

Michigan Chamber of Commerce Elects New Officers

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The Michigan Chamber of Commerce elected new officers to its Executive Committee last week at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids. The Michigan Chamber's Executive Committee and Board of Directors set policy and establish priorities for the statewide business organization.

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J.C. Huizenga, President, Westwater Group, Grand Rapids, will serve as Chair of the Michigan Chamber's Board of Directors for 2002-2003. He replaces Mary Pringing, President, Pringing & Ewend Associates, Saginaw, who became the Immediate Past Chair. Morrall M. Claramunt, Executive Vice President & Secretary, Frankenmuth Mutual Insurance Company, Frankenmuth, was re-elected Treasurer and will serve as First Vice Chair.

Re-elected as vice chairs were: Dr. Curtis Tompkins, President, Michigan Technological University, Houghton (District I); Robert L. Hetzler, President & CEO, Monitor Sugar Company, Bay City (District III); Kenneth L. Kensington, CEO, Viatic, Inc., Hastings (District IV); John D. Pirich, Partner, Honigman, Miller, Schwartz & Cohn, Lansing (District V); David G. Sowerby, Vice President, Loomis, Sayles & Company, L.P., Bloomfield Hills (District VI); and Gregory C. Smith, President & CEO, New Center Stamping, Inc., Detroit (District VII).

Betsy DeVos, Chairman, Windquest Group, Inc., Grand Rapids, was elected as a new vice chair for District II.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is a statewide business organization which represents approximately 7,000 employers, trade associations and local chambers of commerce. The Michigan Chamber was established in 1959 to be an advocate for Michigan's job providers in the legislative, political and legal process.

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