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Advancing Women in Transportation

WTS International Maine Chapter Annual Report 2018

Chapter Name: Maine Chapter

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The Maine Chapter of WTS had a successful year maintaining our Membership levels. In 2018 our Chapter's WTS International Honorary Membership was awarded to US Senator Collins, State Representative Andrew McLean, and Dr. Susan Gardner. Early in 2018, the Chapter also renewed an honorary membership to MaineDOT Commissioner David Bernhardt.

The Officers for the Board of Directors began their 2-year terms in January 2018:

- Theresa McAuliffe – President
- Mackenzie Kersbergen – Vice President
- Be Schonewald – Treasurer
- Erin Courtney – Secretary

Director (Committee Chair) positions also began their 2-year terms in January 2018:

- Maria Fuentes – Sponsorship Committee Chair
- Kathy Kern – Membership Committee Chair
- Amy Floren – Communications Committee Chair
- Mackenzie Demkowicz – Transportation You Committee Chair
- Meredith Kirkmann – Programs and Events Committee Chair

Peggy Duval continues her term as Past President and Elizabeth Brownell remains the Scholarship Committee Chair. Joyce Taylor and Katy Hews (both past presidents) remain active with the chapter as part of the Senior Advisory Committee.

The Chapter held a variety of events in 2018. Winter storms delayed the start of the programming year with our first major event being the Chapter's Annual Meeting in May. Once again MaineDOT Commissioner David Bernhardt was our Keynote Speaker. Preceding the presentation, Deputy Commissioner Nass led a tour of the International Marine Terminal. The fall started off strong with a presentation by Dr. Susan Gardner with a data driven approach to gender equity in the workplace. And the year was bookended with a couple of networking/social activities.

I was thrilled to attend the WTS International Annual Conference in San Diego, CA in May of 2018 along with Peggy Duval our Past President. The Maine Chapter received the "Gold Chapter" award again this year.



The Chapter's financial state continues to be strong and steady through the support of Corporate Sponsorships and events. We also received retroactive reinstatement as an exempt organization. Our Sponsorship levels stayed steady this past year with commitment to our Chapter from eleven firms, the Maine Better Transportation Association (MBTA), the University of Maine, and the Maine Turnpike Authority. We could not have provided the level of programs over this past year without the generous sponsorship from the following entities:

<u>PLATINUM</u> McFarland Johnson	<u>SILVER</u> Hews Co. Schonewald EA TY Lin Stantec WSP
<u>GOLD</u> Louis Berger Kleinfelder VHB Hardesty & Hanover HDR	<u>BRONZE</u> MBTA UMaine – Civil Engineering
	<u>SUPPORTER</u> Maine Turnpike Authority

The Chapter awarded two scholarships to Maine high school seniors in 2018. One for \$2500 and one for \$1000. Again, without corporate sponsorship we could not do this.

Our Transportation You committee continues to be very active. This year, our Chapter sent our first mentor/mentee pair to the DC Summit in June (Lauren Meek, PE/ Samantha Palma, Baxter Academy). The Transportation You Committee also tried a new approach for outreach to the Portland area high schools. They teamed up with a program called STEM Sisters through the University of Southern Maine. STEM Sisters takes on more of the scheduling administration with various high schools in Portland and TYou provides the speakers for panel discussions related to careers in transportation and engineering. Our Chapter continues to be very proud of the Transportation You Committee and their efforts and commitment to this program.

I look forward to seeing you all at the robust slate of upcoming events for 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa McAuliffe
Maine Chapter President 2018-2019

