

Scott Cook has served as the CEO for the Longmont Area Chamber of Commerce since August of 2017. Before this position, Scott filled various roles at the Chamber for over a decade including Event & Program Director where he led a variety of community events including the Chamber's popular Unity in the Community event. Before returning to Longmont, Scott worked for Recycled Rubber Products of Illinois (RRPI), a tire recycling company in Chicago. It was there that he learned the "ins and outs" of running a small business. His experience at RRPI, coupled with his work after college in Missouri Senator John Ashcroft's office in Washington gave him a passion for small business and advocating for business interests. In 2008, with then Chamber CEO, Kathy Weber-Harding, he began the Chamber's Public Policy Committee. A committee that regularly reviews legislative bills and ballot questions to determine their impact on the local business community. Now, under his leadership, the Chamber is expanding not only its policy advocacy work but is creating new events and opportunities to expand and grow businesses in Longmont.

Not quite a native of Longmont, Scott was born in Walnut Creek, CA. He grew up in Longmont however after his father, a United Airlines pilot, transferred to Denver from San Francisco. He has four siblings and six nieces and nephews. One of his favorite things to do is spend time with his family. In the summer, he and family enjoy hikes in the Colorado Mountains, but he quipped that it often takes longer to get all the kids and dogs ready to go than the actual hike itself.

In his free time, Scott is an avid weightlifter and has competed in a few amateur shows. He also enjoys running, photography and music. He vividly remembers attending his first symphony concert at the Colorado Symphony Orchestra in elementary school. The concert was just for kids complete with a lady dressed as a clown on stage. She responded to the music in funny ways but also told the audience when to clap and when to remain silent. He says he will never forget the experience as it gave him a love for music. He now often looks for chances to attend symphony orchestra concerts in the various places he has lived and travelled. Travel is his most favorite pastime. He was given a love of travel by his parents and a love of history by his grandmother. The ideal adventure for him is exploring a new country after having studied its history and culture.