# BY-LAWS OF THE AMBASSADORS CLUB OF THE SENECA REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITOR SERVICES

## ARTICLE I - PURPOSE

The primary objective of the Club is to serve as public relations representatives of the Chamber. Ambassadors work with the Chamber of Commerce staff and Board of Trustees to increase membership, improve membership retention, strengthen awareness of Chamber benefits, and assist with chamber events.

# ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Membership in the Ambassadors shall be by invitation and application approval. Chamber retirees shall be considered ex-officio Chamber members.
- Section 2. An unemployed Ambassador who becomes employed by a business that is not a Chamber member must encourage their employer to become a Chamber member.
- Section 3. The following shall be awarded membership in the Ambassadors by virtue of office: (1) Chamber President/CEO; (2) Chair of the Chamber Board; (3) Mayor of the City of Tiffin; (4) President of City Council; (5) President/CEO of SIEDC; (6) President of Seneca County Board of Commissioners.
- Section 4. Ambassadors are expected to wear their official uniform at all Seneca Regional Chamber of Commerce functions. This consists of a burgundy blazer/jacket or burgundy polo shirt and nametag. The remainder of the member's dress shall be business-appropriate. Such uniform shall be purchased locally by the member or his/her employer.
- Section 5. There shall be no more than four official Ambassadors from any one Company.

# ARTICLE II - OFFICERS

The officers of this Club shall be: A President, Vice-President and a Secretary. Their duties are as follows:

President – It shall be the duty of the President to direct the affairs of the Club, to preside at meetings and to perform other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of President. Also, the President appoints chairpersons of all committees. **Vice-President** – It shall be the duty of the Vice-president to preside at meetings of the Club in the absence of the President and to perform other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office.

**Secretary** – It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep Membership records; send out meeting notices, and to record the minutes of such meetings.

#### ARTICLE III - ELECTIONS

Section 1. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of a quorum at the September meeting. For all purposes the individuals present shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2. Officers shall serve for a term of twenty-four months, and may succeed themselves in office.

Section 3. A nominating committee to select candidates for office shall be appointed by the President at the August meeting.

#### ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

Section 1. The Club shall meet monthly at a date and time selected by the members.

## ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

Club Committees are charged with carrying out the annual and long-range goals of the Club. The President shall appoint standing committees as follows: Welcome Committee, Networking Committee and Public Relations Committee.

# ARTICLE VI - Delinquent Members

Section 2. A yearly evaluation of the participation of all members will be made by the Networking Committee. Inactive members will be contacted by the Secretary to determine whether the member is still interested and able to function as an Ambassador. If not, the person will be notified, in writing, that their membership has been terminated.

# ARTICLE VII -Amendments

Section 1. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership present. Members must be advised of votes on amendments in advance of the meeting.

Section 2. Any changes or amendments to these by-laws must be approved by the Chamber's Board of Trustees.