

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT:

To develop an awareness and understanding of emerging local, state and federal issues that could cause a change in the business/quality of life climate; develop a position to inform members and the community; and, when advisable, develop a strategy to resolve the issue.

Chairperson: Brian Young, Spectrum

Committee meets the Third Wednesday of each month at 3:00 PM

2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Continued to be a pro-business advocate for our members.
- Monitored local, state, and national issues affecting the community and provided feedback to state and national organizations. Took positions of support on State Issue 1, Ohio Fairness Act, and voiced our opinion on the Business Income Tax Reduction, the Ohio State Budget bill and the Ohio Graduation Rates Requirements.
- Held five interactive local and regional legislative receptions, debates, or forums to facilitate communication between businesses and elected officials. Which included meetings with U.S. Congressman Jim Jordan, U.S. Senator Brown's State Representative, Ohio Lt. Governor John Husted, Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague and met with Ohio Excell, Ohio Board of Education and the NFIB to discuss the Ohio Graduation Rates proposals.
- Planned meetings with local and state legislative representatives at the Ohio Capital.
- Planned opportunities for dissemination of legislative information to our members in a timely manner and encouraged involvement in legislative concerns through newsletter and online medias.
- Provided legislative updates for Chamber events, news conferences and at the Real American Sunrise event.
- Expanded the readership and content of the Legislative Advocacy Report.
- Participated with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Ohio Chamber's Action Alliance, Manufacturing Association, NFIB and the Great Lakes Initiatives.
- Developed a 2019 Legislative Public Policy.
- Served as a pro-business voice for the Greater Lima Region through legislative advocacy.
- Was awarded the "Leadership in Grassroots Advocacy Award" from the Ohio Chamber of Commerce.

2020 GOALS:

- Continue to be a pro-business advocate for our members.
- Monitor local, state, and national issues affecting the community and provide feedback to state and national organizations.
- Hold at least four interactive legislative receptions, debates, roundtables or forums to facilitate communication between businesses and elected officials.
- Plan legislative meetings with local and state legislative representatives at the Ohio Capital.
- Seek opportunities for dissemination of legislative information to our members in a timely manner and encourage involvement in legislative concerns.
- Provide legislative updates for Chamber events, news conferences and at the Real American Sunrise event.
- Expand the readership and content of the Legislative Advocacy Report.
- Participate with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Ohio Chamber's Action Alliance, Manufacturing Association, NFIB and the Great Lakes Initiatives.
- Develop a 2020 Legislative Public Policy.