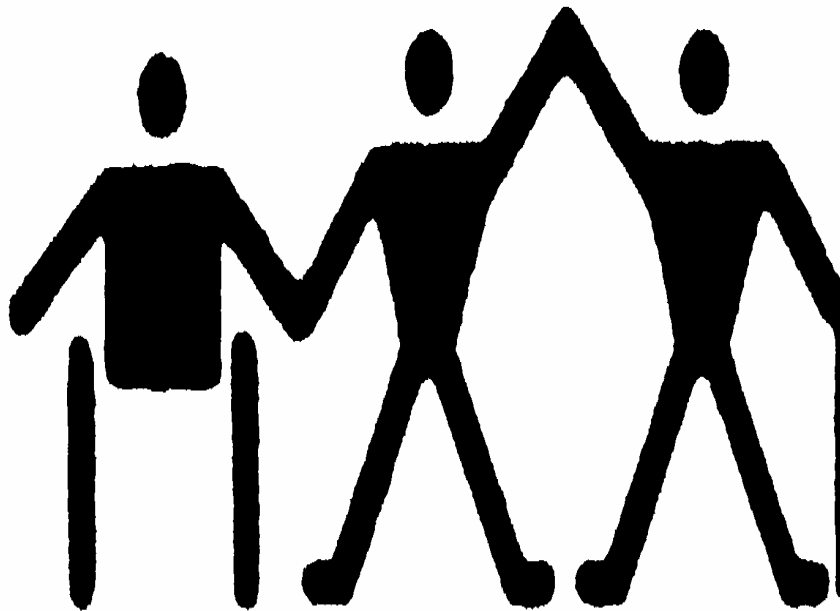

THE MAYOR'S ALLIANCE
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Guide to The Mayor's Alliance Membership

www.leemayorsalliance.org

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Our History

- 1989 - Founded by Arthur Hamel, former Mayor of Fort Myers

Bi-Monthly Breakfast Meetings

Bi-monthly breakfast meetings are held the first Wednesday of every other month throughout the program year. These meetings offer outstanding business and personal networking opportunities within the Southwest Florida region. Guest speakers are invited to speak about issues or concerns within their respective organization.

Becoming a Member

The Mayor's Alliance is open to all people interested in advancing the vision and mission of the organization. Any public and/or private organization, business, corporation, company or individual that pays the membership fee for their representatives shall constitute membership of the Mayor's Alliance. The Mayor's Alliance welcomes all to their breakfast meetings held on the first Wednesday of February, April, June, August, October and December.

At present, these meetings are held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7:30 am. Various employers/employees are recognized at these meeting for their outstanding contributions and cooperation in employing persons with disabilities.

Membership dues consist of \$20.00 per individual/employer. The dues are to be paid by

October 1st of each year and are good through September 30th of the following year. When dues are submitted, a new membership form must be completed. It is expected that members will select a committee on which to serve.

If you are interested in joining, please call Gayle Fox at 239 574-3932. For the date of our next breakfast meeting call Barbara Hartman at 239 931-8200 Ext. 11170 or visit our website at www.leemayorsalliance.org.

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Our Committees

By-Laws Committee

This committee is charged with assessing, articulating and submitting changes to the Board of Directors in accordance with the constitution of the Mayor's Alliance.

Education Committee

The Education Committee provides outreach programs for the Mayor's Alliance through a variety of programs and services each year. This committee is recognized for the following programs: Career Day for Students with Disabilities with the Lee County School District, Mayor's Alliance Website Development, and Abilities Seminar Home Modifications and Technology for Greater Accessibility Education Seminar. Additionally, the Education Committee has taken great strides to continue in its development and maximization of educational projects. To this end, the committee will alternate program type each calendar year.

Friend Raising Committee

This committee is responsible for actively seeking and/or providing avenues for securing monetary funds to support the Mayor's Alliance for a variety of programs and projects. These have included grants, community events, special projects, membership drives, socials, and donations.

Membership and Recruitment Committee

This committee is responsible for marketing and recruiting individual members, organizations, institutions, or businesses that can contribute and/or benefit from the services, programs, and projects that are geared toward individuals with disabilities. Membership applications and brochures are available for detailed information.

Nomination Committee

This committee is appointed by the President of the Board of Directors. The committee selects a slate of officers and Board members to be presented to the general membership in the spring. New officers and Board members begin their term in June and they meet annually.

Public Relations Committee

This committee is responsible for promoting events and The Mayor's Alliance.

Special Projects Committee

This committee is responsible for programs and events of special recognition. They include: Holiday Programs, Employer Appreciation Dinner, National Disability Employment Awareness Month, and ADA Seminars and Workshops.

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Directory of Events for 2007-2008

Monthly Mayor's Alliance Meetings

April 4, 07

June 6, 07

August 1, 07

October 3, 07

December 5, 07

February 6, 08

April 2, 08

Meeting Time: 7:30 AM – 9 AM

Meeting Location:

Crown Plaza Hotel
(formerly the Holiday Inn Select at Bell
Tower).
13051 Bell Tower Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33907

**Monthly Mayor's Alliance Board of
Directors Meetings**

May 9, 07

July 11, 07

September 12, 07

November 14, 07

January 9, 08

March 12, 08

May 14, 08

Meeting Time: 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Meeting Location:

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THE MAYOR'S ALLIANCE

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - "NAME"

This organization shall be known as the Mayor's Alliance.

