



TAMMY CARNRIKE, CCE

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Tammy J. Carnrike is the chief operating officer at the Detroit Regional Chamber, a position she has held since August 2006. In this role, she has overall responsibility for signature events and programming including the Mackinac Policy Conference and high-profile convening, leadership development initiatives, development of middle market strategy and initiatives, corporate governance oversight, major investor relationships, day-to-day leadership in support of and in absence of the president and CEO, as well as national benchmarking.

She joined the Chamber in 2005 as executive vice president with responsibility for growing the Chamber's revenue through events and programs such as the Mackinac Policy Conference, guiding membership recruitment and retention efforts, oversight of government relations, volunteerism and small business.

Prior to the Chamber, she was president and CEO of a chamber in New York State with successful performance in managing a chamber, foundation, economic development corporation and industrial development agency. Highlights included leading a merger of the chamber and multiple economic development organizations, securing significant transportation funding for highway improvements, and establishing key community assets such as a daycare center, classic car museum and regional arts festival through the chamber's foundation.

A leader in chamber management for more than 20 years, Carnrike has served in several national leadership positions including chairman of the U.S. Chamber's Institute for Organization Management Board of Trustees setting policy, overseeing curriculum and coordinating activities of the Institute program held at five university sites. She also served as faculty for the Institute, teaching chamber and association professionals.

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Carnrike served as chairman of the board of the American Chamber of Commerce Executives, serving the professional development of individuals managing chambers of commerce throughout the United States and Canada — a post held only by four women in the history of the organization. She has also served as president of the Chamber Alliance of New York State and chairman of the National Association for Membership Development.

Carnrike has achieved the highest professional designation of Certified Chamber Executive, which is held by only 575 chamber professionals nationwide. She was presented with the Excellence in Leadership Award by the Chamber Alliance of New York State, the Chairman's Professional Leadership Award from the American Chamber of Commerce Executives, and the Woman of Distinction Award presented by the New York Senate. She has been recognized as a "Woman Who Leads" honoree by WJR NewsTalk 760 AM, a "Powered by Women" honoree by DBusiness Magazine, and a "Power Player" by Ambassador Magazine.

Carnrike serves as a member of the Advisory Council for the U.S. Army Life Cycle Management Command (TACOM); and member of the Governance Committee, Protect and Grow: A Strategic Plan for Michigan's Defense and Homeland Security Economy. She also serves as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Michigan. Carnrike was named to the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition's Michigan Advisory Committee in 2018.

Additional involvement includes membership in the Certified Chamber Executive Commission for the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives and serving on the Board of Directors for Citizens Detroit.