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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 spotlighting leaders at the forefront of transportation innovation, recognizing successes of our members and 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

2024

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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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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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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DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION



- Strives to improve diversity, equity, inclusion, and representation within WTS-Boston and the transportation industry
- Hosts programs focused on providing a platform for members to listen to and openly discuss DEI topics
- Acts as an internal resource for other committees to better embrace DEI strategies in their programming

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MENTORING

- Oversees programs that provide members with valuable mentoring opportunities and relationships:
 - Emerging Professional Women (EP Program)
 - Formal Mentoring Program
 - Management Networking Roundtable
 - Newly launched emerging leader (EL) Program
 - Informative TED talks and group discussions with transportation industry leaders

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SPECIAL PROJECTS

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



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FUNDRAISING

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



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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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STUDENT CHAPTER

- Serves as a link between WTS-Boston and its Student Chapters at UMass-Amherst and Harvard University 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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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 Charitable Fund



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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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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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