
Nominating Committee Report

Annual Meeting of the Members of the
Greater Akron Chamber

March 21, 2019

GAC Nominating Committee

Appointed by the Chair with approval of the Board and composition defined per the organizations's regulations as including the Chair, Immediate Past Chair, two members of the Board and two members-at-large from among the members of the organization

- **Chair** – Marc Merklin, Brouse McDowell
- **Immediate Past Chair** – Don Taylor, Welty
- **Two Board Members:** Julie Brandle, Metis Construction; Ella Hochstetler, Dominion Energy
- **Two Members-at-Large:** Tim Dimoff, SACS Consulting; Bob Lanier, Summit Magazine

Completed Service

The following board members have concluded their service due to term expiration or a departure from their role

- ❑ Robert Filipiak, Cascade Capital
- ❑ Jerry Gootee, Ernst & Young
- ❑ John Higgins, Jr., Charter Communications
- ❑ Phil Maynard, ASW Properties
- ❑ Angela Neely, Metro Regional Transit Authority
- ❑ Stephen Kristan, AT&T
- ❑ Hillary Stewart, Torchbearers
- ❑ Ted Walter, Fifth Third
- ❑ Julie Wesel, ChemStress
- ❑ Sadie Winlock, Urban League

Completed Service

The following Chair's Circle company board members have also concluded their service on the Board

- ❑ Carolyn Lanier, NEOMED
- ❑ Virginia Addicott, FedEx Custom Critical
- ❑ Kirsten Lino, Huntington Bank
- ❑ Jeffrey Murphy, Dominion
- ❑ William Considine, Akron Childrens Hospital
- ❑ Paul Fitzhenry, Goodyear

Completed Service

The following board members have completed a first term on the Board and are being nominated for a new term through March 2022

- ❑ Julie Brandle, Metis Construction
- ❑ Steve Charles, Bridgestone
- ❑ Laura Culp, Sikich
- ❑ Michael Kolk,
Cohen & Company
(Ex-Officio through 2020)
- ❑ Darrin Kotecki, GPD Group
- ❑ Robert Littman, BDO USA
- ❑ Jon Park, Westfield Bank
- ❑ Ernie Pouttu, Harwick Standard
- ❑ John Petures, Jr.,
Akron Community Foundation

Board Nominations

The following individuals are being recommended for nomination to new terms based on their experiences, engagement with the organization and/or engagement with key initiatives or opportunities aligned with the chamber's work

- ❑ Bill Albrecht, Akron Beacon Journal / Gatehouse Media
- ❑ Elizabeth Bartz, State and Federal Communications
- ❑ Nicholas Buzzelli, Fifth Third
- ❑ Samantha Coldwell, Torchbearers (ex-officio)
- ❑ Renato Camacho, Akron Canton Regional Airport
- ❑ Shon Christy, Shon Christy Social Media
- ❑ Dawn Distler, Metro Regional Transit Authority
- ❑ Jolene Lane, University of Akron
- ❑ Jim Mullen, United Way of Summit County
- ❑ LaTonya Myers, Excel HR Consulting
- ❑ Pastor Eugene Norris, Fame Fathers
- ❑ Joseph Paul, The Davey Tree Expert Company
- ❑ Parker Platt, Citizens Bank
- ❑ Chris Richardson, AxxesPoint

Chair's Circle Nominations

The following individuals are being nominated to new or renewed board terms through March 2022 as a representative of their Chair's Circle company

Renewal Term

- Laura Duda, Goodyear
- Nick Gattozzi, Kent State University
- Lucia Pileggi, Key Bank
- Brad Wright, Roetzel

New Term

- Candice Carlyon, FedEx Custom Critical
- Bennett Williams, Akron Children's Hospital
- Dr. Jennifer Savitski, Cleveland Clinic Akron General
- Steve Schmidt, NEOMED
- Romona Davis, Huntington Bank
- Melissa Monaco, Goodyear

Executive Committee Nominations

The following individuals are being nominated to serve as members of the Executive Committee of the Board

Officers and Vice Chairs

Marc Merklin
Brouse McDowell
Chair

Grace Wakulchik,
Akron Children’s Hospital
Chair-Elect

Don Taylor
Welty
Immediate Past Chair (Ex-Officio)

Shon Christy
Shon Christy Social Media
Vice Chair, Small Business Council

Tia Ramlow
GreatWork! Employment Services
Vice Chair, Finance

Ernie Pouttu
Harwick Standard
Vice Chair, Chamber Services

Andre Thornton
ASW Global
Co-Vice Chair, Economic
Inclusion

Dr. Jay Gershen
NEOMED
Co-Vice Chair, Government
Affairs

Elizabeth Bartz
State and Federal
Communications
Co-Vice Chair, Government
Affairs

At-Large Members

Tim Burke
Key Bank

Whitt Butler
Ernst & Young

Laura Culp
Sikich

Ella Hochstetler
Dominion

Para Jones
Stark State College

John Petures, Jr.
Akron Community
Foundation

Dr. Jennifer Savitski
Cleveland Clinic
Akron General

Steven Strah
First Energy

Note: Names in bold represent nominees new to the Executive Committee or their Vice Chair role