

what we do

mission statement

The Massachusetts Business Roundtable is a statewide public affairs organization of chief executive officers and area executives of the state's leading companies representing a full range of Massachusetts industry and business enterprise.

The Roundtable's mission is to inform the Commonwealth's elected and appointed leaders by applying the knowledge, experience, insight and unique managerial perspective of its membership toward the resolution of complex public policy issues. Through research, evaluation and communication, the Massachusetts Business Roundtable strives to influence the state's public policy agenda by developing and articulating long-term views, programs and policies that promote the economic and social vitality of Massachusetts.



our leadership

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| 1989-1990 | Eugene M. Freedman | Coopers & Lybrand |
| 1987-1988 | Edward E. Phillips | New England Mutual Life Ins. Co. |
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| 1983-1985 | Joseph R. Carter | Wyman Gordon Co. |
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| 1981-1982 | Thomas J. Galligan, Jr. | Boston Edison |
| 1979-1980 | James R. Martin | MassMutual Life Insurance Co. |

legislative & policy agenda

MBR is a member driven organization. As such, our legislative and policy agenda is developed based upon the interests, ideas and passions of our members and driven through the work of our task forces.

Each task force is comprised of interested members who meet to discuss the issues, engage with industry experts, and develop priorities to influence the state's public policy agenda. MBR is the platform for members to suggest and pursue ideas on how to make Massachusetts a better place to live, work and do business—a model that has generated quantifiable contributions to the state's public policy agenda for nearly 30 years.

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Health Care Task Force

Jane C. Walsh, President, Northmark Bank

For more than 20 years, MBR's Health Care Task Force has conducted research and made recommendations on health care policy. Its agenda is focused in three areas: 1) consumer-driven health care, 2) transparency, and 3) lowering health care costs while providing coverage for the uninsured. These themes were developed in a well-received report in 2003 and an update in 2006. MBR's Health Care Task Force is an active sounding board for the views of employers, insurers and health care providers in the health care debate.

Education Task Force

Gary T. DiCamillo, Partner, Eaglepoint Advisors

MBR's Education Task Force is committed to high standards for academic achievement and accountability for schools, teachers, parents and students. Its agenda is focused on three items: 1) ensuring the regions' global competitiveness in innovation and technology, including efforts to enhance Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) teaching and learning; 2) supporting legislative efforts to improve teacher quality and accountability; and 3) advocating for innovative school models, including the restructuring and regionalization of school delivery systems. MBR also supports investments in higher education and early childhood education.

Infrastructure Task Force

Harold Hestnes, of Counsel, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP

MBR's Infrastructure Task Force advocates for infrastructure improvements in Massachusetts that are essential to economic development. Areas of focus include: 1) supporting a centralized governance structure for the state's transportation system; 2) addressing underlying management and structural issues as defined by the Transportation Finance Commission; 3) supporting reform measures, as well as reasonable short and long term revenue options, to ensure the maintenance of the state's transportation infrastructure and the economic activity that relies upon it; and 4) advocating for long-term use of technology as a way to reduce costs while increasing services and productivity.

Corporate Social Responsibility Task Force

Perri C. Petricca, Chief Executive Officer, Petricca Industries

MBR's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Task Force focuses on three areas: 1) strategies for encouraging, managing and improving CSR in Massachusetts in the face of rapidly changing corporate ownership; 2) compiling and disseminating best practices both locally and nationally, particularly regarding the use of CSR as a recruitment and retention strategy; and 3) enhancing the quantity and quality of charitable giving in the Commonwealth. The Task Force advances its agenda through publications, public forums, and public-private partnerships.