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Ohio Chamber of Commerce Elects New Members to Board of Directors and Executive Committee

COLUMBUS, OHIO – At its quarterly meeting last week, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors voted in support of electing four new members to sit on the board. Additionally, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee announced a sole new member last week.

“The Ohio Chamber is pleased to welcome the new members to our board and executive committee,” Ohio Chamber President and CEO Steve Stivers, said. “While they each come from different sectors and industries, they are highly qualified individuals who will provide the Ohio Chamber with sound advice and leadership, and I look forward to working with them in the years to come.”

Joining the Executive Committee is Lara DeLeone, Market President of the Central Ohio KeyBank market and Senior Vice President/Managing Director of Public Sector.

The new Board of Directors members include Chad Barnhill, Chief Operating Officer for JACK Entertainment; Leah Pappas Porner, Partner-in-Charge of Calfee, Halter & Griswold’s Columbus and Washington D.C. offices; Marc Armstrong, Director of Government Affairs at Ohio’s Electric Cooperatives; and Mike Voinovich, Chief Financial Officer at Petland.

Please see below for the full biographies.

The Ohio Chamber is the state’s leading business advocate and represents thousands of companies that do business in Ohio. Our mission is to aggressively champion free enterprise, economic competitiveness and growth for the benefit of all Ohioans.

2022 NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER



Lara DeLeone is the Market President of the Central Ohio KeyBank market and Senior Vice President/Managing Director of Public Sector. Lara joined Key in 2002 in her Public Sector role, in which she manages and oversees relationships with clients that include state governments, pension funds, municipalities and counties throughout Ohio, Connecticut, New York, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois and Rhode Island. As Market President, Lara also oversees the bank's customer service and business development efforts throughout Central Ohio and is accountable for driving collaboration and coordination of activities and resources to grow the bank's presence and market share. In addition, she serves as the external face and voice of KeyBank in the Central Ohio community.

Lara began her career in government working in the Ohio House of Representatives, the Ohio Office of the Governor, Ohio Office of the Treasurer and lastly the United States Senate. She also has served as an adjunct Professor at Columbus State Community College.

Lara has an undergraduate degree from Wittenberg University majoring in English. Additionally, she studied abroad at Boston University's extension in London, England where she majored in marketing/business and held an internship at a London based public relations firm. Lara also earned a Master's Degree of Communications from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She holds Series 52 and Series 63 licenses.

Lara was a Vice Chair of the 2016 US Senior Open Golf Tournament held at Scioto Country Club. She was the only woman to hold that position and worked closely with the United States Golf Association in the planning of that event. Lara resides in Upper Arlington, Ohio with her husband and two children.

2022 NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Chad Barnhill is Chief Operating Officer for JACK Entertainment and has been an executive with JACK since 2015. Barnhill possesses a wealth of casino and hospitality business knowledge central to the

company's reputation as a strong casino operator. He is driven to improve operations, guest satisfaction and drive company growth. Barnhill has been using his creative vision, strategic planning, and 25+ years of hospitality, hotel, and casino experience to enhance the

operational performance throughout his career. He provides leadership and direction to both JACK Cleveland Casino and JACK Thistledown Racino.

Barnhill is committed to serving and giving back to the greater Cleveland community, leading JACK in supporting more than 50 local organizations, including food donations to the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and their partner food pantries, volunteer days with Habitat for Humanity, and on property fundraisers and supply drives benefiting the American Cancer Society's Cleveland Hope Lodge and the Providence House. Dedicated to being a champion for the communities in which he resides, Barnhill has previously served on advisory boards in both Cincinnati and Baltimore including REDI Cincinnati, Downtown Cincinnati Inc., Baltimore Center Club, Baltimore Downtown Partnership, Visit Baltimore CVB, and Associated Black Charities of Baltimore.



Leah Pappas Porner has extensive experience leading and defending legislative efforts, including building coalitions and working with stakeholders and trade associations. She has counseled clients regarding issues affecting

higher education, Medicaid, utility, charter school, banking, environmental, gaming, technology and housing industries as well as tort reform and civil procedure reform.

Leah has been a well-regarded lobbyist in Ohio since the early 1990s. She has been recognized for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® for Government Relations (2013-2022). In 2014, Leah was named "Lawyer of the Year" in Government Relations by Best Lawyers. She also was named one of the "Most Effective Law Firm Lobbyists" by Opinion Strategies Inc.

Currently, she enjoys serving on the COSI Board of Trustees and on the Capital Square Foundation Board. She was selected by Ohio Governor DeWine as a Founding Board Member of the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library.

Leah served as Assistant Deputy Legal Counsel for Ohio's governor from 1992 to 1995, and she was the Director of Special Counsel for the Ohio Attorney General from 1995 to 1999.

She began her tenure with Calfee in 1999, and was elected Partner in 2002. Leah was elected to the firm's Executive Committee in 2009 and the Management Committee in 2011. She was named Partner-in-Charge of the Columbus office in 2012.



Marc Armstrong is the Director of Government Affairs at Ohio's Electric Cooperatives. In this role, he coordinates federal and state legislative

and political strategy and oversees grassroots advocacy initiatives for Ohio's 24 electric distribution cooperatives. Armstrong has been with the organization since 2007.

Prior to joining the Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, Armstrong provided legislative advocacy for the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation supporting Ohio's agriculture industry at the Statehouse. He is also a former staff member in both the Ohio Senate and Ohio House of Representatives.

Armstrong is a member of the Ohio Lobbying Association and serves on the Board of Trustees of America's Power, a national energy trade association.

He received a bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University. He lives in Powell with his wife Jackie and daughters Avery and Penny.



Mike Voinovich joined the Petland team in December 2021. He is responsible for the financial oversight and strategy for this

global/national franchisor and domestic operator of pet stores based in Chillicothe, Ohio. In this role, he is building strategic partnerships and managing relationships with outside vendors and franchisees to enhance operations and company growth. Additionally, Mike oversees the company's human resource department and serves as the Treasurer for the Board of Directors and reports to the President and CEO. Prior to joining Petland, Mike was the Office Managing Partner of BDO's Columbus office. BDO is the 5th largest public accounting firm that delivers assurance, tax, and financial advisory services to clients domestically and globally. His clients included those in various industries, including restaurants, retail, technology and life sciences, distribution, and professional services. Throughout his career, Mike has served as an advisor to clients on both financial reporting issues and strategic tax planning opportunities.

Mike began his career at SS&G, Inc., a regional public accounting firm in northeast Ohio in 1996. In 2002, he was selected to move to Columbus to be part of the integration and growth of the Firm's newly acquired office. As a leader in this office, he was responsible for expanding the office and founding the Firm's Central Ohio restaurant practice. His restaurant practice included notable clients, such as Cameron Mitchell Restaurants, City Barbeque, Sbarro's, and Piada Italian Street Food.

In late 2014, as a member of SS&G's Executive Leadership Committee, Mike was integral in leading the successful sale of SS&G (a top 40 accounting firm) to BDO USA, LLP. Over the past several years, Mike led the integration of the Columbus operation post transaction as Columbus' Office Managing Partner. Under his leadership, the office more than doubled its revenue base and strategically maneuvered to service new industries, including private equity portfolio companies. Mike resides in Galena, Ohio, with his wife of 24 years, Amy, and their three college and high school-aged children.

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