



Annual Holiday Dinner Meeting  
December 1, 2016 ▪ Providence, Rhode Island

## EVENT AGENDA

**2:30 pm – 4:30 pm Federal Transit Administration “Buy America under the Fast Act”** presentation with Cecilia Comito, FTA Assistant Chief Counsel and FTA staff *Garden Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> level*

**4:30 pm – 5:00 NEPTA Board of Directors Meeting** *State Suite B, 2<sup>nd</sup> level*

**5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Reception** *Balcony, 2<sup>nd</sup> level*

**6:00 pm Welcome Remarks and Dinner** *Garden Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> level*

Roger Mencarini, Director of Procurement Rhode Island Public Transit Authority

Ray Studley, CEO Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA)

NEPTA President, Vicki Shotland, Executive Director Greater Hartford Transit District

## Presentation of Awards

**Richard H. Doyle Award**

**Michael Sharff**

Director of Planning and Development

**Peter Pan Bus Lines**

**Hall of Fame Award**

**Michael Sanders**

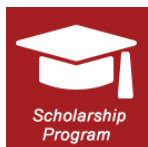
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**Connecticut Department of Transportation**

## Scholarship Awards

### 2017 Slate of NEPTA Officers and Directors Vote



In support of the **NEPTA Scholarship Program** a 50/50 raffle purchase will be available during this event. Tickets will be available at the registration desk. \$5 ticket 6/\$20. All proceeds directly benefit the scholarship fund. To date, \$83,000 in scholarship funds have been awarded. We appreciate your support. Winner will be announced after the annual meeting.

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## *Recap of 2016*

- The NorthEast Passenger Transportation Association is coming up on their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as NEPTA from the merger of the New England Passenger Transportation Association and the NorthEast Transit Association (NETA), combined the association has been a non-profit transit trade association in the public and private sector for over 115 years.
- This year NEPTA had the pleasure of working with the Tri-State Conference again in Woodstock, VT and was able to host Reasonable Suspicion and Post-Accident training, a certificate program which meets the federal requirement and was sponsored by NEPTA member George Gilpatrick of Cahill Swift.
- Another training hosted by NEPTA member, Q'Straint, was emerging trends in wheelchair transportation, a train the trainer in wheelchair lift & securement. Thank you to members of the Tri-State Conference Committee, this year's host state of Vermont; Amy Rast, Public Transit Coordinator at the Vermont Agency of Transportation and our own NEPTA Board Member, Donna Baker, Executive Director at Green Mountain Community Network. We look forward to next year's event in Maine.
- The biennial event will be April 4, 2017 at the Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence, Rhode Island.
- NEPTA hosted the 17<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament which benefited the NEPTA scholarship program. The 2017 event is Tuesday, June 13 in Sutton, MA. This is the only fundraising program for the scholarship award fund. To date, NEPTA has awarded \$83,000
- The scholarship fund originated in 1999 under the administration of Michael Blondin, who at the time was the Assistant General Manager for Transit Services at CT Transit and the NEPTA President, along with John Andrews. This year NEPTA acknowledged 5 recipients
  - Andrea Damon
  - Bridgette Bauer
  - Jemal Cooper
  - Shona Norman
  - Joseph Montana