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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.

LOCATION

Sheraton Suites Galleria
2844 Cobb Parkway SE, Atlanta, GA 30339

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** | **Ballroom Pre-Function Area** SPONSORED BY WTS Advancing women Advancing transportation › Atlanta

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

7:00–8:25 AM	**Hotel Breakfast** | **Hotel Lobby** Located in the hotel restaurant lobby.
8:30–9:15 AM GENERAL SESSION	**Welcome & WTS International Update** | **Cumberland Ballroom I–II** Summit objectives, organizational priorities, and leadership vision.
9:15–10:00 AM PANEL	**WTS Fireside Chat: Steering the Future- Executive Insights on Leadership** | **Cumberland Ballroom I–II** 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 GENERAL SESSION	**Building Stronger Chapters** | **Cumberland Ballroom I–II** 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. ROOMS **Cumberland Ballroom I–II · Cumberland Ballroom III · Vinings Room · Galleria Room** ▸ **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** | **Cumberland Ballroom I–II** 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** | **Cumberland Ballroom I–II** 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** | **Hotel Lobby** Located in the hotel restaurant lobby.
8:30–9:30 AM PANEL	**Leading Through Service: Lessons from WTS International Board Members** | **Cumberland Ballroom I–II** 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!** | **Cumberland Ballroom I–II** Information and guidance on regional and statewide events.
10:15–10:30 AM	**Break**
10:30–11:30 AM PANEL	**The Foundation + You: Growing Our Impact Together** **10:30 – 11:30 AM** | **Cumberland Ballroom I–II** 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, exploring scholarships, education, research, fundraising, and opportunities to strengthen chapter partnerships.

11:30 AM–12:00 PM GENERAL SESSION	**WTS: Where We're Headed** | **Cumberland Ballroom I–II** 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** | **Cumberland Ballroom I–II** Departures.

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