



Qualifications for Board Members

The Warrensville Heights Area Chamber of Commerce adds members to its board of directors annually. The board consists of no more than 15 voting board members and no less than 11 along with four non-voting ex-officio members. Terms for voting members are one, two-year term with eligibility to serve two terms if reelected.

ELIGIBILITY: Board members will be chosen from individuals within the organization who have exhibited a desire to serve. Each candidate must be an active member in good standing. They should be highly motivated individuals and community business leaders committed to the furtherance of Chamber objectives who generally support the chamber in one of the following categories: 1) Sponsorship Investors 2) Private /Public Liaison 3) History of participation and leadership in chamber committees or task forces.

PROCESS: Annually the Chamber Executive Committee shall meet to review prospective board candidates. Such suggestions for candidates shall be communicated to the Chamber office which shall make them available to the Executive Committee. The task force will meet in Feb/March to discuss candidates for board positions. Recommendations will then be presented to the full board in March. Ballots will be sent to the membership and must be returned by end of April. At the May board meeting, new board members will be ratified.

MEETING REQUIREMENTS: Board meetings are generally held on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Board of Directors who shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall automatically be dropped from membership on the Board, unless confined by illness or absence approved by the Board.

Directors shall not miss more than four Board meetings during any fiscal year. Board attendance will be reviewed periodically at which time the Chair of the Board has the discretion and authority to advise those directors not complying that their absence is construed as resignation from the Board. Allowance for extenuating circumstances will be made.

DUTIES AND POWERS

The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Chamber, subject only to the limitations and exceptions provided for in the Articles of Incorporation, the bylaws, or by law.



RELATIONSHIPS

To Chamber Policy

Your status is that of an individual acting in a governance capacity. You have the right to exert your influence with the Board for approval of actions and policies, but your authority does not go beyond your vote. You have no authority as an individual to commit the Chamber to any action or policy.

To the Public

You are an official representative of the membership. You are also an unofficial representative of the entire community. You should defend the Chamber against criticism and take steps to remedy conditions that cause justified criticism.

To the Staff

Your responsibility for the Chamber staff is limited to that of advisor. The chief paid executive, the President/CEO, is responsible for hiring, firing, and management functions of all staff members.

To Committees & Task Forces

You have a responsibility to keep informed about the activities of all committees and task forces because you may eventually be asked to study and act on their recommendations. You also have a responsibility to see that all committees and task forces operate within established structure and guidelines.

To the Board

You are a co-partner in the important work of the Board to improve the economic and civic life of the community through the Chamber. You have assumed a position of public trust. You should disassociate your personal interests from Chamber activities.



To the Plan of Work

In order to reach our established objectives, you must understand the relationship between the Board and the Chamber Plan of Work. Remember, a chamber's plan charts a future course of action, furnishes measurements for performance and serves as a challenge to members and citizens to meet their responsibilities to the community through the Chamber.

To the Budget

Financial support of the Chamber comes from fundraising projects, annual dues and sponsorship investors. Chamber operates on a budget approved by the Board. It is the responsibility of Chamber management to get maximum results from available funds and to operate within the approved budget.

STATEMENT OF GOVERNANCE

- Actively support, promote and participate in the Chamber's mission;
- Ensure steady financial growth through membership investments and non-dues opportunities
- Work with strategic alliance partners to allow our community to move forward;
- Have oversight of the Chamber's strategic plan and accountability measures tied to that plan;
- Ensure communication with membership and community so they are aware of what we are doing and positions we have taken;
- Have a close and productive relationship with President/CEO.
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Application for Board Members

Date: _____

Name: _____

Company: _____