



Date: July 15, 2026

To: WTS Atlanta Chapter Membership

From: Governance Committee

RE: WTS Atlanta Chapter Call for 2027-2028 Board Nominations

WTS Atlanta Members,

It is election time again! Nominations for the new WTS Atlanta Board of Directors for the 2027-2028 term are being accepted for WTS Atlanta Chapter members in good standing. Please take the time to propose a candidate who will be an outstanding leader or nominate yourself for a position where you would like to contribute!

The nominations period opens July 15, 2026. **Your nominations must be submitted by Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 5 pm.** You may submit more than one nomination. Descriptions of the officer and board member responsibilities and related criteria are included on the pages that follow. The Governance Committee will confirm the nominee's membership standing and willingness to serve, and then the WTS Atlanta membership will have an opportunity to elect a new slate of officers and board directors. The Committee will prepare electronic ballots and distribute them to the chapter membership via email.

Nomination Submittal Requirements:

The nominations should not exceed 250 words in length. Please use the links included with the position descriptions to submit your nominations via Survey Monkey. The Governance Committee will contact each nominee to verify if they accept the nomination. A member may run for only one office in this election. Please submit your nominations via the provided links by 5 pm on Wednesday, August 5, 2026. Nominations will be accepted by Survey Monkey only. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Rukiya Thomas at partner@riseventuresus.com or rsthomas2018@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Rukiya Thomas, Governance Committee Chair

2027-2028 WTS Atlanta Chapter Officer and Directors at-Large Responsibilities

Election and Tenure

The members shall elect the Board of Directors of the WTS Atlanta Chapter for a two-year term of office commencing January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2028. Any member in good standing as of August 5, 2026, with the WTS Atlanta Chapter shall be eligible to hold office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the WTS Atlanta Chapter, the Immediate Past President, and four (4) elected Directors at-Large. No officer shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. Each member of the Board of Directors must be a member of the WTS Atlanta Chapter. The Board of Directors shall have the authority and the responsibility to direct and manage all affairs of the WTS Atlanta Chapter not expressly precluded by the bylaws.

President

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and shall chair all meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors and shall have the power to appoint chairs of committees subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The President may sign with the Secretary any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other such documents with which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, except in such cases where the by-laws or statute has expressly delegated the authority to sign to some other officer of the WTS Atlanta Chapter. In general, the President shall perform all duties incident to the office of the President and such duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors. Per our WTS Atlanta Chapter Bylaws, the sitting Chapter President will nominate a single, eligible candidate for the 2027-2028 Chapter President. That candidate will be approved by the sitting WTS Atlanta Board of Directors and appear on the upcoming Voting Ballot to be confirmed by membership.

Vice President, Programs

The Vice President, Programs shall preside in the absence of the President or in the event the President is unable to or refuses to act. When so acting, the Vice President shall have all powers of and be subject to all restrictions upon the President. The Vice President, Programs assists the membership in the development and presentation of programs. The Vice President shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Nominate for Vice President, Programs: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2728WTSATLBoard>

Vice President, Membership

The Vice President, Membership maintains membership information, provides this information at events, and schedules membership drives/events. The Vice President shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Nominate for Vice President, Membership:
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Secretary

The Secretary shall be the guardian of the WTS Atlanta Chapter records. The Secretary is responsible for keeping the minutes of all the meetings of the members and the Board of Directors; for keeping a current register of the post office address of each member of the WTS

Atlanta Chapter; for all official correspondence and notices of the chapter in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws. This includes but is not limited to newsletters and social media. The Secretary shall perform other such duties as may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Nominate for Secretary: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2728WTSATLBoard>

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible and have charge and custody of all funds, securities, and contracts of the WTS Atlanta Chapter; receive and give receipts for money due and payable to the Chapter; deposit all such monies in the name of the Chapter as approved by the Board of Directors; prepare financial reports and an annual report as of the end of each year; and such other duties as may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Nominate for Treasurer: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2728WTSATLBoard>

Directors-at-Large

The four (4) Directors-at-Large do not have formally assigned duties outlined in the chapter by-laws, however they generally provide guidance, support, and aid in executing the mission and activities of WTS Atlanta. Directors-at-Large often choose to chair or volunteer for chapter committees.

Nominate for a Director-at-Large: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2728WTSATLBoard>