

2019 Public Policy Program of Work

MISSION: To identify, develop, communicate, educate and/or advocate positions on issues of importance to the membership of our chamber.

GOALS:

- Support our downtowns in their efforts to revitalize as it pertains to advocacy.
- Develop and publish position statements when deemed appropriate.
- Communicate positions to membership and general public through whatever vehicle is deemed appropriate.
- Include standard box in *InTouch* during the legislative session that has a link to the LD Web site: www.maine.gov/legis/lis/publications.htm
- Participate with city of Waterville's LaFleur airport committee. Monitor activity. Encourage strategic plan development and marketing.
- Partner with other organizations as opportunities arise to educate our membership on issues that may affect their business.
- Continue and host "Meet the Reps". Secure sponsors.
- Review and update White Papers.
- Coordinate a "political" breakfast in Oct. with Thomas College. Work with BBS committee. Secure additional sponsors if necessary.
- Actively advocate for the extension of passenger rail to Bangor.
- Promote Candidates' Forums with local colleges and/or other partners.

Chair: Dan Bernier

Secretary: Joy McKenna

Date and Time: 2nd Friday of the month except June-August. Additional meetings TBD.

Board Members: Bruce Harrington, Joy McKenna, Garvan Donegan, Charlie Gaunce, Dr. Rick Hopper, Tom Davis

Members: Lisa Harvey-McPherson, Elery Keene, John Picchiotti, Ken Fletcher, Dr. Jim Libby, Peter Garrett, Rob Lester, Samantha Burdick, Chasity McFadden, Larissa Larrabee

Staff: Kim Lindlof