ARTICLE II - "SCOPE OF OPERATIONS"

This organization's scope of operation shall be Lee County.

ARTICLE III - "AFFILIATION"

The focus of the Mayor's Alliance is to be a true alliance working collaboratively in support of all citizens with disabilities in Lee County.

ARTICLE IV - "PURPOSE"

The Mayor's Alliance is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. It is not organized for profit, nor shall any of its net earnings inure in whole or part to the benefit of private members or individuals. No substantial part of the activities of this organization is attempting to influence legislation or participating in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. The Mayor's Alliance shall have the following objectives:

- A) To bring together in one forum a broad cross section of public and private agencies, employers and persons with disabilities in a single body which will seek means of promoting and facilitating the placement of persons with disabilities in competitive employment;
- B) To expand opportunities for employment by encouraging the formation of networks of employers who benefit from hiring persons with disabilities;
- C) To facilitate and encourage the integration of job-ready persons with disabilities into competitive jobs with competitive pay and benefits;
- D) To seek such other means as shall be deemed appropriate by its members to accomplish the purpose of advancing education, training and quality of life of persons with disabilities.

ARTICLE V - "MANAGEMENT OF THE ALLIANCE"

SECTION I - MEMBERSHIP:

- A) Any public and/or private organization, business, corporation, company or individual that pays the membership fee for their representatives shall constitute the membership of the Mayor's Alliance.
- B) Membership dues are per individual/employer. The dues are to be paid by October 1st of each year and are good through September 30th of the following year. When dues are paid a new membership form is to be completed.

SECTION II - MEETINGS/VOTING:

- A) There shall be at least one membership meeting per year, to be held in April, at which a Board of Directors shall be elected from a current list of members.
- B) Any individual, organization, business, corporation or company may be expelled from the Mayor's Alliance upon recommendation by the Board of Directors and voted on by the majority of the general membership.
- C) A quorum for the purposes of voting at any membership meetings shall be fifty-one percent (51%) of the members present.
- D) Additional membership meetings may be called, as deemed by the board of directors. Members may request a special membership meeting if five members signify the same in writing to the Secretary at least ten days prior to the date they wish the meeting held. Any special meeting called at the request of members shall confine itself to the discussion of the issues responsible for causing the meeting to be called.

SECTION III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- A) The Board of Directors shall be elected from the current membership of the Alliance. It shall consist of: four (4) officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer); twelve (12) elected members, and, six (6) non-voting honorary members (the President of Goodwill Industries - Southwest Florida, Inc., and the Mayors or their designees for the cities of Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Sanibel, Fort Myers Beach and Bonita Springs).
- B) The Officers of the Board of Directors elected by the general membership shall serve a term of one year, and may serve successive terms.
- C) New officers and members of the Board will take over their respective offices at the May Board meeting, and at the June Breakfast for the general membership.
- D) The Board of Directors shall meet at least once per quarter. The quorum for the purposes of voting at any Board meeting shall be thirty-three percent (33%) of voting members.

SECTION IV - HONORARY NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBERS:

- A) The President of Goodwill Industries - Southwest Florida, Inc. shall be an honorary member of the Board.
- B) The Mayors or their designees for the cities of Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Sanibel, and Fort Myers Beach shall be honorary members of the Board.
- C) Others as deemed appropriate shall be honorary members of the Board.

SECTION V - OFFICERS DUTIES

The officers are to serve as the Executive Committee of the Mayor's Alliance. The duties of the five officers of this organization shall be as follows:

- A) The President shall preside at all meetings and shall, between Board meetings, act for the organization. He/she will appoint committees and supervise the other officers of the organization. The President shall be an ex officio member of all committees and shall exercise all duties and prerogatives usually associated with the office.
- B) The Vice President shall act for the President in his/her absence, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President. The Vice President shall be the Executive Committee representative on any committee(s) that he/she is assigned to by the President. The Vice President is to assist the Committee Chairperson(s) as needed and to act as a liaison between the committee(s) and the Executive Committee.
- C) The Secretary shall keep in good order all the records of the organization and shall be responsible for the preparation of the minutes for each Board meeting. In addition, the Secretary shall be responsible for handling such correspondences as may be assigned from time to time. The Secretary shall be the Executive Committee representative on any committee(s) that he/she is assigned to by the President. The Secretary is to assist the Committee Chairperson(s) as needed and to act as a liaison to the Executive Committee.
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 1. The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining the financial records of the organization. It shall be a responsibility of this office to furnish to the annual membership meeting a summary of the financial activities of the organization. The Treasurer shall, in addition, report regularly on financial activities and funds received through donations or events sponsored by the Mayor's Alliance. With Board approval, the Treasurer is permitted to establish Petty Cash funds for the use of the Treasurer or any other group or person, which the Board may, from time to time, designate. The person or group to whom the money is given shall account for such funds. Such allotments may not exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). The Treasurer shall be the Executive Committee representative on any committee(s) that he/she is assigned to by the President. The Treasurer is to assist the Committee Chairperson(s) as needed and to act as a liaison between the committee(s) and the Executive Committee.
 2. The Board of Directors shall approve all expenditures of funds from the Mayor's Alliance. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to expend funds when necessary for a project or program as previously approved by the Board, or in case of an emergency. Executive Committee expenditures must be presented to the Board in all cases for review.
- E) The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and comprise the Executive Committee and shall have duties and responsibilities as directed by a majority of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI - STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION I - NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

