

NEW WORLD CENTER- DOWNTOWN MIAMI COMMITTEE

Back in the mid-1980s, Alvah H. Chapman, then-publisher of the Miami Herald, an iconic local leader and Greater Miami Chamber Board Chair, understood that with the expansion of Latin America as a global market and Asia beginning to show signs of becoming an economic powerhouse, Miami was geographically well placed to be the new center of the world. Alvah established the *New World Center-Downtown Miami Committee* and put much of that vision in place that shaped our urban core and led to the downtown we enjoy today. Now, 40 years later, the New World Center-Downtown Miami Committee works to address the big-picture issues that impact and shape the urban core of today and the next 40 years.

Mission

Today's New World Center-Downtown Miami Committee members still focus on projects with catalytic influence on downtown projects in the public and private sectors, focusing on issues that affect the quality of life and economic development.

Objectives

1. Guide the future growth of Downtown Miami for the next 40 years to not lose the gains made working with both public and private sectors and other partners active in this area, such as the Downtown Development Authority
2. Celebrate Miami's central business core's growth and development and overall improvement of key areas within Downtown Miami
3. Promote and support up-and-coming transportation nodes within the urban core, provide best quality of life for residents, and attract major business with a focus on new economy/tech sector businesses

Committee Membership

Participation in the New World Center-Downtown Miami Committee is open to all chamber members who have interests in this arena. Committee members include a broad range of professionals, real estate professionals, urban planners, downtown Miami stakeholders, along with educational and civic organizations.

Leadership

The New World Center-Downtown Miami Committee is led by a Committee Chair and Vice Chair, who are elected by the Board of Directors for a one-year term. The Committee Chairman is responsible for the effective functioning of the New World Center-Downtown Miami Committee and ensuring its goals and activities are aligned with the committee's mission and objectives.

2026-2027 NEW WORLD CENTER COMMITTEE GOALS

1. Celebrate the growth of Miami's central business core by recognizing downtown leaders and organizations that have made significant contributions to its development.
 - Host the 13th annual Alvah H. Chapman Jr. Award of Excellence, engaging at least 250 business and community leaders to attend and honoring an Outstanding Young Leader, Organization, and Individual. Grow event sponsorship and attendance by 10%.
2. Guide the future growth of Downtown Miami by convening stakeholders and government leaders, hosting two roundtables to identify key challenges, and leveraging the Chamber's influence to advocate and advance solutions.
 - Host roundtable discussions with:
 - Private sector Downtown Miami senior leaders
 - Key transportation leaders, elected officials, and downtown stakeholders to discuss and advance walkability, run-ability, micromobility, and pedestrian connectivity in Downtown Miami, and receive updates on the NE Corridor project.
3. Participate in the Miami Downtown Development Authority's Downtown Master Plan
4. Recruit 10 new companies to join the Chamber and engage 15 existing Chamber members to join the New World Center Committee.

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