

## 2011 Committee Chairs Appointed

New Chamber Chairman Jim H. Hughes has been busy preparing our organization to hit the ground running immediately after the first of the year. During October's planning retreat, the Chamber board developed priorities that will require staff and volunteer efforts to accomplish. Chairman Hughes has lined up great committee and task force chairmen to head up each of the following areas. Please consider serving with one or more of these groups. For more information or to volunteer, please call the Chamber at 655-4136 and ask for one of the staff liaisons listed.

### **Government Affairs Council**

Chairman: Brian May, Angelo State University  
Staff Liaisons: Phil Neighbors / Peggy Arnold / Annetta Gray  
Members of the Council work on programs to represent members' best interest at all levels of government. Council members will participate in the development of a state and national issues agenda, keep members aware of pending legislation that affects our area, and work to maintain communications between the Chamber and our elected officials. This group organizes the West Texas Legislative Summit.

### **Military Affairs Committee**

Chairman: Bob Brewer, Rio Concho, Inc.  
Staff Liaisons: Phil Neighbors / Annetta Gray  
Members serve as liaisons between the Chamber and San Angelo's military community. This Committee works closely with the Goodfellow Coordinating Committee to assist with goals important to Goodfellow. They also plan and implement the annual Goodfellow Appreciation Day event in May as well as the Friendship Golf Tournament.

### **Transportation Committee**

Chairman: Jon Mark Hogg, Jackson Walker, LLP  
Staff Liaisons: Phil Neighbors / Annetta Gray  
The overall goal of the Transportation Committee is to maintain and/or improve transportation access to San Angelo. The scope of this endeavor includes streets, highways, railroad and airline services.

### **Diversity Committee**

Chairman: Del Velasquez, San Angelo Standard-Times  
Staff Liaison: Phil Neighbors  
Members of this Task Force will help organize an annual Diversity Awards Luncheon, organize special training opportunities, and help to increase minority participation in Chamber committees and boards.

### **Cornerstone Investors Program**

Chairmen: Jim Hughes, Hughes Company and  
Sam Allen, Jackson Walker Law Firm  
Staff Liaisons: Phil Neighbors / Peggy Arnold / Hope Barron / Beverly Hanks  
The Cornerstone Program funds enhanced programs in government affairs, economic development, and major event tourism.

### **San Angelo Area P-16+ Education Partnership**

Chairman: Lorenzo Lasater, Company Printing  
Staff Liaisons: Phil Neighbors / Peggy Arnold / Sandra Pomroy  
This group will continue to focus on the Chamber's primary goal of San Angelo having "the best educational system on the planet." Members will work to encourage business partnerships, curriculum improvements, student retention, and increased academic performance through the 2008-2013 Strategic Plan.

### **Renewable Energy Center Task Force**

Chairman: To Be Appointed  
Staff Liaisons: Phil Neighbors / Pamela Miller / John Dugan  
This task force will work on promoting San Angelo as a renewable energy leader in West Texas by organizing tours of the wind tower manufacturing plant and nearby wind farms. The group will also work with the Convention & Visitors Bureau to create overnight tour packages.

### **Convention & Visitors Bureau Advisory Board**

Chairman: Greg Simons, Wildlife Systems  
Staff Liaisons: Pamela Miller / Jenni Hutcheson  
This is the planning and oversight board for the Convention & Visitors Bureau. Interested individuals are considered as terms expire on this board.

### **Hunting Task Force**

Chairman: James Huffman, Coralina Ranch  
Staff Liaisons: Pamela Miller / Jenni Hutcheson  
Members work to encourage community support of hunting and to create a public awareness of hunting as a major economic aspect of tourism in San Angelo and the surrounding area.

### **Concho Cadre**

Chairman: Scott Patterson, Patterson Office Products  
Staff Liaison: Lara Coleman  
Members provide VIP greeting services and ribbon cutting ceremonies for new businesses, as well as assist in major tourism and meeting events, convention servicing and chamber activities.

### **Economic Development Council**

Chairman: Fred Key, Foster Communications  
Staff Liaisons: John Dugan / Hope Barron / Phil Neighbors  
This is the planning and oversight board for the Economic Development Division. Interested individuals are considered as terms expire on this board.

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,  
committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."*

*-Margaret Mead, American Cultural Anthropologist*