



## WOMEN IN BUSES COUNCIL

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# MONTHLY

### APRIL 2023

## THE MONTH OF APRIL IS DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

At any given moment across America, approximately 660,000 drivers are using or manipulating electronic devices while driving, a number that has held steady since 2010. Distracted driving has become a deadly epidemic on America's roadways.

*The only thing a driver should be doing behind the wheel is driving.*

Anything that takes your attention away from driving can be a distraction. Sending a text message, talking on a cell phone, using a navigation system, and eating while driving are a few examples of distracted driving. Any of these distractions can endanger you, your passengers, and others on the road.

There are three main types of distraction:

- Visual: taking your eyes off the road
- Manual: taking your hands off the wheel
- Cognitive: taking your mind off driving

## SELF-NOMINATIONS FOR LEADERSHIP ARE NOW OPEN

It is hard to believe that two years have gone by since I was appointed chair of Women in Buses. I am so incredibly proud of what Women in Buses and in particular this leadership team has accomplished. This group of women represented all facets of the industry and because of this we were able to increase membership, launch the WIB network and provide educational opportunities and networking throughout the year. In February, we had our highest attended Women in Buses meeting at our 2nd annual Women in Buses Day. I can't wait to see what the future holds for Women in Buses as our next leadership team is put into action.

"We are looking for individuals who share the same passion for our industry as we do and want to continue to spread the mission of Women in Buses. I encourage you to self-nominate and become part of our next generation of Women in Buses leaders. Together we can make a difference."

- Erin Ducharme, Women in Buses Chair

Nominations are open April 1-April 30 for the 2023-2025 Leadership Team. Select the link below to review the open positions and nominate yourself for where you feel you can best serve WIB.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LeadWIB>

It may be helpful to review the webinar from April 5 with the current WIB leadership and their experiences being on leadership team. Previous webinars can be found here: <https://www.buses.org/about/councils/wib/event>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

For a full listing of events and to register please visit: <https://www.buses.org/events/category/women-in-buses-events>

### NETWORK AND NOSH SERIES

Friday, April 21 | 1:00 p.m.

"WIB Plus One" Invite someone new in the industry to introduce themselves to the group. We will discuss connecting new visitors with WIB Mentors; Best advice when joining the industry; Best online resources; Biggest challenges today. Plan to join this live networking event!

### WOMEN IN BUSES WEDNESDAYS SERIES

Wednesday, May 3 | 2:00 p.m. ET

Meet and Greet with FMCSA. Join us and a special guest from The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

### NETWORK AND NOSH SERIES

Friday, May 19 | 1:00 p.m. ET | 1:00 p.m. ET

### WOMEN IN BUSES WEDNESDAYS SERIES

Wednesday, June 7 2:00 p.m. ET

Executive Committee presents "Know Your Numbers, Control Your Costs" presented by Jim McCann with Spader.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to our International Women's Month speakers for an outstanding webinar sharing their career and life journey with our membership.

Patrice Moore - Bridgestone Mobility Solutions

Michelle Petelicki - Panaroma Tours

Josephine Arrington - Motor Coach Industries

## ADD IT TO YOUR 2024 CALENDAR

### 3rd Annual Women in Buses Day

Friday, January 12, 2024 | Nashville, TN



### SPREAD THE WORD

Share this Newsletter with another woman in bus world who can benefit from our network.



### JOIN WOMEN IN BUSES

<https://www.buses.org/about/councils/WIB/membership/join>  
Contact us at [wib@buses.org](mailto:wib@buses.org) to see how to get involved with our organization.



### QUOTABLE

"She was powerful not because she wasn't scared but because she went on so strongly, despite the fear."

-Atticus

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