- A) A nominating committee will be appointed by the President of the Board of Directors. The committee will select a slate of officers and Board members to be presented to the general membership at the membership meeting in February. There will be one name for each office, and twelve (12) names for the Board seats. Nominations will be taken at this time from the floor for any one of the four officer positions on the Board. The officer positions consist of: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

SECTION II - BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:

- A) A By-laws Committee shall be appointed by the President at the June Board meeting. The committee shall review the By-laws on a continuing basis, for any changes, additions or deletions.
- B) AMENDMENTS - The By-laws may be amended by action of a fifty-one percent of those present and voting at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors, provided that written notice of any proposed changes has been circulated to all Board members at least three days prior to the meeting. Any changes made in this document must be referred for ratification to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. The same plurality shall be required at this meeting for the change to be approved. The Board of Directors has the prerogative to act as if the change in the by-laws has been approved by the membership, until that body rejects it.

ARTICLE VII - DISSOLUTION

Should this organization ever be dissolved, such assets as this body shall possess at the time shall, at the sole discretion of the Board, be distributed to other not-for-profit entities in the community.

By-laws Approved By Board of Directors: March 3, 2004
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THE MAYOR’S ALLIANCE RECOGNITION NOMINATION FORM

The Mayor’s Alliance Mission: To advocate and identify community resources to secure employment for people with disabilities and recognize those who fulfill that ideal.

At its bimonthly breakfast, The Mayor’s Alliance acknowledges employees with disabilities who have successfully achieved consistent employment; their employers; and assisting agencies, if any, who have helped them to achieve their employment goals. We welcome nominations from employers, customers, and Mayor Alliance members who are aware of successful candidates.

EMPLOYEE’S NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____
JOB POSITION _____

WHAT IS OUTSTANDING ABOUT THIS EMPLOYEE?

EMPLOYER’S NAME _____
BUSINESS NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____

WHAT ACCOMODATIONS (IF ANY) CONTRIBUTED TO THIS EMPLOYEE’S SUCCESS?

ASSISTING AGENCY NAME _____
CONTACT PERSON _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____

Nomination submitted by: Name _____ Phone _____

Please mail this form to President Mayor’s Alliance: Linda Carter, 704 Homer Ave North, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971



MAYOR'S ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP
OCTOBER 2006 TO SEPTEMBER 2007

Mission Statement: Advocate and identify community resources to secure employment for people with disabilities and recognize those who fulfill that need

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____

AGENCY: _____

HOME/BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE:() _____ FAX() _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ENCLOSED: _____ \$20.00 PER YEAR REFERRED BY _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MAYOR'S ALLIANCE

It is expected that members will choose to serve on a committee. Please check one or more committees on which you would like to serve. Your name will be forwarded to the chairperson of that committee.

- _____ EDUCATION - Disseminate information about community resources.
- _____ FRIEND RAISING - Bi-monthly Breakfast, Any events pertaining to raising funds for our organization.
- _____ PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MARKETING - Increase awareness about the Mayor's Alliance.
- _____ MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITMENT - Increase the membership of the Mayor's Alliance Organization
- _____ SPECIAL PROJECTS - Provide recognition to individuals, agencies and employers.

PLEASE MAIL APPLICATION. CHECK AND COMMITTEE

SELECTION TO:

**GAYLE FOX, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
417 AVIATION PARKWAY**

Business Affiliations

Agency for Persons with Disabilities
Buckingham Exceptional Student Center
Career & Services Center of Southwest Florida
Consumer
DBPR, Dept of Business & Professional Regulation
Devereux
Dillard's
Disabled Vietnam Veteran
Division of Blind Services
Division of Vocational Rehab
Dr. Piper Center for Social Services Inc.
Dynamic Education Systems, Inc.
Family Care Council
Family Resource Coalition
Florida Cancer Specialist
Florida MENTOR
Friendship Volunteer Resource Center
Goodwill Industries
Hyatt Regency Coconut Point
Home Depot
Independent Rehab Nurse Manager
ITN
LARC
Lee County School District
Lee County School District Retired
Lee Mental Health
No Person Left Behind
Opportunity Services, Inc.
Pall Corporation
Project: Return to Work, Inc.
SFWDB-Navigator
Statewide Prosecution
The Shena Program Corp.
Voc Rehab
Voc Rehab Retired

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