



Behind the Scenes

Executive Director's Report

The Board of Directors met on July 18, 2022. The Board elected its slate of officers – Chair Martin Gombert, Vice Chair Lee Burner, Treasurer Doran Barnes and Secretary Dolores Nason.

The Board also approved a pilot program for the use of Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) in paratransit service. The Board requested that staff provide quarterly updates and the educational materials that will be issued to the ridership. The Board also asked to form a working group comprised of members from the Board, CAC, TPAC and staff and include the use of non-certified taxis as eligible for the program.

There will be a Board retreat on August 15, 2022. The Board Operations Committee will meet on August 22, 2022 with the rest of the committee meetings occurring on September 19, 2022.

The next full meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for October 17, 2022.

Andre Colaiace
Executive Director

Apply for the 2022 Joe King Memorial Scholarship

Access Services is now accepting applications for the 2022 Joe King Memorial Scholarship.

This award recognizes an aspiring leader in the transportation industry who displays a commitment to serving in the paratransit community. The winner receives paid tuition to attend the University of the Pacific's Transit & Paratransit Management Certificate program in the fall. The eight-course series focuses on key management and industry essentials for transportation professionals.

In 2021, Access awarded Raisa Malagon with the Joe King Scholarship. Access staff recognized her accomplishments at an Access advisory committee meeting.

As Ms. Malagon expressed after completing the certificate program:

“As a newcomer to the world of management, it’s been incredible to learn from professionals that have years of experience in transportation, and who are eager to pass their knowledge onto us. I encourage anyone looking to advance their career to apply for the Joe King scholarship and attend the certificate program. It’s an experience I highly recommend.”

To learn more on how to apply for the Joe King Memorial Scholarship, please click on the Learning & Development eBook below and turn to page 12. If you have any questions, please contact the CTSA Analyst at ctsa@accessla.org.

[Learning & Development eBook](#)

Melissa Lucero
CTSA Analyst



Access attends the 2022 WTS Annual Conference



"Expedition of the Northwest: Mapping Transportation for All" was the theme of this year's 2022 WTS Annual Conference hosted in Seattle, Washington.

As the first in-person WTS conference since the start of the pandemic, it was well attended by over 800 men and women. Nonetheless, there was plenty to discuss and learn about transportation issues critical to our communities, the innovation that has been driving change, and the need to continue developing ourselves as well as supporting other women.

Some of this year's topics included: Planning for Urgent and Strategic Needs for Transportation; Exploiting Disruption to

Create Resilient Transportation Systems; and the Digital Disruption to Transportation. In addition, there were some professional development opportunities fostering creativity and innovation, strengthening emotional intelligence and helping to recognize challenges of our own biases, and the need for constant mentoring.

This year's keynote speaker was Susan O'Malley, the first female president of a professional sports franchise, who spoke of her accomplishments as a businesswoman as well as the road map that got her there. The conference also incorporated plenty of first-hand experience in multimodal transportation systems which included a tour of the Sea-Tac International Airport expansion project; a bike tour of the new separated bike path on the redesigned SR 520 Floating Bridge, which connects with regional bike trails and light rail; as well as an opportunity to tour the Washington State Ferries system to hear from female fleet members about their maritime careers.

There was much to celebrate as WTS recognized several women for their successful transportation initiatives and engagement in WTS and scholarships were awarded to many deserving women eager to join the transportation industry. Lastly, we heard from the outgoing WTS International Board Chair, Paula Hammond, whose list of accomplishments included a 34-year career in transportation, during which time she served as secretary of transportation for the State of Washington.

Susanna Cadenas
Manager, Customer Relations

Commendations

"I am filing a smile for my driver, Loma. During my ride Loma made sure that everyone was comfortable and secured. She is definitely a great asset to Access services."

Octavio Giammettei
Rider since Nov 2018

"I am filing a commendation for my reservationist, Trish. I appreciated how professional and patient she was with me."

Youmina Hachem
Rider since Jan 2017