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## **National Parking Association and Women in Parking organizations plan to unite**

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Boston, MA National Parking Association (NPA) and Women in Parking (WIP), long-time collaborators and peer organizations, announce their plans to unite. With NPA's reputation as the premier association for parking professionals and WIP's increased momentum, the combined organization will have the leadership, reach, and voice necessary to amplify the advancement and achievement of women in the parking industry.

"The strategic union with WIP will solidify the parking industry's commitment to diversity and workforce development," said NPA board chair Nicolle Judge. "By combining Women in Parking with NPA's expanding member base, we can align our efforts to develop even more parking professionals."

NPA and WIP have collaborated over the history of both organizations, including hosting WIP conferences and events alongside NPA conventions. Judge also served as a WIP board director.

"Women in Parking and NPA have been long time partners. The reputation of NPA, coupled with the momentum of the women in parking movement, makes this the perfect time to officially unite." said WIP board chair Marcy Sparrow.

Ruth Beaman, executive director of WIP said, "We're confident that joining forces and focusing our efforts will mean that we can provide our parking leaders with the best practice tools, research and peer network the parking industry has to offer."

Over the course of the year, NPA and WIP will work to transition to a single operational structure. The entire membership of WIP will become a part of NPA's membership and will begin receiving NPA welcome materials and access to NPA benefits.

NPA will host a welcome call in March for all WIP members to learn more about the organization and transition. NPA president Christine Banning, IOM, CAE said, "We are very proud to join forces with Women in Parking and take the transition process very seriously. NPA leadership will do everything in its power to ensure the transition is seamless, and all WIP members continue to play an active role in the organization."

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