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Chapter Leader Summit

Sheraton Suites Galleria · Atlanta, GA · November 8–10, 2026

Join Fellow Chapter Leaders in Atlanta

This annual gathering brings WTS chapter leaders together to share best practices, strengthen relationships, and explore new ideas. Spend two and a half days sharpening your leadership, growing your chapter, and connecting with peers from across WTS International.

★ NEW THIS YEAR

Leadership Learning Labs

Fellow chapter leaders and WTS staff lead four labs on membership, engagement, boards and volunteers, and the next generation. Pick two.

MATCHED BY BOARD ROLE

Peer Roundtables

Presidents with presidents, treasurers with treasurers. Trade what's working, troubleshoot what isn't, and build a network you can call on all year.

INSIDE LOOK

Leadership Insights

Hear directly from WTS International Board members and WTS Foundation leaders about key initiatives, priorities, and opportunities for chapters, with an inside look at what's ahead for WTS.

Who should attend: Current WTS chapter leaders — active members who hold a leadership position in their chapter. A MyWTS account is required to register.

REGISTER

$325 individual

Group rates save up to $60 per person: 3 for $875 · 5 for $1,400 · 7 for $1,925 · 10 for $2,650

Last day to register: Tuesday, November 3

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LOCATION

Sheraton Suites Galleria

2844 Cobb Parkway SE, Atlanta, GA 30339

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Agenda at a Glance

DAY 1 · ARRIVAL & CONNECTION *Sunday, November 8*

3:00–6:00 PM	**Registration & Welcome**
6:00–7:00 PM	**Welcome Reception & Connections** SPONSORED BY WTS Advancing women Advancing transportation › Atlanta Light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

DAY 2 · LEADERSHIP & CHAPTER GROWTH *Monday, November 9*

7:00–8:25 AM	**Hotel Breakfast** Located in the hotel restaurant lobby.

8:30–9:15 AM GENERAL SESSION	**Welcome & State of WTS** Summit objectives, organizational priorities, and leadership vision.
9:15–10:00 AM PANEL	**WTS Fireside Chat: Leadership Across Transportation** Jannine Miller, Executive Director of SRTA, GRTA, and ATL, joins Malika Reed Wilkins, PhD, and Erin Slayton, WTSI Board Chair, for a discussion on transportation leadership, collaboration, innovation, and advancing mobility.
10:00–10:15 AM	**Break**
10:15–11:30 AM WORKSHOP	**Building Stronger Chapters** Strategic planning, board development, chapter sustainability, leadership development, and building a strong volunteer pipeline.
11:30 AM–12:30 PM	**Lunch**
12:30–1:45 PM ROUND 1 **1:45–3:00 PM** ROUND 2	**Leadership Learning Labs** Practical sessions led by fellow chapter leaders and WTS staff on the day-to-day work of running a strong chapter. Bring your questions and leave with ideas you can use right away. Each lab runs twice; pick two. ▸ **Membership Systems & Chapter Administration** Chapter rosters, membership reporting, renewals, and 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.
3:00–3:15 PM	**Break**
3:15–4:15 PM ROUNDTABLE	**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 DISCUSSION	**Reflection & Takeaways** Key insights, open discussion, questions, and highlights from the day.

DAY 3 · COLLABORATION & ACTION PLANNING *Tuesday, November 10*

7:00–8:25 AM	**Hotel Breakfast** Located in the hotel restaurant lobby.
8:30–9:30 AM PANEL	**Leading Through Service: Lessons from WTS International Board Members** Leadership journeys, volunteer leadership, building strong chapters, lessons learned from WTS leaders, and the future of chapter leadership. Moderated by Erin Slayton, WTSI Board Chair, with WTS International Board Members Brennan Collier, Alexa Gangemi (Vice Chair), and Amanda Vandegrift.
9:30–10:15 AM GENERAL SESSION	**Region Summits, Conferences, and Trainings, OH MY!** Information and guidance on regional and statewide events.
10:15–10:30 AM	**Break**

10:30–11:30 AM PANEL	**The Power of the WTS Foundation** WTS Foundation Chair Odessa Phillip moderates a panel discussion with WTS Foundation Board Members Cara Vojdani and Mandy Putney on the value and impact of the WTS Foundation.
11:30 AM–12:00 PM GENERAL SESSION	**WTS: Where We're Headed** A look at the WTS International Strategic Plan — our key priorities, goals, and vision for the future, and what it means for chapters.
12:00 PM CLOSING	**Closing Remarks & Boxed Lunch** Departures.

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