

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Guiding Principles

Government Affairs Team is guided by the following objectives:

1. Preserving the competitive enterprise system of business by creating a better understanding and appreciation of the importance of the business community and a concern for its problems; creating through education, a more intelligent business and public opinion regarding city, county, state and national legislative and political affairs; preventing controversies which are detrimental to business and the community; and creating a greater appreciation of the value of competitive business.
2. Promoting business and community growth and development by: promoting economic programs designed to strengthen and expand the income potential of all classifications of business within the trade area; and discovering and correcting abuse which prevents the promotion of business expansion and community growth.

Other chamber guidelines include:

- A. The use of taxes should be fair and equitable in providing services and programs that benefit the economic growth and health and welfare of citizens.
- B. Reasonable regulations are necessary to growing economy.
- C. Governmental policy needs to promote economic opportunity.
- D. Government expenditures should not grow at rates greater than populations and inflation, with the rare exception of capital improvements for needed infrastructure.
- E. Government must look for more efficient ways to provide services to maintain quality government with cost restraints.
- F. Making efforts to educate and inform public officials and media about the impact potential decisions could have on the area's economy.

GENERAL COMMITTEE / TASK FORCE INFORMATION / ACTIVITIES

Chamber policies regarding the roles and responsibilities of committees, a number of which are dictated by the chamber bylaws, are as follows:

- All committee appointments are made at the discretion of the chair of the chamber board. Committee appointees are individuals, not businesses or organizations. Appointees must be a representative of a member of the chamber, in good standing. No chamber member may have more than one representative on a chamber committee at any one time. Committee appointments are made in compliance with each chamber divisions approved appointment policy. Term on a committee is for one year and runs concurrent with the chair's term. Annual re-application is required. Annual appointments are based on past service and participation, industry diversity and recommendations of chamber staff.
- Membership on committee(s) shall emphasize consistency and continuity due to the nature of the issues involved and to preserve ability of the committee(s) to act. Member participation level must be maintained to ensure committee continuity and allow committee to function at full effectiveness.
- It is the function of chamber committees to conduct investigations and studies, serve an advisory role and make recommendations, as appropriate, as well as carry on such activities as may be delegated to the committees by the board. Neither chamber committees nor divisions, have the authority to act on behalf of the chamber. This includes strategic plans, work plans, master plans, goals, visions, budgets and expenditures. All matters of policy, resolution or governance action require approval of the board of directors.
- There are no funds available for chamber committees outside those dedicated for the chamber's president and CEO and other staffing, office supplies for the production of minutes, agendas and general overhead for providing meeting space. All disbursements are the responsibility of the president and CEO, and any expense incurred by staff requires preauthorization and approval by the president and CEO. Budgets for special events are internal working documents prepared by the president and CEO for management purposes and authority for expenditures are, again, the president and CEO's and not any special events committee.
- Management and operations are the responsibility of the chamber's president and CEO. No committee, committee chair or division chair has the responsibility to direct or manage chamber staff, programs, events or day-to-day operations. Staff members work for the president and CEO, who works for the board of directors. Committee meetings must be noticed by staff and a chamber staff member must be present at all chamber committee meetings. The chamber's president and CEO is a member of every chamber committee per chamber bylaws but may delegate committee meeting attendance to a staff member.
- Only the chamber's current board chair and president and CEO have the authority to speak to the media and make representations on behalf of the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce. It is incumbent upon the current chair board chair and/or president and CEO to give testimony or make presentations before civic and governmental agencies. In the chair's absence, he/she may designate a division or committee chair to do so.



**Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce
Governmental Affairs Team
2020 Commitment Form**

Each November your chamber offers members the opportunity to apply for the Governmental Affairs Team. All members interested in serving on the committee need to apply annually and agree to the following provisions.

1. All committee members agree to attend a minimum of 75% of all regular committee meetings. (Held on the second Tuesday of the month at 8:00 am, 5-8 times a year in the chamber conference room.)
2. Committee members who meet the attendance requirement will retain voting privileges.
3. While multiple representatives are encouraged and invited to attend, one vote per member business will be allowed.

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I agree to the above guidelines and attendance requirement for the 2020 Government Affairs Team. If the application to RACC's GAT is accepted, you will be obligated to sign the following commitment form.

Name _____

Signature _____

Business _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

**Please send completed form to: Debbie Fromdahl, Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 1026, Roseburg OR 97470
Phone 541-672-2648 ext. 12, Fax 541-673-7868**

**If interested in being considered for the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce's
2020 Government Affairs Team, [click here.](#)**