

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



August 2022

Dear members,

I hope you are all enjoying your summer vacations! As we get our fiscal year started at the Chamber, I want to take this time to welcome our new Chairman, Roberto Muñoz, as well as our Board of Directors Officers for the FY2022-2023. I know your commitment to our community and our mission here at The Chamber will make for a prosperous year and I look forward to seeing all we can accomplish together.

While the summer months are usually quieter around The Chamber, that does not mean we have not been hard at work. If you have visited our website recently, you'll notice a new revamped look and feel. As the enhancement of our Chamber continues, we hope to reflect the burgeoning business and tech hub Miami has become.

With much more happening, I hope you take the time to look through this report and see all the things we have been up to and what you can expect in the coming weeks and months from your Chamber. Our committees are in full swing, and we have a great number of events and programs coming up in the fall.

Make sure to mark your calendar for our next event on September 7: [Trustee Luncheon featuring the 21st Annual NOVO Awards](#).

I look forward to seeing you all there!

All the best,
Alfred Sanchez

NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WELCOME TO OUR FY2022-2023
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS



Chairman: Roberto Muñoz, President, COO and Founder of ELITE Family Office.



Chair-Elect: Amy Furness, Co-Managing Shareholder for Carlton Fields Miami office.



First Vice Chair: Hector J. Ponte, Region Bank President for Wells Fargo's South Florida.

Our FY2022-2023 Board of Directors Officers is led by **Roberto Muñoz**, President, COO and Founder of ELITE Family Office as Board Chair; **Amy Furness**, Co-Managing Shareholder for Carlton Fields Miami office as Chair-Elect; and **Hector J. Ponte**, Region Bank President for Wells Fargo's South Florida, as First Vice Chair.

Our Board of Directors are volunteer members that represent businesses of all sizes from a myriad of industries. We are so thankful for all of your support and dedication in helping us advocate for the important business issues affecting our region.

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[View our Executive Committee](#)

"As our economy continues to recover from these challenging times, we remain optimistic and look forward to our new board members business contributions in helping us achieve our goal."



GREATER MIAMI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EARNS COVETED ICC ACCREDITATION

"This certification means Florida exporters will enjoy all the benefits of the digital Swiftbox trade documentation platform as well as save time and money."

The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) has awarded our Chamber the distinguished International Certificate of Origin (CO), inviting us to join more than 775 chambers from 31 countries using digital documentation with the most stringent and universal certification standards currently available.

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HEALTHCARE

GREATER HEALTH TRUST PLAN
AIMS TO GO STATEWIDE

The Greater Health Trust is an insurance program created by The Chamber and AvMed for small business members. We are the only Chamber of Commerce in the state of Florida to offer this kind of program that provides large employer group health benefits at prices small businesses can afford.

Greater Health Trust is expected to expand throughout the state eventually, starting with South Florida counties, expanding it throughout Miami-Dade and eventually reaching neighboring counties such as Broward and Palm Beach.

If you are a small business with 2 to 50 employees, find out how to subscribe and save money on your health insurance, without having to wait for the next enrollment period. Benefits will also make businesses more competitive as employees take advantage of the program.

Click on <https://www.greaterhealthtrust.org> to speak to an AvMed broker.

LEARN MORE



"For the first time in years we were able to save 20% on our healthcare cost and shared the savings with our staff."

Jonathan Cuesta
President
Dade Construction Corporation

SAND IN MY SHOES® AWARD HONORING MANNY MEDINA



Don't forget that our 2022 [Sand in My Shoes®](#) Awards ceremony will take place on October 27!

This year's recipient, Manny Medina, is a fixture in our business community and we are honored to award him with The Chamber's most prestigious award.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

Want more information?

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INTERESTED IN JOINING A COMMITTEE?

HELP MOVE THE NEEDLE ON THE ISSUES THAT ARE MOST
IMPORTANT TO YOU AND OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Greater Miami Chamber members activate their Chamber involvement by participating in committees that allow them to make a difference in the community, their businesses, and the South Florida marketplace.

Within The Chamber Committees, members have the opportunity to:

- Participate in quarterly meetings and committee taskforces
- Network with like-minded members and make business connections
- Access to industry expert speakers on topical issues
- Help plan and attend signature events led by committees
- Make recommendations on issues and legislation when The Chamber needs to take on a position

OUR COMMITTEES

Education and Workforce Development
Financial Services
Government Affairs
Healthcare
Human Resources & Professional
Development
International Business
New World Center (Downtown Miami)
Nonprofit Business
Real Estate
Resilience
Technology and Innovation
Transportation
Workforce Housing



Roberto Munoz, Chair, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, and President, COO and Founder of ELITE Family Office; and Alfred Sanchez, President and CEO, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce.



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CELEBRATING AN OUTSTANDING FISCAL YEAR

The Chamber ended its fiscal year with nearly half a million in surplus funds! Through the combined efforts of our Membership Services team and our member base consistently referring new companies to join, we were able to end the year on a high note.

We would like to especially thank our past chair, Rick Beasley, and our now Chairman, Roberto Muñoz, for their commitment to referring new members and helping us reach this number.





STAY CONNECTED

Don't miss our upcoming events!

- September 7: Trustee Luncheon featuring NOVO Nonprofit Awards | 11:30 a.m.
- September 13: Roundtable Discussion with Argentina's Ambassador to the United States
- September 13: Technology and Innovation Committee | 2:00 p.m.
- September 14: Healthcare Committee | 9:00 a.m.
- September 20: Human Resources & Professional Development Committee | 2:00 p.m.
- September 21: Chamber Connections | 5:30 p.m.
- September 21: Nonprofit Business Committee | 9:00 a.m.
- September 27: Financial Services Committee | 9:00 a.m.
- September 28: Consular Corps Reception

Also be sure to follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) for exclusive updates.