

We would like to thank you all for attending this year's annual meeting. NEPTA has been an organization of transit professionals since the early 1900's and we credit our members and event sponsors for our success which has helped us continue to grow.

NEPTA did not host the annual golf tournament this year due to scheduling conflicts within the transit industry but we have set our sights to return to Blackstone National Golf Course in Sutton, Massachusetts on June 18, 2013. Despite not holding the tournament NEPTA is proud to still be able to offer the scholarship award program again this year. This program was established in 1999 and to date, including this year has awarded over \$66,000 to deserving students. The application process is easy, please watch your mail and visit our website in early August for the application. Please encourage your employees to participate in this program.

We would like to recognize and thank the members of the Tri-State Transit Conference committee, along with Mike Whitten, Pat Christian, David Delforte and Van Chestnut for welcoming NEPTA back to their event. NEPTA spearheaded a Fleet Maintenance Forum at Mills Falls in Meredith, New Hampshire with the help of STV Inc. and Donaldson Company. The forum involved an interactive group discussing a wide variety of topics from procurement and implementation, maintenance facility layout and design to filters. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> year we participated in this program and we look forward to working with the Tri-State committee again next fall.

We hope you have marked your calendars for the 2013 Northeast Passenger Transportation Conference and Expo on March 26 & 27, 2013. There is still time to register under the early bird deadline. More information is available at [www.nepta.org](http://www.nepta.org) or see Carol Tally for an event flyer.