



## **Mission**

**The Downers Grove Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry is a membership organization committed to coordinating and directing the collective efforts and concerns of our business, educational and governmental partners to enhance and strengthen the economic environment of our members and our community**

## **Legislative Committee Purpose**

The Legislative Committee furthers the Chamber mission by advocating positions and initiatives of the committee and business concerns of Chamber Members in matters involving government at all levels.

## **Activities**

- Assess Members' business issues and interests;
- Educate Members;
- Promote and communicate those issues and interests to decision makers in government, Membership and the community.

## **Committee Structure**

The Legislative Committee is open for all Members of the Downers Grove Area Chamber of Commerce to attend. Its leadership will include a chairman, co-chairman and past chairman which is determined by the Chamber's Chairman of the Board of Directors. When a Chamber position is required, votes of Chamber Members only, are tallied. The basis for work is determined by the Chamber Board of Directors' approved Initiatives and Positions and Test of Relevance (see below). When a position is taken by the committee, a recommendation is submitted to the Board of Directors for further action.

## **Test of Relevance**

Prior to a position being taken, or resources expended, the staff and committee will consider the following questions when addressing issues:

1. Does the issue at hand comply with the Committee Purpose, and/or the Legislative Platform of the Chamber?
2. Is involvement with the issue cost effective?
3. Is involvement with the issue a duplication of effort?
4. Is the issue at hand one of relevance to, or origination directly from Membership?

## **Agenda for Advocacy**

### **Local Issues:**

Proposed ordinances directly affecting business  
Council Report Card  
Coalitions and partnerships: School Board and EDC Board of Directors  
Infrastructure

### **State Issues:**

Proposed bills directly affecting business  
Voter Registration  
Coalitions and partnerships: IL Chamber of Commerce  
Others to consider:  
Transportation for Illinois Coalition  
Coalition for Jobs Growth and Prosperity

### **Federal Issues:**

Proposed bills directly affecting business  
Infrastructure, transportation  
Coalitions and partnerships: US Chamber of Commerce  
Others to consider:  
Americans for Transportation Mobility  
Alliance for Energy and Economic Growth  
Tax Relief Coalition  
US Chamber Coalition for Free Trade

## **Conferences**

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Conference  
Illinois State Chamber Annual Business Day  
Various briefings, Springfield, IL and Washington, DC

## **Events**

- Legislative, issue oriented general membership luncheons
- Candidate forums: for all local elections