

The Chapter Leader Summit is designed to equip chapter leaders with practical tools, leadership development opportunities, and opportunities to connect, collaborate, and share best practices with peers from across North America.

Day 1 — Arrival & Connection *Sunday, November 8, 2026*

Time	Session	Potential Topics
3:00–6:00 PM	Registration & Welcome	Registration, networking
6:00–8:00 PM	Welcome Reception & Connections	Networking, regional connections, first-time attendee meet-up, welcome remarks

Day 2 — Leadership & Chapter Growth *Monday, November 9, 2026*

Time	Session & Speaker	Topics
7:30–8:30 AM	Breakfast	
8:30–9:15 AM	Welcome & State of WTS Speaker: WTS International CEO Dr. Malika Reed Wilkins, PhD	Summit objectives, organizational priorities, leadership vision
9:15–9:45 AM	Leadership Across Transportation	Industry leaders discuss collaboration, innovation, leadership, and partnerships across transportation sectors
10:00–10:15 AM	Break	
10:15–11:30 AM	Building Stronger Chapters	Strategic planning, board development, chapter sustainability, leadership development, building a strong volunteer pipeline
11:30 AM–12:30 PM	Lunch	
12:30–1:45 PM	Leadership Learning Labs — Round 1	Concurrent labs: • Membership Systems & Chapter Administration (Kim) — chapter rosters, membership reporting, renewals & best practices • Growing Membership & Engagement Strategies to attract, engage, and retain members while creating a stronger member experience. • Building Stronger Boards & Volunteers Best practices for board leadership, succession planning, volunteer recruitment, and volunteer retention. • Engaging the Next Generation Ideas and strategies for Transportation YOU, student outreach, and building meaningful connections with the next generation of transportation professionals.
1:45–2:00 PM	Break	

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2:00–3:15 PM	Leadership Learning Labs — Round 2	Concurrent labs: • Membership Systems & Chapter Administration (Kim) — chapter rosters, membership reporting, renewals & best practices • Growing Membership & Engagement Strategies to attract, engage, and retain members while creating a stronger member experience. • Building Stronger Boards & Volunteers Best practices for board leadership, succession planning, volunteer recruitment, and volunteer retention. • Engaging the Next Generation Ideas and strategies for Transportation YOU, student outreach, and building meaningful connections and programs for the next generation of transportation professionals.
3:15–4:15 PM	Board Position Roundtables: Share, Learn & Connect	Connect with fellow chapter leaders in similar board roles to share ideas, discuss challenges, swap best practices, and learn from each other's experiences.
4:15–4:45 PM	Reflection & Takeaways	Key insights, open discussion, questions, and highlights from the day
Evening	Networking Dinner (Optional)	Group dinner or regional dine-arounds

Day 3 — Collaboration & Action Planning *Tuesday, November 10, 2026*

Time	Session	Potential Topics
8:00–8:45 AM	Breakfast	
8:45–9:45 AM	Leading Through Service: Lessons from WTS International Board Members	Leadership journeys, volunteer leadership, building strong chapters, lessons learned from WTS leaders, future of chapter leadership
9:45–10:45 AM	Region Summits, Conferences, and Trainings, OH MY!..	
10:45–11:00 AM	Break	
11:00–11:45 AM	WTS Foundation	TBD – Odessa
11:45 AM–12:15 PM	WTS: Where We're Headed Speaker: WTS International Board Chair, Erin Slayton	A look at the WTS International Strategic Plan, including our key priorities, goals, and vision for the future, and what it means for our chapters.
12:15 PM	Closing Remarks & Boxed Lunch	Departures

Potential Session Topics

Leadership & Governance • Board transitions & succession planning • Leadership development • Strategic planning • Building strong chapter boards • Volunteer recruitment & engagement • Conflict resolution • Preventing volunteer burnout	Membership • Membership Systems & Chapter Administration (Kim) • Membership recruitment • Member retention & engagement • Membership reporting & chapter rosters • Renewals & member lifecycle • Student & Emerging Professional engagement
Sponsorship & Finance • Sponsorship development • Fundraising strategies • Corporate partnerships • Chapter budgeting & financial management	Programming & Operations • Event planning best practices • Contract management • Innovative chapter programming • Transportation YOU • Chapter operations
Communications & Marketing • Social media strategy • Marketing & branding • Newsletters • Member communications • Promoting chapter events	Interactive Sessions • Chapter Leadership Exchange • Regional Council Discussion • Peer-to-peer roundtables • Chapter best-practice exchange • Facilitated networking

Potential Speakers — Working List

WTS International Leadership • Erin Slayton • Alexa Gangemi • Bridgette Beato	Chapter Leaders • Stephanie Taylor — Dallas–Fort Worth • Caroline Canady — Colorado • Steph Bouge — Connecticut • Boston chapter leadership • Toronto chapter leadership	Transportation Industry Leaders • Monica Backmon • Monica Tibbits-Nutt • Jannine Miller (GDOT) • Devina Miller (Norfolk Southern) • Leticia Caviness (Hartsfield-Jackson ATL Intl. Airport) • Nikki Tinsley Harland (Concessions International LLC) • Jeanenne Anna Roach — ARC • Joy Rohadfox — Private Sector
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