

SALISBURY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMITTEES

Agri-Business Committee – Chair Dr. James McNaughton, Staff Liaison Donna Griffith

- Meets the third Tuesday of each month except June, July and August at 7:30 a.m.
- Investigates problem areas and opportunities for the farmer
- Establishes regular contact with agricultural-oriented organizations & helps get their message out
- Developing programs of mutual interest to the whole agri-business industry

Ambassadors Committee - Chair Karen Cherry, Staff Liaison Clay Tarpley

- Meets the first Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. at Denny's
- Supports the Membership Committee
- Responsible for retention of members by welcoming and assimilating new members
- Functions as greeters and hosts at Chamber events

Architects, Engineers & Surveyors Task Force (Meets as needed)

- Currently holding quarterly meetings with the Salisbury Public Works Director

Beautification Committee – Chairman Chris Gilkerson, Staff Liaison Donna Griffith

- Meets the first Thursday of each month at noon
- Establishes goals and implements programs designed to enhance the physical beauty of our community
- Manages landscaping projects

Budget & Finance Committee – Chair Michael Kleger, Staff Liaison Donna Griffith

- Meets bimonthly on the third Tuesday at noon
- Responsible for monitoring monthly financial and budget reports
- Conducts the annual audit
- Continually reviews the Chamber's financial operation and position.
- Investments Sub-Committee monitors the Chamber's investment portfolio

Business Affairs Committee – Chairs Sean Fahey & Steve Smith, Staff Liaison Shannon Mitchell

- Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 a.m.
- Develops programs and training of special interest to the business community
- Monitors the business climate in the state and advocates for free enterprise

Elder Care Committee – Chair Abby Portell, Staff Liaison Cindy Feist

- Meets the third Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.
- Monitors trends in the senior citizen support industry
- Works with other agencies supporting the elder

Local Legislative Committee – Chair Matthew Creamer, Staff Liaison Shannon Mitchell

- Meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at Wor-Wic Community College
- Advises the Chamber leadership on local governmental issues
- Monitor the activities of the City and County Councils
- Maintains a continuing overview of all city and county activities
- Invites various department heads and other speakers monthly

Membership Committee – Chair Lynn Creasy, Staff Liaison Clay Tarpley

- Meets the second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m.
- Recruits members
- Develops retention programs and incentives
- Conducts new member orientations and training programs

National Legislative E-committee - Focuses on national issues via e-mail

Public Relations & Marketing – Chair Jenni Pastusak, Staff Liaison Cindy Feist

- Meets the fourth Thursday at 12:00 p.m. at the Chamber

- Focuses on three areas
 - o Internal education of committee members on the latest in public relations & marketing
 - o Conducts PR-ER's, a brainstorming forum to review a business' marketing and suggest improvements
 - o Act as the marketing group for the Chamber on issues and for events

Recycling & Environmental Affairs Committee – Chair Mary Hager, Staff Liaison Cindy Feist

- Meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 8 a.m. in Common Grounds Coffee House
- Educates the membership and public about the positive impact and value recycling
- Monitors other environmental activities and trends for the Chamber leadership and members
- Plans green educational and recycling events

Salisbury Festival – Chair Changes Annually, Staff Liaison Shannon Mitchell

- Meets November to May with the frequency of meetings increasing during the months of March and April
- Responsible for the coordinating, planning and implementation of festival events
- The festival is held the end of April

State Legislative Committee – Chair vacant, Staff Liaison Brad Bellacicco

- Meets during the General Assembly in January to April
- Focuses on proposed state legislation affecting our area
- Recommends policy positions to the Board
- Conveys Chamber positions to elected officials
- Coordinates with the Maryland Chamber of Commerce and other interested groups

Technology Committee - Chair Kevin Justice, Staff Liaison Shannon Mitchell

- Meets the second Thursday at 9 a.m. in the Chamber
- Monitors business related technology trends
- Aids member companies in the IT business get their message out
- Informs members of IT issues

Workforce Development Committee – Chair Teresa Disharoon & Jayme Weeg, Staff Liaison Brad Bellacicco

- Meets the second Monday of each month at noon in the Chamber
- Manages the annual Chamber Potential for Success high schools scholarships
- Assists educational institutions and workforce development agencies on the Lower Shore

Young Professionals: Chairs – Adam Roop and Michelle Aydelotte, Staff Liaison – Clay Tarpley

- Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 a.m.
- Committed to the growth and development of local young professionals between 21 and 39
- Hosts networking events and lunch & learn professional development sessions
- Conducts community outreach projects like the annual Career Day

Independent Subsidiary Organizations with their own Board of Directors

Eastern Shore Business Leadership Network – staff Liaison Jackie Gast

Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation – Chair Nina East, Staff Liaison Donna Griffith & Joe Giordano

Other organizations that work with the Chamber

SHRM

LORA

Urban Salisbury

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Current as of 6/26/2011