

## **What past participants have to say...**

“I love the Executive Dialogue Groups I have been a part of! The program offers intimate groups for discussing business issues, successes and problems. As a new business owner, and even now as a seasoned owner, I have learned something helpful each month. The networking, contacts and friendships are a bonus!

***Cindy Battleson***

***Rapids Alterations***

“I find this group very valuable to me and my organization. It keeps me engaged with local business leaders, and is a great sounding board space for developing solutions to problems others may have faced before.”

***Shaunna Johnson***

***City of Waite Park***

“Executive Dialogue Groups have been a great support group of peers and colleagues where we can confidentially discuss pressing business issues and trends we all face.”

***Bruce Hagberg***

***riteSOFT, LLC.***

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***Executive &  
Business Owner  
Dialogue Groups  
2022-2023***

# EXECUTIVE & BUSINESS OWNERS DIALOGUE GROUPS

The goal of an Executive Dialogue Group is to foster open communication among small groups of business owners and executives (principals, partners, etc.) who are members of the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce.

## Topics vary and may include...

- Increasing profitability
- Finding and keeping good employees
- Managing growth
- Compensation policies for sales personnel
- Writing a business plan
- Succession planning

Each group is composed of 10-14 individuals from non-competitive businesses and professional backgrounds who have the desire to interact with others in an informal, but informative setting. Meetings are held once a month between September and May.

**Exact dates and times for meetings will be established by the groups at their first meeting.**

## MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

- ◆ All candidates for an Executive Dialogue Group must be members of the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce.
- ◆ All candidates must be business owners, chief executives, or partners in a professional firm.
- ◆ Individuals are expected to treat dialogue group conversations confidentially.
- ◆ Individuals may not send substitutes to meetings.
- ◆ All candidates will be screened by the Chamber staff to avoid placement of similar occupations within the same group. Groups are developed on a first-come, first-served basis. (Every effort is made to place applicants into a dialogue group. When this is not possible, the reservation fee is refunded. Register early!)
- ◆ Only one person from the same business may be a member of a dialogue group. However, a co-owner or partner may belong to a different dialogue group.
- ◆ There is a \$125 fee to participate in an Executive Dialogue Group. The fee must be paid in full before assignment to a group will be made.

*\*Due to group size and the productivity of group conversation, your attendance matters! Please make every effort to attend each group meeting!*

## REGISTRATION FORM

### Executive & Business Owners Dialogue Group

Complete this form and return it with payment to: St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 487, St. Cloud, MN 56302-0487

**by August 1, 2023**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Business \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer meetings at the following time:

Morning     Noon     No Preference

***I am interested in being a group facilitator***

### Method of Payment

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***Paid registrations must be received by Monday, August 1, 2023. Assignment to groups will not be made until payment is received.***

***No refunds after September 1, 2023.***