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CHAMBER PRESIDENT/CEO STEPPING DOWN

Membership almost tripled during Stolmaker's tenure

Marana, AZ, August 23, 2018 — Longtime Marana Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Ed Stolmaker will be stepping down from his position Dec. 31. Stolmaker has run the Chamber, voted the best in the region by Arizona Daily Star readers the past two years, since May 2003.

The Chamber experienced huge growth during Stolmaker's tenure, going from 212 members to 589 as of the end of June.

"It has been my pleasure to serve the business interests in Marana and the surrounding region," Stolmaker said. "The Chamber is fortunate to have great members and I have been lucky to work with a dedicated and supportive staff."

Under Stolmaker's leadership, the Chamber:

- created ways to add value to membership by moving from an employee-based format to a tier-based one;
- became involved in social media, hosting Facebook and Twitter pages that combine for more than 4,000 followers;
- started monthly business networking breakfasts in 2005 and themed quarterly lunches (education, economic development, healthcare and transportation) in 2011;
- worked with the Town of Marana to renovate the Chamber building in 2008;
- redesigned its website in 2008 and 2016;
- implemented a comprehensive strategic plan;
- developed monthly updates that feature community representatives sharing news about happenings in the region.

Stolmaker served on the board of Arizona Chamber Executives from 2005-2009 and again since 2017. He also spent 10 years on the Marana Health Center Board of Directors.

“The Town owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to Ed and the Chamber,” Marana Mayor Ed Honea said. “He has been an outstanding leader for the Chamber and friend of the Town and its businesses.”

The Chamber Board of Directors will conduct a search for a new President/CEO. Details about the position can be found at: <http://maranachamber.com/Marana-Chamber-CEO-job-description.pdf>. Applications are due by Oct. 1.

Founded in 1987, our mission is simple: The Marana Chamber of Commerce is the voice of business that works to build economic growth and quality of life in our community.

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