

Debra Harper, M.A., M.B.A. Bio

TFRW Vice President Bylaws

Debra Harper has been involved with the Texas Federation of Republican Women, the Republican Party of Texas, and has worked for candidates for more than fifteen years. She served as President of Rockwall County Republican Women, Senate District Two District Director, TFRW Vice President Bylaws. As Bylaws VP, Debra managed the end-to-end bylaws updates, document control, and approval process for the organization, including its 160 federated clubs. Debra was responsible for presenting bylaw amendments to the Board of Directors and body of Convention Delegates. She utilized her counseling and business expertise to mediate the most complex issues when escalated to Executive Officer level. She facilitated club problem resolutions for two Presidents, the Board of Directors and Club Executive Committee. Under her leadership, TFRW updated its policies, bylaws and Standing Rules. Debra developed training materials and presented leadership sessions to clubs across the state, including regional Nuts and Bolts and TFRW Annual Leadership Day. Debra served as a TFRW Convention Delegate in 2009, 2011, 2013, 2019, 2021.

Debra has been actively involved with the Republican Party of Texas serving as Rockwall County Chairman Precinct 2B, 2010-2012, Convention Delegate 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, and 2022, and Congressional District Four Caucus Secretary 2020. She actively campaigned for two Congressional Candidates, and hosted numerous local, state and federal level candidates for campaign events in her home.

At the National Level, Debra has served on three National Federation of Republican Women Committees: Women in Business, Legislation and Research, and Homeland Security. NFRW Presentations included "The Opioid Crisis in the United States" and "Conflict Management".

Debra retired in 2017 after serving in executive roles for major IT corporations including MCI, Verizon, British Telecom and AT&T. She was responsible for leading the global sales strategy and multifunctional teams who provided sales, customer support, and engineering teams who delivered technical, cybersecurity, and operational solutions to international Fortune 50 customers and Federal agencies. Debra managed the Profit/Loss and account resources. She excelled at creating strategies that focus on business outcomes that enabled customers to achieve their goals via consulting, innovation and customized managed solutions.

This is such an important time in the life of this country. Debra volunteers her time to TFRW full time, often requiring more than forty hours per week. It is critical that Texas Republicans reinforce unity and growth in membership. If Texas is lost, there goes the country. Debra is a creative developer who loves to create solutions for solving problems. She is the proud wife of a retired Air Force Officer, as well as the daughter of a WWII Veteran and a Steele Magnolia. Debra is passionate about doing her part to preserve our way of life in Texas and continuing the American Dream!