

Summary of Recommended Changes to the Code of Regulations of the Greater Akron Chamber

Based on a review of the code of regulations by the Executive Committee of the Board of the Greater Akron Chamber, several updates to the code of regulations have been recommended and approved by the Board of Directors for recommendation to the members of the Greater Akron Chamber.

A “red-line” copy of the current code with “mark-ups” is included with this summary. For convenience of review, significant changes being recommended to the code of regulations have been summarized below:

1. The code has been revised to be gender neutral by changing all references from “Chairman” to “Chair.” (Throughout)
2. The code has been clarified to allow notices of meetings to be given electronically to comport with current practice and the practicality and availability of email, Internet access and social media. (Section 4.01)
3. The number of Board members has been increased from 54 to 75 members to comport with current practice and to assist with improving diversity of the Board. In addition, we have clarified that term limits for those Board members that invest at the Chair’s Circle level will not be term limited. In addition the level of investment to qualify for an additional Chair’s Circle Board seat has been left to the discretion of the Board. (Section 5.01)
4. The required number of Board meetings that must be held in addition to the Annual Meeting has been reduced from 6 to 4. (Section 5.03)
5. The Executive Committee has been expanded from a maximum of twelve to a maximum of fifteen members to increase the diversity of the Executive Committee. Vice Chair role nomenclature and roles have been adjusted. In addition, the language has been clarified to support the President of the Chamber as a member ex-officio of the Executive Committee. (Section 6.01; 7.01; various references to vice chairs throughout)
6. It has been specified that members of chamber committees do not need to be members of the Board of Directors. (Section 10.02)
7. Indemnity provisions in the code have been amended to ensure indemnity is provided, pursuant to Ohio Non-Profit Law, by the organization to members of the Board in the circumstance that enough members are named as a party to an action that a quorum to provide indemnity cannot be reached. (Section 11.01)

These changes will be presented to the members for their approval at the March 21, 2019 annual meeting of the members. Questions about any of these recommended changes can be addressed to Steve Millard, President and Secretary of the Greater Akron Chamber at steve@greaterakronchamber.org or via telephone at 330.237.1212.