

Chamber Committees — Volunteer Opportunities

Ambassadors

Jack Shilling, chair

Lisa Allen, staff member

The Chamber's Ambassadors make personal visits to Chamber members throughout the year to gather feedback on their perception of the Chamber's programs and services. The members of this committee of mostly retired individuals also attend ribbon cuttings and grand openings.

Auction Committee

Chair needed

This Committee meets approximately six months leading up to the annual auction, The Soiree. Committee members help call and procure items for the live auction event.

Aviation Committee

Walt Strong, Administrator, Max Westheimer Airport, chair

Robin Allen, staff member

The Aviation Committee, which meets monthly for lunch and program, promotes aviation in Norman and Max Westheimer Airport as valuable community assets. The Annual Norman Aviation Breakfast and Festival are also projects of this committee.

Business and the Arts Committee

Laura Ingram, Arvest Bank, co-chair

Erica Reid, staff member

This committee works to forge cooperative relationships between members of the local business community and arts organizations. This group annually produces the Fall Arts Luncheon and awards grants biannually.

Business Development Committee

Steve Kaplan, *Native Roots Market*

Lisa Allen, staff member

The Retail Trade Committee works to initiate a coordinated effort among merchants to promote Norman as a major shopping area. The committee plans the Chamber Lunch & Learns events. They also plan two annual events: Business Marketplace in February and the Norman Sooner Kickoff in August.

Business and Education Committee

Robyn Castleberry, Moore Norman Technology Center, co-chair

John Koons, OG&E, co-chair

Katie Merrick, staff member

This group links business with education by promoting businesses' support and recognition of Norman schools. The committee's activities include among other things an annual breakfast pairing principals with their sponsor businesses.

Greenovation Committee

Trey Bates, Hallbrooke Development Group, co-chair

Kyla McMoran, staff member

The Greenovation Committee strives to be Norman's primary resource providing leadership on green initiatives to empower business and the community to facilitate healthy growth in order to create a sustainable environment. Subcommittees focus on recycling, conservation and transportation issues. The committee's overarching goals also focus on clean energy and prairie smart growth.

Military Affairs Committee

Joe King, chair

Angie Drury, staff member

The Military Affairs Committee acts as a liaison between the Norman business community and Tinker Air Force Base and the OU ROTC programs. The committee also coordinates the annual ROTC Award Ceremony.

Norman NEXT

Samantha Kahoe, Cole Technology Group, chair

Kyla McMoran, staff member

Norman NEXT is a young professional's organization for Chamber members ages 21 through 40. The mission of Norman NEXT is "to attract, retain, and propel the best and brightest young professionals." The group holds a monthly round table luncheons and an evening social event called NEXT Hour. Norman NEXT has five teams for members to join: Community Activism, Government Relations, Marketing, Next Generational Leadership and Special Events.

Sooner Centurions

Chuck Thompson, Republic Bank & Trust, chair

Robin Allen, staff member

The members of this elite group of Chamber members enjoy opportunities to participate in activities organized by the Norman Economic Development Coalition (NEDC). Membership in the Sooner Centurions requires the payment of a \$1,000 annual fee to the Chamber in addition to dues. Non-members can also join this group for \$1,100 annually. These funds are used by the Chamber solely to provide support for the NEDC

Transportation Committee

Tom Sherman, Fowler Holding Group, chair

Robin Allen, staff member

This committee monitors transportation issues relevant to the Norman community and provides related information to the Chamber's membership. The group also provides a forum every second month for interaction of representatives from various local entities involved in transportation.

Weather Committee

Kevin Kloesel, OU College of Atmospheric & Geographic Sciences, co-chair

Carrie Burlison, Embassy Suites Norman - Hotel & Convention Center, co-chair

Kyla McMoran, staff member

This group provides leadership within the Norman weather community via regular meetings that serve as a crossroads for all stakeholders. These monthly luncheons are held at the National Weather Center and feature speakers and discussion among the members. The annual National Weather Festival is a project of the Weather Committee.