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## The Newsletter of the Wyoming Public Transit Association

### WYTRANS Board of Directors Election Results

The Wyoming Public Transit Association, Inc. - *WYTRANS* - held its annual board elections. The following is a list of current board members and terms:

**Renaë Jording** (2022-2023) - *President*  
Cheyenne Transit Program, Cheyenne

**Gary Michaud** (2023-2024)  
Wind River Transit Authority, Riverton

**Steve Ainslie** (2022-2023) - *Vice President*  
Goose Creek Transit, Sheridan

**Melinda Pebbles** (2022-2023)  
Thayne Senior Center, Thayne

**Linda Cockett** (2022-2023) - *Secretary*  
Goshen County Senior Center, Torrington

**AJ Mock** (2023-2024)  
Buffalo Senior Center, Buffalo

**Randy Firnekas** (2023-2024) - *Treasurer*  
Ten Sleep Senior Center, Ten Sleep

**Mary Seppie** (2023-2024)  
Sweetwater County Transit Authority—STAR,  
Rock Springs

**Paul Kunkel** (2023- 2024)  
UW Transit and Parking, Laramie

*The next board meeting will be held 1/25/23 via Zoom. Contact Jaime at WYTRANS for details.*

### Drug & Alcohol Training at WYTRANS Conference

This year WYTRANS will be offering a Drug & Alcohol Training Session as part of the annual Conference. This training will be conducted by one of the Contractors the FTA employs to conduct the audits.

The training is designed to provide essential facts and information to facilitate an employers' compliance with DOT's 49 CFR Part 40 and FTA's 49 CFR Part 655. While a high-level overview of the regulations will be discussed, this training will focus more on the operational side of a transit agency's functions.

Because you employ safety-sensitive workers who must have Department of Transportation (DOT) drug and alcohol tests, this training will help you understand how to run an excellent program that meets DOT requirements. This training is geared towards Transit employers, substance abuse program managers, human resource managers, and safety managers.

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending this important training being offered at the **WYTRANS Conference—October 3-5 in Casper, Wyoming.**

## Current WYTRANS Trainers

**Shirley Robinson**

Casper Area Transit, Casper

**Mathew Aldana**

Cheyenne Transit Program, Cheyenne

**Linda Cockett**

Goshen County Senior Center, Torrington

**Melissa Claar**

High Country Seniors, Dubois

**Debbie Fields**

Washakie County Seniors, Worland

**Bill Biggs**

Casper Area Transit, Casper

**Rena Jording**

Cheyenne Transit Program, Cheyenne

**Isabelle Hoenes**

Child Development Services, Riverton

**Jim Krubeck**

Cody Council on Aging, Cody

**Ron Snyder**

Goose Creek Transit, Sheridan

**Isaac Bryant**

UW Transit and Parking, Laramie

**Colin Harnish**

UW Transit and Parking, Laramie

**Travis Scadden**

Wind River Transportation Authority, Riverton

*We plan to have a new Trainer Liaison join our team in the beginning of 2023.*

## Training Numbers for 2022

WYTRANS provides manager and driver training for grantees, using Federal Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) funds provided by WYDOT. WYTRANS offers various training workshops and certifications at very nominal costs. *Training programs are open to all transit providers.*

Drivers across the state are certified in *Transit Safety Institute's Driver Operator Course*. This 16-hour course covers a variety of topics including: safe driving techniques for transit providers, proper lift operation and mobility device securement. WYTRANS Trainers have certified 77 Wyoming new transit drivers this year.

Please contact WYTRANS about getting any public transit driver trained.

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