Committee & Network Details Billings Chamber of Commerce

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: BUILDING OUR QUALITY PLACE





TRAILS

Frequency: Quarterly | Participation: Open to all Chamber members The goals of this committee will be to work with all of our community "Trail Stakeholder Groups" to connect and improve our trail system. Specifically, this committee is a consortium of businesses, organizations, governmental bodies, and individuals devoted to developing the Marathon Loop and connecting trail amenities and our cultural assets to the Heritage Trail System managed by TrailNet. Kristi@BillingsTrailnet.org for questions.



AIR SERVICE

Frequency: On call. At least four times per year. | Participation: Appointed. Air service is a vital component to a community's business success while enhancing quality of life for residence. This committee will engage community partners (Big Sky Economic Development, City of Billings and businesses) to maintain Billings' air service and grow service into new targeted destinations.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: INFLUENCE PUBLIC POLICY



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Meets guarterly. Board composed of ten Chamber Members approved by the Chamber Board of Directors. Responsible for recommending positions to the Chamber Board that pertain to School District, City of Billings and Yellowstone County local policies and issues. Annually evaluates candidate endorsements. Daniel@BillingsChamber.com for details.



STATE & FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY BOARD

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: GROW WORKFORCE & DEVELOP LEADERS



BILLINGSWORKS

Through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the Billing Chamber of Commerce partners with the lead workforce development organization for Billings (Big Sky Economic Development) to support the mission of retaining and recruiting workers. The steering committee meets regularly and offers workshops and educational sessions throughout the year to the business community. Info@BillingsChamber.com for questions.



NEXTGEN

Emerging professional network for people aged 21 to 39. NextGEN exists to foster relationships among young professionals, develop business opportunities, support civic involvement, and promote an overall investment in the future of our community. Steering Committee meets monthly. Open to both members of the Chamber and non-members (additional annual fee required). Steering Committee participation is through an application process. Marya@BillingsChamber.com for questions.

LEADERSHIP ALUMNI

Networking and professional development opportunities are scheduled several times each year. Open to all graduates of the adult Leadership Billings Program. After completing Leadership Billings graduates often ask, "What's Next?" Through participation, alumni can utilize the community knowledge and networks they gained through the program to address community issues and work on special projects. Jennifer@BillingsChamber.com for questions.

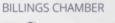
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION NETWORK

The appointed D&I Network Advisory Board meets monthly. It's mission is to "continuously work to identify and dismantle conscious and nonconscious systemic bias and discriminatory actions in our workplaces and within our community through education, training, advocacy, mentorship, having difficult conversations, and regularly facilitating diverse and inclusive interactions as a convener within the city's business community." Quarterly membership committee meetings are being planned. John@BillingsChamber.com for questions.

WOMEN'S NETWORK

The Women's Network exists as a space for female professionals to build connections and relationships. It offers monthly opportunities for professional and personal development and to engage with and mentor other female professionals. Jennifer@BillingsChamber.com for questions.









STRATEGIC PRIORITY: LEAD VISITOR GROWTH



VISIT BILLINGS/TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Meets at 8:30am on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Chamber. The board is appointed by the mayor. Meetings are open to the public and people with an interest in learning about tourism are encouraged to attend. The Board (managed by the Chamber) is responsible for investing the \$2/occupied room night fee collected locally in promoting visitation to Billings. Visit Billings promotes Billings as the leisure, sports and business traveler destination of choice. VisitBillings.com/tbid-stakeholder for more information on meetings. Alex@VisitBillings.com for questions.



VISIT SOUTHEAST MONTANA

Meets at least five times a year. Meetings rotate around eastern Montana. The board is appointed annually and consists of representation from the 13 counties and two Indian reservations in our region. Meetings are open to the public and people with an interest in learning about tourism are encouraged to attend. The board is responsible for investing regionally collected lodging tax in promoting tourism in our region. SemtPartners.com/ for more information on meetings. Brenda@SoutheastMontana.com for questions.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: SPARK SUCCESS IN MEMBERS



SHOP SMALL

Open to all members of the Chamber to increase support of our member merchants and increase traffic through small business doors. The committee meets as needed throughout the year. Alyssa@BillingsChamber.com for questions.



AGRICULTURE

Meets the 1st Friday of each month at 7 a.m. Open to all members of the Chamber. The Ag Committee educates members about issues pertaining to agriculture, the region's number one industry. Members serve on the Ag Banquet and Ag Tour planning committees. Jack@BillingsChamber.com for more information.





AMBASSADORS

Meets monthly and is appointed through an application process to support the mission of the Chamber by connecting new and existing members to opportunities to grow their business and to advocate for the members to the Chamber staff. Jennifer@BillingsChamber.com for questions.



COLLABORATE

Open to all members of the Chamber at no cost and no limit to industry. Members meet weekly to exchange business information, network and support each other through lead development, shared strategies, and best practices. Rene@BillingsChamber.com for questions.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT NETWORK



Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month (location varies, 8:30am, Noon or 4pm rotation). Open to all members of the Chamber at no cost and no limit to industry to assist businesses in creating long-term value; create relationships to benefit business; explore how interactions create opportunity for growth. Jennifer@BillingsChamber.com for questions.



MAJOR INVESTOR NETWORK

Meets quarterly. Led by current Chamber Board Chair and Chamber President/CEO. This is a benefit for senior leadership of our Beartooth, Granite Peak and Big Sky level members. As prominent business leaders, the Chamber Board of Directors asks participants to share their valuable input as the Chamber develops and implements ways to drive our community forward. John@BillingsChamber.com for questions.

