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NATIONAL WOMEN'S BUSINESS COUNCIL



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Margaret Mankin Barton Executive Director



Margaret Barton, Executive Director of the National Women's Business Council, has over 25 years of extensive experience in public affairs, communications, and fundraising in both the public and private sectors.

Prior to joining the NWBC staff, Ms. Barton had her own small business as a fundraising, public affairs and communications consultant for political, private sector and nonprofit clients. Her work included developing and executing communications initiatives, providing counsel to support public affairs outreach, and managing fundraising campaigns for organizations such as the American Cancer Society.

In 1993, Ms. Barton co-founded the Republican Network to Elect Women (RENEW), a multi-state political action committee that identified, recruited and supported women candidates to seek federal, state and local office.

Ms. Barton previously served as Special Assistant and Counselor to the Assistant Secretary in the Office of Postsecondary Education as well as the Director of Interagency Operations in the Office of Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs at the U.S. Department of Education. Prior to that, she was Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator in the Bureau of Food for Peace and Voluntary Assistance as well as Director of White House Liaison for the U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Ms. Barton's extensive experience in politics and the Federal government also includes positions in the White House Office of Vice President George H.W. Bush, the Republican National Committee, the Republican National Senatorial Committee, two Presidential Inaugural Committees, and numerous presidential, federal, state and local political campaigns.

Ms. Barton has served on the Board of Directors at the National Constitution Center, and is past President of the Sewanee Club of Washington. She was the first recipient of the Distinguished Young Alumni Award from the University of the South (Sewanee) and was selected as one of the "72 Women Who Are Changing the Face of American Politics" by Campaigns and Elections magazine.

Ms. Barton received her Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from the University of the South (Sewanee) and has studied at the Instituto de Estudios Iberoamericanos in Saltillo, Mexico and University College, Oxford University, England. She lives in Alexandria, Virginia with her husband and daughter.