



MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Chamber's Ambassador Program is to serve as goodwill representatives for the Arlington Chamber of Commerce by welcoming new members at various Chamber events, member functions, ribbon cuttings and grand openings. In addition, the Ambassadors welcome new members and encourage participation in Chamber activities.

Qualification Period for Prospective A-Team Members

Being an A-Team member means participation. To qualify, you need at least 6 months of active participation in Chamber events and attend a new member orientation. Prospective A-Team members who have participated in an orientation and made a good faith effort to attend a majority of Chamber events but have not met minimum qualifying tenure may also be considered for inclusion on the A-Team. Requests will be considered by A-Team Leadership and must be approved by a simple majority vote. Votes can be cast electronically via e-mail.

To maintain your membership, participants must be and remain a member in good standing with the Arlington Chamber of Commerce (must not be delinquent/past due of their Chamber investment/dues), and must annually attend a member orientation.

Structure

The A-Team Leadership is comprised of a Chair, Chair-Elect, and secretary. The Chair and Chair-Elect will have responsibility to coordinate with chamber staff contact duties at events, and other duties as needed regardless of geographic location of event. The secretary will assist prior to events by calling/e-mailing event reminders, meeting reminders, and other duties as needed.

A-Team Member Participation

A-Team members are required to participate in at least 50% of networking events such as BOBs, CAHs, networking luncheons, etc. throughout the year.

A-Team members are required to participate in at least 40% of a Ribbon Cuttings throughout the year.

A-Team members are required to lead/host/or take an active role in at least 1 event per month.

Point Schedule

Ribbon Cutting (attend)	3
Saturday Ribbon Cutting (attend)	4
BOB (attend)	2
BOB (work)	3
BAH (attend)	2
BAH (work)	3
A-Team Meetings	2

All A-Team members & Prospective A-Team candidates will be required to sign-in at all events.

A-Team Chair will call a meeting every other month to meet with area A-Team members to evaluate recent past events and to plan and coordinate for upcoming events.

Recognition

There will be a monthly and annual “Outstanding A-Team Member(s)”. Criteria for this will be greatest participation points earned for the period, as well as, a weighted vote from active A-Team members. A member of the A-Team can only be awarded the monthly and/or “Outstanding A-Team Member” once in a fiscal year.

The Annual “Outstanding A-Team Member(s)” will receive prominent recognition for themselves and their business on the chamber website, a plaque acknowledging their value to the chamber and recognition on the program guide at the Annual Dinner.

General

Red name tags should be worn at every Chamber event. If you have your own nametag with your business logo on it, you may wear this as well, but all A-Team should wear their red name tags.

Members will receive their initial red badge free of charge. Members who require a replacement for lost, stolen, or misplaced badges will be charged \$10 per incident.

If A-Team members reach an extraordinary busy period in their business (such as CPA’s during tax season, new promotion, temporary business assignments outside the area, etc.) then members may take up to a 90-day “leave of absence” without this counting against them. No points will be taken or given during a “leave of absence”.

There will be individual recognition on the Chamber Website for members of the A-Team and their companies including a photo.

Members who fail to take an active role in BOBs, BAHs, ribbon cuttings and who fail to request a leave of absence will be evaluated for continued participation in the A-Team. Participants who wish to continue their affiliation will be given an opportunity to explain any extenuating circumstances to A-Team leadership before any action is taken. Members granted a reprieve will be placed on a 3-month probationary period and re-evaluated at the end of that quarter. A 2/3 majority vote from A-Team Leadership will be required to remove any members from A-Team Participation.

All issues and/or decisions will be decided by the coordinator, the chair, & the chair-elect collectively.

For further information, please contact Orlando Campos at the Center for Business & Community Development at (817) 543-4304.