



The Chamber Announces 2018 Board of Directors & Officers

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Lawrence, Kan. – The Chamber of Lawrence is pleased to announce its slate of newly elected Board of Directors and Officers for 2018. Comprised of professional and inspirational volunteer leaders from across the Lawrence community, the Board of Directors represents a wide range of industries and expertise that will be a great asset to help guide The Chamber and its staff as it moves forward while focusing on leadership, advocacy, and growth.

The Chamber would like to thank Cal Karlin, Beth Easter, Kevin O’Malley, Joe Pedley, and Nikki White for their previous service on our board.

Starting in 2018, The Chamber will have two new officer positions, Innovation & Entrepreneurship and Workforce. The following members will serve on the Board for the coming year and officially begin service on January 1, 2018.

Executive Officers

Chair: Michele Hammann, SS&C Solutions

Incoming Chair: Joe Caldwell, Barlett & West

Treasurer: Mike Orozco, U.S. Bank

Past Chair: Jason Edmonds, Edmonds Duncan Registered Investment Advisors

Officers

Government & Community Affairs: Kristin Eldridge, Snap Promotions

Communications: *Jana Dawson, Westar Energy

Operations: Rick Hird, Petefish, Immel, Heeb & Hird

Leadership Lawrence: Kevin Loos, ICL Performance Products

Economic Development: Kirsten Flory, Colliers International

Membership: Crystal Swearingen, Keller Williams Real Estate

Innovation & Entrepreneurship: *Julie Nagel, KU Innovation & Collaboration

Workforce: Sandy Dixon, Plastikon & Tim Stultz, Highland Construction, Inc.

Board Members

Chip Blaser, Douglas County Community Foundation
Philip Bradley, Kansas Licensed Beverage Association
Tamara Cash
*Ron Gaches
*Russ Johnson, Lawrence Memorial Hospital
Tom Karasek, CEK Insurance
*Derek Kwan, Lied Center of Kansas
*Matt Llewellyn, 23rd Street Brewery
Mike Logan, Abe & Jake's Landing/The Granada/Lucia
Vickie Randel
Bill Schulteis, Cherry Hill Properties

Ex-Officio Members

Dr. Douglas Girod, University of Kansas
Venida Chenault, Haskell Indian Nations University
Steve Prue, Haskell Indian Nations University
Anna Stubblefield, Lawrence Public Schools
GR Underwood, Bioscience & Technology Business Center

*denotes a new board member

About The Chamber, Lawrence, Kansas

The Chamber, Lawrence, Kansas, is a non-for-profit organization that promotes the economic vitality of Lawrence and Douglas County. The Chamber represents the interests of our members and the Lawrence & Douglas County business community by facilitating strategic partnerships for the benefit of our community, educating the community on the benefits of economic development, advocating for local and regional competitive economic viability, and promoting civic leadership and community engagement.

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