

# GRAND RAPIDS CHAMBER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

HELP CREATE GREAT NETWORKS, BUSINESS AND GROWTH

## **Ambassadors Committee**

Serves 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

## **Board of Director Committees**

### **Budget & Finance**

Addresses the needs of the Chamber in the areas of financial planning and forecasting, budget preparation, and periodic review of financial operating results.

### **Governance**

Assists the Board of Directors by recommending candidates for nomination to the Board; assures Board effectiveness and development; and reviews on a regular basis the overall governance of the Chamber and recommends improvements to the Board.

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## **Business Program Facilitators**

### **CEO & Management Roundtable Program**

### **Business Exchange Luncheon**

Assists in coordinating and guiding the communication among attendees.

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## **Business Services Advisory Council**

Provides input and guidance to the Chamber's Business Services Team. This council will review the annual work plan and provide recommendations. This group is made up of small business owners and business professionals.

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## **The Chamber Open Committee**

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

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## **West Michigan Minority Contractors Association (WMMCA)**

Provides input and guidance to the Chamber pertaining to the West Michigan Minority Contractors Association.

This includes the review and input on all programming, events, speakers, and venues. The council also provides guidance on the strategic direction of the WMMCA. The WMMCA is made up of minority and women owned businesses in the construction trades and General Contractors.

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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.

Chamber contact: Mel Trombley | Director of Leadership Programs | 616.771.0317

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### **Grand Rapids Chamber Leadership Programs Council and Work Groups**

Alumni of our Leadership programs (including Leadership Grand Rapids, Emerging Leaders, and Leadership Advantage) are central to informing our community leadership programs. Alumni work groups are formed throughout the year to advise programs and assist with special projects, like the CGL Annual Fundraiser. Leadership Program Council members serve as work group leads and the Council meets quarterly. Work groups and the CGL Council have requirements and a selection process.

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### **Institute for Healing Racism Facilitators Council**

The Institute for Healing Racism combats racism by educating individuals through the use of an honest and open dialogue lead by Chamber-trained community facilitators.

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### **OutPro Council**

Helps to promote a welcoming culture in West Michigan for LGBTQ professionals, the OutPro Council informs and supports efforts of planning social and educational experiences for individuals that identify as LGBTQ+ and allies.

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HELP CREATE GREAT POLICY, ADVOCACY AND OPPORTUNITY

### ISSUE COMMITTEES:

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

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

Chamber contact: Alexa Kramer | kramera@grandrapids.org | 616.771.0311

#### **Environmental Affairs Committee**

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

Chamber contact: Josh Lunger | lungerj@grandrapids.org | 616.771.0336

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

Advocates to reduce the cost of health care and encourages communication between the business and health care communities.

Chamber contact: Andy Johnston | johnstona@grandrapids.org | 616.771.0335

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

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

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### **Transportation Committee**

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

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### COUNCILS:

#### **Municipal Council**

The council exists to advise Chamber staff and advance the region's business and community interests at the local level.

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#### **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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