



Nominee for
The Greater Warrensburg Area Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors

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Please answer in paragraph form the following:

Please provide a brief statement of your background, how long you have lived in Warrensburg, if not a native, where you are originally from, type of business you are in etc.

I'm originally from the Rolla area of Missouri, in the Southeastern portion of Missouri. Though I've lived many places, I love Missouri and chose to return as soon as I had the chance. My daughter located here to take a position with the Warrensburg school district and informed me she was having my first grandchild, which is when I became a Warrensburg resident. My professional background is in Information Technology, where I spent 25 years in large corporations, working with web-based applications. Now, I apply the skills I gained in that career to help people with their family photo and video collections so they are preserved, protected, shared and enjoyed.

Why did you accept the nomination to the Board of Directors?

I believe it's important to be involved in the local community. Both to gain information and offer your skills, when possible. I believe the Chamber provides great opportunities for small business owners and the community as a whole to connect, support one another and grow together.

I have been an active member of the Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce since 2017 and believe the Chamber should encourage the following in our community,

Connections between businesses small and large, the college, the Air Force Base and other community organizations who are working to make Warrensburg all it can be for it's residents.

I believe that as a member of the Board of Directors for the Chamber of Commerce I will be able to accomplish

the following during my three years of service to the board of directors.

Though I honestly didn't have any specific goals in mind aside from participating when I originally filled a vacated seat on the Board, I've found my skills are an asset in a few situations. I have the ability to lead and have assumed the co-chair position for the Business and Community Relations Committee. I have become involved with the new Chamber Podcast series and believe I will be able to apply my knowledge of audio/visual capture and editing to help that program succeed. I'm sure there are other projects I will be able to contribute to. I am just very happy and excited to be involved!