

Committee Application

Thank you for your interest in our Committees. Please fax your completed application to the attention of Valencia Williamson at 267-0603. The purpose of this application is not to exclude members from a Committee. It is merely a tool used to ensure that all participants are professional and committed to the goals of the committee and the Chamber.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company: _____ Industry: _____

Business Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Committee(s) interested in: _____

Professional Associations (offices held, if any):

Civic/Charitable Memberships (offices held, if any):

What drew your interest to the above committee(s):

As an applicant, I am stating that I am an active member in good standing. I understand the standards of active participation and attendance for all members to maintain. I understand that individuals joining committees must exhibit the highest degree of professionalism and embrace an attitude that is positive, supportive, and respectful to all people while representing the Chamber in this volunteer role.

Signed _____ Date _____

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_____ Database _____ Chairperson _____ Participant _____ Acknowledgement

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◇ **Ambassador Committee** members attend Chamber events, call on first year members, and promote the Chamber. Ambassadors have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with other members while building business relationships. This group meets monthly on the fourth Thursday of the month at 12:30pm at the Chamber office in Santa Rosa Beach.

Chairperson: Liz McLeod; O'Sullivan Creel, 837-0398

Board Liaison: Joe Rizza; Halprin Finkler Investment Group of Wachovia Securities; 650-8851

Staff Liaison: Lauren Gall; Lauren@WaltonAreaChamber.com; 267-0683

◇ **Area Council** members work with other Chamber members to address issues and develop stronger business connections in a specific geographic area. Currently Councils are being developed in DeFuniak Springs, Freeport, and the Coastal Area. Through regularly scheduled meetings, the Council offers members the opportunity to prioritize and bring the needs of the area into focus and take community leadership roles in addressing these needs.

Chairperson: Melinda Adams; Gulf Coast Shutter; 269-1066 (Coastal)

Gabrielle Bullard; Financial Advisor; 951-0809 (DeFuniak Springs)

Jennifer Grant; Allstate; 835-7782; (Freeport)

Board Liaison: Sherrell Wilkerson, FootSeas Medical; wilkersonsherrell@hotmail.com; 267-4554 (Coastal)

Rob Neale, AXA Advisors; robneale-office@panhandle.rr.com; 892-5423; (DeFuniak Springs)

Kasey Cuchens; Choctawhatchee Bay Piling & Dock Inc.; kcuchens@defuniak.com ; 835-2424

Staff Liaison: Valencia Williamson; Valencia@WaltonAreaChamber.com; 892-3191

◇ **Athena Planning Committee** is a joint partnership program with the Niceville and Ft. Walton Beach Chambers. Members will work to plan the Athena Award Program, which is an international award that is presented annually by chambers of commerce, women's organizations and universities worldwide. The Athena Award honors individuals who strive toward the highest levels of professional accomplishment...women who excel in their own chosen field, have devoted time and energy to their community in a meaningful way, and who also opens paths so that others may follow. Nominations are solicited in the community and an ATHENA sculpture is awarded at an annual Athena Awards Dinner in October to an individual in the community who meets the specific criteria.

Chairperson:

Board Liaison: Gail Murray; SunQuest Cruises; 650-2519

Staff Liaison: Lauren Gall; Lauren@WaltonAreaChamber.com; 267-0683

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- ◇ **BUILD Council** works to bridge the gap between today's leaders and the leaders of tomorrow through placement in opportunities to excel. Members of this council work to propel a regional, professional mentorship program forward.

Staff Liaison: Dawn Moliterno; Dawn@WaltonAreaChamber.com, 267-0683

- ◇ **Community Development Corporation** focuses on the region's workforce housing initiatives, while also focusing their energies on the community's Center for Attainable Housing.

Board Liaison: Shelton Stone; Owl's Head Development; 231-2058

Staff Liaison: Dawn Moliterno; Dawn@WaltonAreaChamber.com, 267-0683

- ◇ **Leads Groups** are made up of 15-20 individuals representing a broad spectrum of businesses in the area. As the only member in your group representing your industry, you gain a unique opportunity to both give and receive new business leads. This group meets weekly on Thursdays at 8:30 am. For specific location, contact Susan Bradley.

Staff Liaison: Susan Bradley; Susan.Bradley@WaltonAreaChamber.com; 267-0683

- ◇ **Military Affairs Committee** members work to support the military mission and enhance the relationship between the community and the military. They meet the second Friday of the month in Freeport at 8am.

Chairperson: Melinda Wickham, Walton County TDC; 267-1216; mwickham@beachesofsouthwalton.com

Board Liaison: Dawne Dries; Chautauqua Rehabilitation & Nursing Center; 892-2176

Staff Liaison: Michelle Tommey; Michelle@WaltonAreaChamber.com; 267-0683

- ◇ **Political Action Committee** members work to shape and affect governmental action, public policy and legislation on local, state and federal issues of concern to the Chamber membership. This committee meets the third Tuesday of every month at the Chamber office in Santa Rosa Beach at 8:30am.

Chairperson: Michael Lawson; The Lawson Law Firm; 266-2260

Board Liaison: Bobby Rains, BancorpSouth; 269-5460

Staff Liaison: Dawn Moliterno; Dawn@WaltonAreaChamber.com; 267-0683

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- ◇ **Taste of the Beach Committee** works diligently to plan, support and market one of our largest, signature events, **Wine & Dine at THE Beach**. This group secures sponsorships, vendors and donations, while also serving as event planners, for this large wine tasting, fare sampling and business extravaganza.

Chairperson: Dawn Moliterno

Board Liaison: Mike Chouri; Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort and Spa; 267-9500

Staff Liaison: Michelle Tommey; michelle@WaltonAreaChamber.com, 267-0683

- ◇ **Walton Area Chamber Celebrity Golf Classic Committee** members have the opportunity to participate in one of the Chamber's most popular events, the Golf Classic Tournament. The goal of this committee is to coordinate an event for members to interact in a business/professional social setting, while also having a little "work related," fun. This event is scheduled for April 2008.

Honorary Chairperson: Mark Lemke; Former Second Baseman for the Atlanta Braves

Board Liaison: Kim Holly; Banktrust; 267-0329

Staff Liaison: Michelle Tommey; Michelle@WaltonAreaChamber.com; 267-0683

- ◇ **Youth Leadership/Education Council** members are working to respond to the needs of area employers by developing programs and initiatives to attract, hire, train, and retain, skilled workers.

Chairperson:

Board Liaison: Roger Hall; Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast; 278-3000

Staff Liaison: Michelle Tommey; michelle@WaltonAreaChamber.com; 267-0683

Please return this portion to either Chamber Office listed below

Contact: _____ **Company Name:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

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