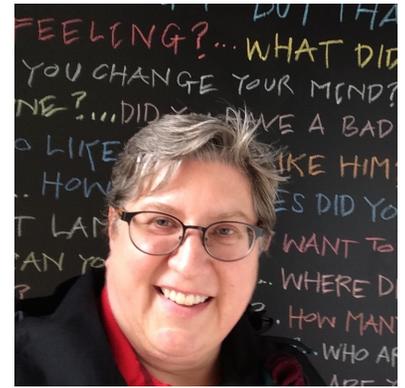




## **Julie R. Weeks**



Julie Weeks is the President and CEO of Womenable, a for-profit social enterprise that works to enable women's entrepreneurship worldwide by improving the systems – laws, policies, programs and research-based knowledge – that support women's enterprise creation and growth. Weeks is one of the world's leading experts in the field of women's enterprise development, with experience in both the private and public sectors in the areas of research, public policy and program management. She is an accomplished oral and written communicator, with proven ability to translate data and complex information into clear, concise, and actionable knowledge.

Weeks has over 30 years experience in research, public policy, and communications. For three years, she served as Executive Director of the National Women's Business Council, a federally-funded bipartisan policy advisory body created by the U.S. Congress to serve as an independent voice of women's entrepreneurship and an advisor to the President, U.S. Congress and the U.S. Small Business Administration on women's entrepreneurship issues.

Prior to that position, Weeks spent nine years as the Director of Research and Managing Director of the Center for Women's Business Research, a nonprofit organization that conducts research among women business owners and their enterprises. She has also served as Deputy Chief Counsel for Statistics and Research at the U.S. Small Business Administration, and Vice President for Research and Public Policy at two market research firms.

It can be said that Weeks has been personally responsible for much of the research-based information on the state of women business owners and their enterprises in the United States. Additionally, she has led, coordinated or consulted on research projects focused on women business owners and their enterprises in over two dozen other countries.

Weeks has a BA in Political Science from the University of Michigan, and a Master's degree from that same institution in Political Science with a concentration in research methodology.

In addition to her work leading Womenable, Weeks serves on the board of the Leelanau Conservancy and the Leelanau Peninsula Economic Foundation, the advisory board of WEConnect International, and the editorial advisory boards of Enterprising Women magazine and the International Journal of Gender and Entrepreneurship.

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