

**Republican Party of Texas State Executive Committee Women (SREC)  
How about YOU?**

When I joined the Republican Women of Kerr County in 1999, I was on a STEEP LEARNING CURVE! I faithfully went to meetings and was recruited to leadership in my club. When I became TFRW District Director, my universe exploded! All of a sudden I was not only visiting and meeting dynamic women all over my district, but when I got to TFRW board meetings, I was meeting talented women from all over the state.

As I became more involved with my local party, I realized we had the same problems, concerns and goals as the other counties in my SD (Senatorial District.) So, when my SREC (State Republican Executive Committee-woman) vacated the spot at the end of her term, I decided I wanted to run. Why? Good question! I was hearing conflicting information about the RPT – finances, links to local parties, etc. I also wanted to be that link to provide good communication between the local parties and the state party. Also, having been an educator for 30 years, I could use that ability to provide workshops in my area. The RPT was very happy to come and teach things like Voter Vault, Voter ID, etc.

When I was elected, I walked into our SREC orientation meeting after the RPT convention in 2006 and was surprised that I only knew four other women in the room! TFRW is such a well respected organization because of our training and leadership abilities, and yet, I didn't see many TFRW leaders there. I believe the RPT needs TFRW leaders more than ever. My suggestion is that you consider using your knowledge about campaigns, party structure, and networking, and run for SREC.

The SREC attends to the business of the Party between Conventions. It is a 2-year term with 4 quarterly meetings each year. According to the Bylaws of the SREC:

*The purposes of the SREC shall be*

- A. to act as the governing body of the Republican Party of Texas (hereinafter referred to as the "Party") and exercise those powers and fulfill those duties and responsibilities conferred upon it by the state or federal statutes,*
- B. to establish general policy for the Party, subject to the direction of the biennial state convention,*
- C. to be responsible for the general supervision and management of the Party,*
- D. to foster and encourage growth in the Party by promoting the principles as expressed in the platform and by electing Republican officeholders, and*
- E. to provide an opportunity for full participation in the Party*

*Share the TFRW Vision!*

SREC members have the opportunity to be a member of a committee, like Rules, Resolutions, Party Organization, Officials, Auxiliaries and Coalitions, Volunteer of the Year; influence the direction of the Party; Fundraise; and be a link between the RPT and YOUR county party.

You will learn about the dynamics of different parts of the state and with *YOUR* TFRW networking, you have a unique advantage because you will be able to put people together to achieve goals like nobody else can.

Think about it! The RPT needs you!

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