

2018 MEMBER OF THE YEAR

SUMMARY FORM

Nominee: Diane Gollhofer, PE

Title: President

Company: DGR Consultants, LLC.

DESCRIBE WHY THIS NOMINEE DESERVES TO WIN



As the Greater D/FW Chapter's Corporate Partner Chair, Diane has been playing a critical role in securing corporate sponsorship for the past three years. In 2017, she has successfully generated revenue of \$45k and net revenue of \$30k with 33 firms with 93 designated members.

Diane Gollhofer, Owner and President of DGR Consultants, LLC, is inspirational and motivational to many women in the A/E/C industry. Her outgoing personality and networking skills make new chapter members and future members always feel welcome. She is constantly promoting WTS and encouraging any female professionals to join.

DGR Consultants is a DBE-certified engineering consulting firm specializing in dispute avoidance, project management, and construction management. The firm is currently working on projects for Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), Fort Worth Transit Authority (FWTA), Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Federal Transit Authority (FTA), and DFW Airport.

Prior to founding DGR Consultants in 2011, Diane served as DART's Assistant Vice President for Construction Management. In this role, she:

- *Oversaw the capital construction program for DART and the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) for 10 years*
- *Led the award-winning construction of the \$1 billion DART Green Line light rail projects*
- *Served as the Contracting Officer Representative for the \$210 million General Engineering Consultant contract; overseeing a staff of more than 200 consultants and 2,000 contracting personnel*
- *Instituted an award-winning safety program*
- *Led the renovation efforts of the historic Monroe Shops—achieving LEED® Platinum Certification, a first in the nation for a historic building*

Diane has provided networking opportunities for woman-owned businesses to meet and gather after hours to network. This has allowed business development and growth amongst other small businesses owners. She protégés other young woman engineering professionals are invited to attend as well to increase their networking reach. Diane regularly provides insight and information to fellow women-owned business/vendors in the areas of transit, rail and transportation projects, as well as passing on information regarding upcoming solicitations and projects to help them grow.

As a corporate sponsor for WTS, Diane encourages other firms and woman transportation professionals to join and grow with the organization. She also provides volunteer support to WTS events such as the Golf Tournament, Annual Awards Reception and Annual Corporate Partners Reception. Diane has also actively promoted women to the Foundation Board, DART Board, and other City Boards.

Over the last 10 years, Diane has volunteered and served on the WTS Scholarship Committee where she focuses her efforts on choosing strong candidates with a technical aptitude and positive attitude from under-served communities.

As a 2016 WTS Executive Leader Program Graduate, she is instrumental in supporting and growing women in transportation. As part of the WTS Knowledge Lab, she is providing guidance and support for a new program that will provide opportunities for women speakers around the world.

PREVIOUS YEAR WTS SUPPORT INFORMATION

As Program Co-Chair in 2013 set up several programs including:

- January 2013 - An Intimate Chat with Elizabeth Mow, PE – NTTA's Assistant Director of Infrastructure and Tracey Friggle Logan, PE – TXDOT's Dallas District Director of Construction*
- February 2013 - Join WTS and ACEC Dallas for a unique joint luncheon - speaker Steve Stagner, President of ACEC Texas will be giving a Legislative Update. As we watch how the legislation will handle the budget this year, it should be interesting to see how it affects infrastructure.*

Summer Tour support 2013 and 2014

- Tour of Red and Blue Lines in Starter system in 1996*
- Tour of Terminal A, Parking Garage and Overview of the DART Station*
- Tour of Parkland Hospital Construction*
- Tour of TRIP Program at DFW*

As Mentor in 2013– Mentored a UTA Transportation Graduate student through conversations, email and meetings.



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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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A MEMBER WHO HAS SHOWN EXTRAORDINARY COMMITMENT TO THE GOALS AND GROWTH OF WTS

As the Greater DFW Corporate Partner Chair, in 3 years, Diane has grown the WTS Corporate Partnerships from 17 Partners with 47 designated members in 2013 to almost double that to 33 firms with 93 designated members in 2017 for a total revenue generation of \$45k and net revenue of \$30k for 2017 and 2018 is off to a strong start.

Her focuses for the program have included:

- Streamlining our Corporate Partner membership processes
 - o Moved to a more electronic system.
 - Sent out invoices via email – followed up with emails and phone calls thus eliminating cost and time of mailing.
 - Accepted applications via email
 - Accepted credit cards for payments as well as checks.
- Improving Corporate Partner Communications
 - o Improved our use of Constant Contact for communicating and managing Corporate Partner Memberships and Events

DGR Consultants' primary goal is to promote woman owned-businesses, hire women professionals, mentor and encourage young women to grow toward engineering opportunities. Specific goals are:

- 50% firm utilization of women owned firms
- 30% hiring of female professionals
- Promotion of woman owned firms to proposal teams
- Mentor at least one-woman engineering student
- Encourage woman-owned companies to be WTS Corporate Partners
- Maintain Corporate Sponsorship for WTS

A MEMBER WHO HAS PROMOTED THE REPUTATION OF WTS WITHIN THE TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY

In her role as WTS Corporate Partner Chair, Diane continually reaches out to women-owned firms to encourage involvement in WTS and the promotion of women and women-owned firms in the transportation arena.

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

Diane worked with WTS International to improve the process of incorporating corporate designated members into international's membership. She supported and used International's new online membership submittal process vs. mailing in individual forms or spreadsheets that often were lost in the mail. She also obtained a Chapter debit card to pay for these memberships directly online vs. sending in checks.

A MEMBER WHO HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB OF REVITALIZING OR EXPANDING A CHAPTER OR ANY OF ITS FUNCTIONS

This year she and another WTS member hosted the first WTS Greater Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter Wine and Dine event. At this event, a small group of women met and dined in the comfort of a fellow member's home. They shared ideas, stories, and lots of laughs—building the network and opportunities for the attendees.