Maggie Walsh

Maggie Walsh is Vice President and Strategic Clients and Pursuits Leader at HDR, a leading consulting company and a proud recipient of the Pittsburgh employer of the year award. She leads teams in securing new work by providing guidance, oversight and support for highly visible and game changing project pursuits. She keeps her focus on strategic client development programs across market sectors including transit, freight rail, highways, bridges, aviation and maritime resulting in transformative growth for HDR employees.

Maggie has been an active member and supporter of WTS for over 20 years. Today, she serves as Chair on the International Board. In this role, Maggie oversees the organization’s activities promoting personal and professional development for WTS members, both within the organization and throughout the transportation industry, and continuously collaborates with the Board to achieve WTS’s 2021 strategic plan. Having served as Board Liaison to the Central Region Council, President of the Chicago Chapter and current member of their advisory board, Maggie also has a strong connection to Chapter level activities and has a solid understanding of WTS International’s needs.

Maggie’s personal vision for WTS:

**Connectivity.** As a WTS International board member, my interests are in expanding and broadening the reach of our brand, programs and network. Because WTS is recognized for its professional development, networking, and knowledge-sharing programs, I often take these valuable assets and encourage members and guests to take advantage of them, which, in turn, creates more value and benefits of membership.

**Influence.** While we have made great in-roads every year to better prepare women to advance their careers, we still have a lot of work to do. I will use my influence at HDR, one of the largest supporters of the organization, to continue to support WTS and its important mission. I will continue to engage these conversations with men who want and are supporting the mission and who understand the importance and benefits to give proper attention to diversity and inclusion. To paraphrase Gloria Steinem at our 2014 conference, “this is a human issue and we need all our resources to address it.”

**Take Action.** During my 20-year tenure with WTS, I have learned a simple principle: a member will gain so much more from WTS when they come in from the sidelines, roll up their sleeves, and sincerely get involved. And that is what I will continue to do and promote.