

PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

The **mission** of the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce is to create an environment for *healthy economic growth* in the Anderson area and provide *superior value* for our members.

Business Development Council

Purpose: To foster a climate for an improved economic environment by encouraging relationships with local municipalities, state agencies, and area educational institutions.

Transportation Taskforce

- Provide guidance and advice to the Chamber Board regarding transportation issues
- Be cognizant of transportation related issues and advocate for improvement when needed
- Monitor issues related to air, rail, public transportation and matters affecting roads and bridges
- Develop strategies for Chamber initiatives on transportation related activities

Water Resources

- Monitor legal issues as they pertain to water resource issues
- Facilitate discussion concerning water resources with communities surrounding Lake Hartwell
- Continue on-going dialogue with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Host a Water Summit

Government Affairs Council

Purpose: To provide leadership in support of pro-business legislation and access to our elected officials on a local, state, and national level

Public Policy & Forums

- Provide members with access to elected representatives and key government officials
- Provide strong business advocacy on legislation and regulatory issues affecting Anderson and Upstate businesses
- Recommend to the Chamber Board, Chamber positions as needed on key business issues that affect the business community
- Develop an annual Legislative Agenda for the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce
- Conduct on-going forums for local, state and national elected officials to receive input on business related issues

Anderson Goes to Columbia

- Continue to support Columbia Day, a one-day trip to Columbia to learn about the legislative process and to communicate our business needs to our state legislators and agency officials in conjunction with Leadership Anderson

National Issues Forum (Washington, DC Trip)

- Host a region-wide trip to Washington, DC planned in conjunction with Anderson, Clemson, Easley, Laurens, Pickens and Seneca chambers to help encourage and promote awareness of federal issues that affect our region

Membership & Special Events Council

Purpose: Overall responsibility for membership recruitment, retention, and communications. As well as providing an opportunity for networking, promotion, education and recognition of Chamber membership.

Ambassadors

- Serve as the volunteer customer service branch of the Chamber
- Contact members to promote Chamber benefits and to encourage involvement in events, programs and committees

Annual Chamber Black & White Ball

- Celebrates the Chamber with a black-tie event

Business Advancement Committee

- Utilize member resources and personnel as well as collaborate with professional firms and institutions of learning to enhance educational opportunities for the business community
- Plan and execute Business and Education seminars and forums that focus on current topics and issues that affect all aspects of business operation
- Plan and execute the monthly Toast 'n Topics business breakfast events featuring speakers on timely issues and topics (event is hosted on first Thursday of each month)
- Sponsor the annual Small Business Awards Luncheon and present the Small Business of the Year Award, Pillar of Anderson Business Award, ATHENA Award and ATHENA Young Professional Award

Spring Golf Invitational

- Organize and coordinate the 2009 Spring Golf Invitational

Women's Golf Outing

- Organize and coordinate the 2009 Women's Golf Outing

2009 Committee Sign-Up

Please complete the form below, select your top three (3) committee preferences, and fax to the Chamber at (864) 226-3300. For more information, call the Chamber at (864) 226-3454.

Name _____ Title _____

Company _____ Email _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

I prefer correspondence: (choose one) by mail _____ by fax _____ by email _____

Committee preferences: (please rank your first, second, and third choices)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____