

Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce Board Member Overview:

Thank you for considering a Director position with the IACC. We are a dynamic group of volunteers and would welcome your participation & representation of your business Please review the information included here and in this attachment ([link to pdf](#)) regarding responsibilities and expectations of directors.

We try to maintain a diverse board in order to have a full spectrum of ideas shared as topics arise. We focus on different sectors of our membership, as well as varying educational, and career backgrounds.

Our current Board members agree – most all meetings, regular monthly as well as select committee, are held weekdays – usually prior to 9am. That does require less than 1 hour each month for regular meetings. Then depending on the committees you choose to serve on (most meet only during certain times of the year) an additional hour or two each month.

As far as evenings and weekends – it is necessary for Board Members to attend and participate in:

- Annual Awards – the last Saturday of January – usually 4-9:30 or so
- Expo in March – 1st or 2nd Saturday OR Friday Evening
- Golf Outing – third Fri in May, but usually off the course and on the way home by 5pm
- Two selected shifts (2 hours each) at the Chamber Information Booth at the Ionia Free Fair any one of the seven evenings after 4pm, or a Saturday or Sunday 2 hour commitment

There are other opportunities, but they are more on a selection basis, rather than a ‘chamber commitment to members and community - requiring Board member participation for success’ as in the list above.

We know how busy everyone is and certainly appreciate your thoughtful consideration of possible Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce Board Membership.

If choosing to serve in an ‘At Large’ Board of Director Position and your term begins in the months of:

January through September: the term will end the same year Dec 31 and you would be asked to renew for another year.

October through December: The term will end Dec 31 the following year and you would be asked to renew for a consecutive year.

Interested parties submit a candidate data and interest form ([link provided here](#)), and may also include a letter of intent. At the next regularly scheduled meeting the candidates are reviewed by the board and one candidate is recommended for the open director at large position.

Parties interested in serving on the Board of Directors may also register annually to run for a full board of director position (3 year term) against renewing and/or other petitioning candidates. A petition ([link provided here](#)) is completed and turned in by the deadline. The petitioner is then added to the ballot mailed out to all current chamber members. A committee of appointed board members (none who are on the current ballot) then tallies the votes and announces the newly elected members at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Once again, we thank you for your interest. The Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce would not be the dynamic and growing organization it is without the volunteer working board that we have. We look forward to hearing from you soon!