PANOLA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AMBASSADOR BY-LAWS

I. Statement of Purpose:

- A. The purpose of the ambassador's organization is to expand the membership of the Panola County Chamber of Commerce to include any reputable business firm, individual, association, corporation, partnership or estate having an interest in Panola County, Texas.
- B. It shall be the purpose of this organization to assist the Board of Directors in membership contact.
- C. It shall be the purpose of this organization to act as official hosts for the Panola County Chamber of Commerce for the following events when asked to do so:
 - 1. Ground-breaking ceremonies
 - 2. Greeting VIP's that visit the area
 - 3. Open House events
 - 4. Dedication ceremonies
 - 5. New business openings
 - 6. Special events and annual meetings
 - 7. Chamber of Commerce Programs

II. <u>Membership:</u>

- A. Must be a member in good standing of the Panola County Chamber of Commerce. (Extended to immediate family members or employees of current Chamber members.)
- B. Should a vacancy exist at the end of the year, nominations will be accepted at the semi-annual meeting and voted on by the membership.
- C. President and Chairman of the Board, if not already a member, will be members for the year of their chairmanship.
- D. Membership will be limited to a max of 100 members.

III. Meetings:

- A. The ambassadors shall meet semi-annually at a time and place set by the President.
- B. Called meetings are at the discretion of the President.

IV. Officers and Committees:

- A. The officers of the Ambassadors organization shall consist of a President and Vice President elected by popular vote of the membership after nomination by the nominating committee.
- B. The Chamber President will designate an employee to act as secretary to keep points.
- C. The following shall be standing committees of the Ambassadors organization:

- 1. Executive Committee President, Vice-President, Team Captains (If teams are formed,) and Immediate Past President. (Chamber President shall serve as a non-voting member).
- 2. Other committees may be appointed by the President as needed.

V. Length of Service:

- A. Member may serve until voluntary resignation or replacement due to inactivity (Must earn 1500 points per year.)
- B. The Ambassador year is from January through December.

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