



WTS CONNECTICUT VALLY CHAPTER 2012 AWARD NOMINATION

MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Nominee: Amy Jackson-Grove
Title: Division Administrator
Company: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Introduction

Ms. Jackson-Grove joined the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in 1988 and has been the Division Administrator for the Connecticut Division since March of 2009. In her role as Division Administrator, Amy leads the administration of the Federal-Aid Highway Program in the State. She directs a diverse staff of engineers, planners, realty, financial specialists, and support personnel. She works with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT), Congressional representatives, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), local elected officials, and resource agencies to provide leadership and guidance in the identification of surface transportation needs and related priorities which, when implemented, carry out USDOT's national transportation and safety program goals.

Amy has served on the WTS Connecticut Chapter Advisory Board since 2010 and has participated in the chapters Professional Mentor Program since 2010. She is generous with her time and talents, always willing and offering to assist the Connecticut Chapter.

A member who has shown extraordinary commitment to the goals and growth of WTS

Since joining the WTS Connecticut Advisory Board Amy has worked with the CTDOT to subsidize DOT staff participation within organization events. This has been a key to strengthening the chapter's relationship with the DOT and overall sense of professionalism.

Amy has also offered significant assistance in developing professional development programs through the recommendation of subject matter and speakers, and even in making the right connections for booking. She has suggested holding sessions on "hot" trends that are of interest to both public and private industry organizations, elevating our chapter's reputation in this regard.

As a mentor within the chapter's Professional Mentor program she has provided forged relationships and maintained contact with those individuals she has worked with. She has also informally mentored WTS board members, offering assistance whenever asked.

“Amy Jackson-Grove has more than proven her belief in WTS and its significance to the industry. Her knowledge of FHWA and her ability to understand, work, and continue to learn with and from a diverse network of people make her an outstanding role model for all women within the industry today.” Shawna Bartkus, Lochner, 2010/12 WTS CT Chapter President

According to Laurel Stegina, WTS Connecticut’s Immediate Past President, “Amy is a role model for women at any stage in their career, exhibiting all the qualities of an exceptional leader, such as integrity, commitment, reliability, creativity, and energy. The Chapter is fortunate to benefit from all of Amy’s many, many contributions.”

A member who has promoted the reputation of WTS within the transportation industry

Serving on the Connecticut Chapter’s Advisory Board and providing mentorship under the Professional Mentor Program, Amy has strengthened the chapter’s reputation within the public and private industry eye. Her knowledge and understanding of FHWA and CTDOT policies was key to establishing a “voice” within the CTDOT for employees to participate in WTS events. Amy worked to create a program to allow reimbursement to CTDOT employees for registration fees for events.

She has assisted in outlining programs by recommending speakers and subject matter that has been of interest to both public and private representatives. Amy has also filled-in to replace MC’s or moderators due to last minute issues with those booked.

A member who has worked effectively to strengthen communication between local and national levels or between chapters

Amy’s participation on the Advisory Board, within the Professional Mentor Program, and at chapter events has proven effective. Her presence has been significant in strengthening the chapter’s value. Industry wide, Amy has opened doors for the Connecticut Chapter. Her reference when booking speakers has been seamless. For example, during the chapter’s annual conference, this past October, Amy recommended and booked a session on MAP-21 presented by FHWA; the first within Connecticut.

A member who has done an outstanding job of revitalizing or expanding a chapter or any of its functions

Amy is an active member of the Connecticut Chapter’s Advisory Board. In this role she has maintained an open door policy, offering assistance whenever possible. Her presence at organization events has elevated the chapter’s professional relevance. Amy has served as a mentor within the Professional Mentor program and out, to members of the Board and Committee chairs.