



Fact Sheet about Organizational Membership for Corporations/Businesses/Nonprofits

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Purpose

An Organizational Membership allows a corporation, business or nonprofit organization to become a member of the Rotary Club of Collingwood, through the currently established membership approval process.

The Organizational Membership allows two designees of an organization to attend club meetings, and serve on club projects and participate on club committees.

The intent of the Organizational Membership category is to increase the club's ability to attract and retain a qualified and diverse professional base within the community.

Benefits of an Organizational Membership

Increase in:

- Club membership, recruitment and retention
- Support to The Rotary Foundation (program participation and fundraising)
- Successful service projects (community and international)

Improvement in:

- Leadership and engagement opportunities for members
- Participation in club activities
- Overall diversity within the club's membership.

How the Organizational Membership Works

1. **Approval.** An organization can become an eligible member of the Rotary Club of Collingwood through the existing member approval process.
2. **Designees.** Once an organization becomes an eligible member through the established approval process, it may appoint up to, two people to be its designees, one of whom must be a member of that organization's management team or owner; the other can be a person on their employee team.
3. **Changing designates.** The club will determine the ability of the organization to change a designate so long as one designate is a member of their leadership team. There will be onetime costs associated for each change.
4. **Inductions.** The Organization will be inducted into membership with both designees participating in the induction ceremony.
5. **Attendance.** The attendance requirement for an Organizational member will be the same as an individual membership.
6. **Classification.** The classification of the eligible organization and its designees will be established by the club. Because an organization is an official member of the Rotary Club, this classification will be counted toward the classification limits set forth in the RI Constitution.



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7. **RI registration.** One designate will be listed as an official member of the Rotary Club of Collingwood and will be noted in the roster for the named eligible organization.
8. **Badges.** The badge will show their status as an Organizational Member.
9. **Votes and quorum.** For the purpose of general meetings and club matters, voting by the organizational will be as one member of the Rotary Club of Collingwood.
10. **Holding Office.** Only one Organizational designate can hold an office in the Rotary Club to which they are elected.
11. **Financial obligations.** The financial obligations of an eligible organization will be as follows:
 - a) RI dues: Payable for each member as stipulated in the RI Bylaws.
 - b) Annual club dues. (As of October 2015: \$400, invoiced quarterly)
 - c) One-time initiation fees of \$25.
 - d) Each change of designate fee of \$25.
 - e) Meal/beverage costs for one designate of the organization at each weekly meeting or event. If both designees attend the same meeting the additional cost of the second meal will be applied. (invoiced quarterly)
 - f) Optional contribution to The Rotary Foundation.
12. **Conversion.** If a designate of the organizational member is no longer an employee the individual may convert to an individual membership in the club. The individual will be responsible for all requirements of an individual club membership.
13. **Receipt of *The Rotarian* or Rotary regional magazine.** As the member, the organization will receive the relevant RI magazine.
14. **Termination.** The process of terminating the membership of a designate or the organizational member will be determined by the Rotary Club of Collingwood existing bylaws.