AmCham Coral Sea Role of Founding Members

Introduction
AmCham Coral Sea was established to promote and support American businesses and interests within the Coral Sea region. Since its inception, the organization has relied heavily on the support and leadership of its founding members, who have played a pivotal role in shaping its mission, vision, and activities.

Definition of Founding Members
Founding members are organizations or individuals who participated in the initial formation of the Chamber. They contributed to establishing the foundational objectives, strategic direction, and early activities of AmCham Coral Sea.

They make up the composition of the Board and play a pivotal role as the Board of Directors of the chamber:

- They are ex officio board representatives.
- They are able to continue their role at the discretion of the full board (including the ex officio members).
- Founding members can stand for board and executive roles as per the Articles should they wish.

Roles and Responsibilities of Founding Members
The primary roles and responsibilities of founding members include:

- **Support and Advocacy**
  Assisting in promoting the interests of American and regional businesses, advocating for a conducive economic environment, and fostering strategic partnerships.
- **Leadership and Governance**
  Participating in the governance of the Chamber, including serving as ex officio members of the Board of Directors, to ensure continuity, stability, and strategic oversight.
- **Participation in Strategic Initiatives**
  Engaging actively in initiatives focused on economic development, policy advocacy, and member support to advance the Chamber's mission.
- **Promotion of the Chamber's Mission**
  Acting as ambassadors and advocates to increase the visibility and credibility of AmCham Coral Sea within the region.
- **Active Engagement**
  Contributing resources, expertise, and networks to support the Chamber's programs, events, and strategic goals.

Ongoing Involvement and Support
While the status of founding members carries historical significance, their continued involvement is voluntary. They are encouraged to participate actively in Chamber activities and may serve as ex officio members of the Board of Directors, providing continuity and institutional knowledge.

Board role for representatives of founding members:

- They are ex officio board reps (as the Articles limit the number of people that make up the board)

- They are able to continue their role at the discretion of the full board (including the ex officio members)
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Membership Expansion
The Chamber seeks to broaden its membership base by welcoming new organizations and individuals aligned with its mission. This expansion ensures the organization's ongoing growth, relevance, and effectiveness in representing its members' interests.

Conclusion
The founding members of AmCham Coral Sea are integral to the organization's legacy and future success. Their ongoing support, leadership, and commitment are vital to fostering economic growth, strategic partnerships, and advocacy in the Coral Sea region