

Richard E. Blouse Jr.

Richard E. Blouse Jr. joined the Detroit Regional Chamber as president and CEO in 1994. With over 20,000 members, the Detroit Regional Chamber is largest chamber of commerce in the United States. Prior to joining the Chamber, he was president and CEO of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce in Greenville, S.C.

Blouse was previously owner and president of the R. E. Blouse Group of Lancaster, Pa., an independent consultant serving the nonprofit, education, and small business markets in organizational consulting, training, planning, and group problem solving. He was also a partner in Greenfield Associates Ltd., of Lancaster, a managerial consulting firm providing market and strategic planning, management assessment, organizational assessment, and human resource development in the eastern United States. In his early years, Blouse taught chemistry and science for five years and was co-owner of a camera shop in Hanover, Pa.

Blouse serves on the boards of numerous civic organizations, including: the American Chamber of Commerce Executives (chair, 1999–2000); the Arab-American and Chaldean Council Advisory Board; Civic Executives (City of Detroit); Greater Detroit and Windsor Japan-America Society; Greater Detroit Area Health Council; Michigan Chamber of Commerce Executives (president, 2002–2003); The Nature Conservancy—Michigan Chapter; the Southeast Michigan Consortium for Water Quality Task Force; and Wayne State University’s Research & Technology Park Board. He received the Community Leadership Award from the Arab-American Chaldean Council in 2002.

Special assignments include participation on the Detroit/Metro-Wayne County Airport Authority Commission (1996–2002); Mayor’s Economic Development Transition Team City of Detroit (2001); Sustainable Renaissance Committee for the City of Detroit (1997); the Casino Advisory Committee of the City of Detroit (1996–97); Cultural Affairs Advisory Committee (City of Detroit); Michigan Information Technology Commission; University of Detroit Mercy’s Commission on the Future; and Wayne County Airport Commission

Blouse holds a BS in education and a MED in physical science from Millersville University. He is a Certified Chamber Executive.