



FACT SHEET

Here are some of the most frequently asked questions about membership in the Professional Business Women's Association (PBWA).

Q. What is the purpose of the PBWA?

R. The Professional Business Women's Association (PBWA) is a non-profit organization for the purposes of networking, education, mentoring and philanthropy. The PBWA promotes professional education, strengthens loyalty to our community, supports the professional advancement of its members, cultivates fellowship among local business women and supports young women emerging into the business community.

Q. What is the history of PBWA?

R. The PBWA started in the fall of 1989 with a group small group of business women who met over lunch to network and catch up on what was happening in their businesses. In January of 1991 the group affiliated with the Fort Mill Chamber of Commerce became part of the York County Regional Chamber of Commerce in January of 2000. At that time, the association chose to expand its membership to all business women and became the Professional Business Women's Association of the York County. In January 2011, the PBWA moved out from under the wings of the Chamber and became a self-standing organization with the continued mission to support women in business.

Q. Who can join PBWA?

R. PBWA's membership is open to any woman in a professional business role.

Q. Is there a cost (s) to join PBWA?

There are minimal costs to join and maintain membership in PBWA. Please visit our website for the most current costs.

Q How are the goals of PBWA accomplished?

A. PBWA holds a membership luncheon on the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month. This luncheon is held at 12:00pm at the City Club located at 140 Main Street, Rock Hill, SC. In addition to these luncheons, the association promotes 3-4 special events throughout the year. Members are encouraged to bring guests to all events.

Q. What can I expect from these luncheons?

Luncheons feature relevant speakers who will motivate, educate and address issues concerning the business world. In addition to great food, there will also be opportunities to network with other professional business women.

Q. Is there time set aside for networking?

Yes. At each luncheon there is 15 minutes set aside prior to lunch for "accelerated

networking”. During accelerated networking, small groups of 5-8 women introduce themselves, pass out business cards, explain the business they are in and finally each individual will tell the others about additional contacts or help they can provide. Members are also encouraged to exchange business cards and network with the ladies seated at their tables.

Q. Who is charged with leadership of the PBWA?

A. PBWA is led by an elected Board of Directors that includes the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, and four (4) at-large Directors who oversee the committees.

Q. How can I get more involved in PBWA?

R. There are several committees you can get involved in. They are:

Events Fundraising Media/Publicity Membership Scholarship
New Member Recruiting

Q. Are you a non-profit association? What do you do with dues, etc?

PBWA is a non-profit association. Money raised by through events are contributed to York County Agencies that service women and families. The PBWA also awards a minimum of four scholarships to female students pursuing professional careers.

Q. Is there a website where I can find out more information?

R. Yes. Please visit: www.yorkcountypbwa.org

If you have any additional questions, please visit our website or email info@yorkcountypbwa.org. A member of the PBWA Board will contact you.