to top women in the transportation industry. Our committees are always looking for new members and fresh ideas. Please reach out to those listed in this brochure or speak with us at one of our events to learn more.

Gina Solman, WTS-Boston President



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**Advancing women
Advancing transportation**

COMMITTEE
BROCHURE

2023

COMMUNICATIONS

- Maintains WTS-Boston Flickr account
- Develops weekly and periodic emails
- Posts on WTS-Boston's social media accounts
- Reviews and posts all WTS-Boston website content, including maintaining a jobs board



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DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION



- Strives to improve diversity, inclusion, and representation within WTS-Boston
- Plans events or collaborates with other committees to host events specifically focusing on diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Acts as an internal resource for other committees to more carefully consider DEI in all regular programming

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FUNDRAISING

- Manages the annual Chapter Sponsorship Program to fundraise for Chapter activities and programs, including the Boston Chapter Scholarship Fund
- Establishes the sponsorship levels and benefits for the Chapter's supporters
- Coordinates fundraising with other committees for special events

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GOLF

- Plans and runs the WTS-Boston Annual Golf Outing
- Recruits players/foursomes as well as corporate sponsorships and prize donations
- Raises funds for the WTS-Boston Scholarship Fund



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MEMBERSHIP

- Plans and hosts annual Chapter events: Membership Mixer, New Member Orientation, and Membership Drive & Celebration
- Develops strategies to increase membership
- Helps members get involved with committees and activities
- Maintains contact information for all members and assists with renewal or membership database questions
- Collaborates with other organizations and professional societies
- Maintains Public Officials list

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MENTORING

- Oversees three programs that provide members with valuable mentoring opportunities and relationships:
 - Emerging Professional Women (EP Program)
 - Formal Mentoring Program
 - Management Networking Roundtable



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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Organizes professional development seminars, workshops, and panel discussions by:
 - Brainstorming ideas for topics of interest
 - Coordinating with local leaders and organizations to speak at upcoming events
 - Planning the logistics of virtual and in-person events



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PROGRAMS

- Plans six monthly luncheon seminars that include:
 - Relevant transportation-related topics
 - Key industry leaders as speakers or panelists
 - All modes of transportation
- Hosts a summer tour to highlight a local project or facility



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SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Organizes the WTS-Boston Annual Scholarship Program for high school, community college, undergraduate, and graduate women studying transportation
- Reviews applications and recommends scholarship recipients to the Board
- Organizes the local Annual Chapter Recognition Awards Program, collects nominations, and makes recommendations to the Board

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SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Plans three major annual Chapter events:
 - New Year's Reception (Jan/Feb)
 - Leadership Forum (April)
 - Awards and Scholarships Banquet (June)
- Works with the Scholarships & Awards Committee on the Awards and Scholarships Banquet



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STUDENT CHAPTER



- Serves as a link between WTS-Boston and its first Student Chapter at UMass-Amherst by:
 - Providing guidance and mentoring opportunities
 - Assisting in bringing speakers to the campus
- Engages with transportation programs and students at local universities

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TRANSPORTATION YOU

- Encourages young women to pursue careers in transportation
- Participates at community STEM events
- Hosts a one-day Transportation YOU Summit to provide hands-on programming and mentorship through interactive workshops and activities



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