

# GRAND RAPIDS CHAMBER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## HELP CREATE GREAT NETWORKS, BUSINESS AND GROWTH

### **Ambassadors Committee**

Serve as a liaison between the Chamber and its members, encouraging connections and assisting with member retention.

Chamber contact: Mark Allen | allenm@grandrapids.org | 616.771.0348

### **Business Program Facilitators**

#### CEO & Management Roundtable Program

#### Business Exchange Luncheon

Assist in coordinating and guiding the communication among attendees.

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### **The Chamber Open Committee**

Support efforts of planning, publicizing and sponsorship procurement for the annual golf outing.

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## HELP CREATE GREAT LEADERS, DIVERSITY AND TALENT

### **ATHENA Leadership Council**

Fosters and supports development of strong female leaders in our community. Rooted in the eight tenets of the ATHENA Leadership Model, the ATHENA Leadership Council provides professional and development opportunities for women of all levels.

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### **Black Women Connect Council**

Provides opportunity for deeper connections and professional and personal networking for black women at all career levels. Promotes a welcoming culture by representing a diverse group of corporations, small businesses, and public and non-profit organizations. The Council offers opportunity for helpful content and professional networking, as well as success stories and career advice.

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### **OutPro Council**

Promotes a welcoming culture in the West Michigan community for LGBT professionals by offering opportunities for both social and professional networking through monthly gatherings at various venues throughout the city. OutPro gatherings are attended by professionals at all career levels, representing a diversity of corporations, small businesses and public and non-profit organizations.

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## HELP CREATE GREAT POLICY, ADVOCACY AND OPPORTUNITY

### **ISSUE COMMITTEES:**

#### **Education & Workforce Development Committee**

Work to ensure the development of a better educated and more productive workforce.

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### **Environmental Affairs Committee**

Advise Chamber members on significant environmental issues and work to influence officials to prepare and support cost-efficient, yet effective regulations.

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### **Healthcare and Human Resources Committee**

Advocate to reduce the cost of health care and encourage communication between the business and health care communities.

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### **Tax and Regulatory Affairs Committee**

Review issues as they relate to tax and regulations that impact the cost of doing business.

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### **Transportation Committee**

Analyze issues and advocate for infrastructure policies and projects that make efficient use of each dollar spent on transportation.

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### **COUNCILS:**

#### **Public Policy Council**

The Public Policy Council exists to advance Chamber legislative priorities and the region's business and community interests by coordinating the individual efforts of the Chamber's issues committees to ensure broad-based advocacy and motivates members to engage in action to achieve these goals.

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#### **Regional Issues Council**

West Michigan business and community leaders interested in receiving presentations and engaging in discussions on projects or issues that may affect the region's business and community interests.

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### **POLITICAL ACTION:**

#### **President's Club**

Individuals who personally contribute to the Chamber's Political Action Committee: The Friends of West Michigan Business. Participate in quarterly meetings featuring dynamic speakers who share insider perspectives and participate in the interview process for candidates running for office.

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