



West Michigan Policy Forum Scholarships

Eight GVMC members have been selected to receive scholarships to attend the West Michigan Policy Forum on September 12 and 13th. The Policy Forum occurs every other year and brings together business and government leaders from throughout our region and our state.

The West Michigan Policy Forum's mission is to create jobs and opportunities in Michigan. Topics to be discussed this year include our Michigan economy, healthcare, transportation, attracting talent, rebuilding communities and a variety of other critical issues.

In past years over 400 leaders from our region as well as other parts of the state and Ontario Canada have attended the event. This year, Governor Snyder will be the keynote speaker.

For more information go to www.WMPolicyForum.com. Tickets are still available.

Michigan Transportation Commission to Meet in Grand Rapids

GVMC is working with MDOT and particularly Grand Region Engineer, Roger Safford, PE to host the October 25th meeting of the Michigan Transportation Commission. Our primary focus at this point is working with MDOT to pick a venue to hold the meeting. The Transportation Commission fall meeting will begin on the evening of October 24th with the formal meeting on the morning of the 25th. GVMC members are invited to attend the session. I will keep you informed of further information as it becomes available.

The Transportation Commission is a six member board appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The Commission sets policy for MDOT including all transportation programs in Michigan.

Wayland City Manager Mike Selden

New GVMC Board Member

At our August Board Meeting, the oath of office was administered by County Clerk Mary Hollinrake to Mike Selden the newest member of our Board. Prior to becoming City Manager of Wayland, Mike was the City Manager of Bangor. We welcome Mike to the GVMC Board of Directors.

MDEQ Air Advisor Council

I was recently appointed to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Air Advisory Council. The group is working with the Governor's Office of Regulatory Reinvention which focuses on revoking and revising administrative rules in Michigan.

According to the state website, "Governor Snyder created the ORR in order to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of Michigan's government. The primary goal of the ORR is to work with the various state departments to amend duplicative, obsolete, unnecessary or unduly restrictive rules. This will lead to a regulatory environment that is simple, fair, efficient and conducive to business growth and job creation. Gov. Snyder has directed the ORR to review all promulgated and proposed rules and regulations".

Other members of the Council include representatives from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, DTE and Consumers Energy, the Michigan Economic Development Commission, Michigan Manufacturers Association, General Motors, Ford, and members of the Air Quality Division of the MDEQ.

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Quarterly Luncheon Tickets

for

Oct. 8th with

Attorney General Bill Schuette

Price: \$25.00 per person

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