

## **Women In Trucking Association forms scholarship foundation**

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Plover, WI: The Women In Trucking (WIT) Association has formed a foundation to provide scholarships for members looking to advance their careers in the trucking industry. The nonprofit 501(c)(3) foundation will be a separate entity from the association and has its own board of directors.

The organizational meeting was held August 30, 2011 and eleven WIT members were approved to serve as the board of directors. Jan Hamblin, Corporate Manager of Strategic Accounts at J. J. Keller & Associates, Inc. was elected to serve as the Chairwoman of the foundation. Jeana Hysell, MS, CDS of Safety Compliance Professionals, LLC will serve as the Vice Chairwoman and Deborah Sparks, Vice President-Development, Truckload Carriers Association will serve as Secretary/Treasurer.

The Foundation was formed after Jeana Hysell received a check from the Ohio Trucking Association in recognition of her achievement as the association's 2008 Safety Professional of the Year. Hysell donated the funds to Women In Trucking to start the foundation and begin funding a scholarship program.

"My goal in donating the check was to encourage more women to look at careers in the area of safety," said Hysell, "and now I am happy to see that safety will be one of the scholarship funded programs."

"This is an exciting opportunity for us to support our members in seeking careers in a technical area, leadership training, professional driving, and safety professionals," said Hamblin. "The board will be looking for additional funding to provide as many scholarship opportunities as possible."

In addition to the officers, eight corporate members were elected to the board of directors: Joyce Brenny, Brenny Transportation, Don Hess, John Wood Community College, Sonya Kivisto, Marcello & Kivisto, LLC, Antoinette Martinez, American Defense Lawyers, Les Rozander, Trimac, Sandra Sanford, Travel Centers of America/Petro Stopping Centers, Kreigh Spahr, Cuyahoga Community College Driver Training Academy, Deb Whistler, Fleet Owner Magazine.

Women In Trucking was established in 2007 to encourage the employment of women in the trucking industry, promote their accomplishments and minimize obstacles faced by women working in the trucking industry. The association is funded by the support of its members and Gold Level Partners, Frito-Lay NA and Walmart. Membership is not limited to women, as 16 percent of its members are men who support the mission. For more information visit [www.WomenInTrucking.org](http://www.WomenInTrucking.org) or call 888-464-9482.

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