



Board of Directors Leadership Pledge

Thank you for giving of your time and your talents to serve on the Chamber Board of Directors. Our Board is exemplary in the fact that it is very diverse and comprised of business leaders from all sectors: healthcare, financial institutions, higher education, small business, nonprofit, insurance, and manufacturing.

Although your termed position is essentially advisory in nature, expectations and guidelines have been set in place to ensure Board accountability. As a member of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, you in good faith are asked to commit to a minimum level of participation.

- The Board meets the **third Friday of every month at 8:00 am** at the Chamber office located at the Ohio University Innovation Center. Board meetings are held each month except for May and September of each year. Board members are expected to be timely and have no more than three absences each year. More than three absences will result in a letter from the current Board Chair asking your intentions and possibly asking you to step down because you cannot fulfill the meeting attendance requirements.
- As your schedule permits, Board members are welcomed and encouraged to attend Chamber Committee meetings: Governmental Affairs held on the first Wednesday of every month at 8:00am in the Chamber conference room and / or an Athens Uptown Business Association (AUBA) Committee held on the second Wednesday of every month at 9:30 am in the Mayor's conference room on the first floor of City Hall on West Washington Street. Both monthly meetings are an hour in length.
- Attend the Chamber **Annual Dinner** held the last Thursday in January.
- Attend the **Steak Fry and Auction** held the third Thursday in September.
- Sponsor a Hole or commit to a Gold Team at the **Golf Outing**, held the third Friday in May, and/or sponsor or donate to the Steak Fry and Auction, as your business promotional and marketing budget permits.
- Advocate for the Chamber whenever possible by conducting business with other Chamber members making certain to share that you personally and/or professionally have chosen to "Keep It Local" to support fellow Chamber businesses.
- Familiarize yourself with Chamber saving benefits to share as added benefits of joining the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce in hopes of procuring new members. Cost savings benefits include: Bureau of Workers Compensation and Anthem Blue Cross / Blue Shield Health Insurance. Referrals may be sent to the Chamber President for personal follow-up.
- Support and advise the Chamber staff to best serve the mission and membership.

Your signature below signifies that you have read the Pledge and understand your commitment.

Signature

Date