
Member-at-Large Policy

Rotary International and the Rotary Club of Arlington recognize that members may remain engaged and active in the organization even if they cannot regularly attend luncheon meetings, or if they can attend but cannot eat the standard lunch due to food allergies. Attendance at the luncheon meetings is preferred, but when an active member who has been a member of the club for at least two (2) years runs into circumstances that prevent regular attendance, the member may apply to the board to become a member-at-large. Notwithstanding the above, when spouses or domestic partners are both members of the club, they shall have the right to designate one of them as a member-at-large for dues purposes without going through the application process.

The application form shall be approved by the board and shall include the requirement that the member-at-large pay dues and fees as established by the board, contribute a minimum of \$100 each year to the Rotary Foundation, and do their best to sell the number of Duck Dash tickets distributed to each member. In addition, the application form shall include a proposal for how the applicant will remain engaged personally and/or financially with Rotary. The following is a non-exclusive list of ways that a member may remain engaged:

1. Attend lunch meetings of our club or make-up at other clubs, including e-clubs.
2. Participate "hands-on" in a club service project(s).
3. Participate financially in a club service project, e.g., sponsor food baskets, pay for materials for a project, such as paying for senior center lunches when we serve before Christmas, pay expenses for splash pad components, student scholarships, etc.
4. Participate in club social event(s).
5. Sponsor or host a club social event(s).
6. Take on tasks that benefit the club on their own time, e.g., club newsletter, website, social media, do billing, keep track of volunteer hours, etc.
7. Take on committee assignments, including the Arlington Rotary Foundation, Duck Dash, and our 7 standing committees.

8. Participate financially in supporting some aspect(s) of the Rotary Foundation, e.g., the general fund, endowment, and/or Polio Plus.

9. Host an incoming exchange student.

10. Financially support an outbound or inbound exchange student.

11. Continue to pay for meals on a semiannual basis to cover the cost when the member does attend, but to help cover the cost for guests and use of the facility when unable to attend.

12. Participate at the district level in any of the above.

An application shall be submitted to the membership director with a copy to the president and considered by the membership committee at its next scheduled meeting. The application process shall include a personal interview with one or more members of the committee. The committee may recommend acceptance, acceptance with conditions, or rejection of the application to the board of directors at its next regular meeting. If the board accepts the application with additional conditions, the application shall be considered rejected if the conditions are not accepted in writing by the member before the board's next regular meeting, or if the member requests reconsideration of the board's decision.

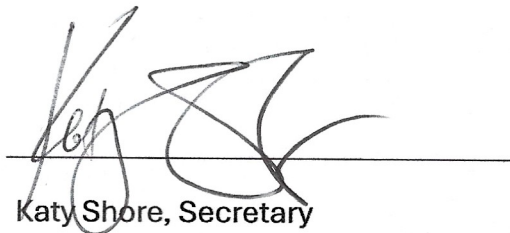
As a condition of agreeing to serve as an officer of the club, a member-at-large must agree to relinquish their member-at-large status. This shall not apply to directors, associate directors, or a member-at-large who, due to food allergies, cannot eat the standard lunch provided.

During the month of March of each year, after a member has been a member-at-large for at least one (1) year, the membership committee will review the member-at-large status to determine whether the member-at-large is engaged as provided in the accepted application. The committee may elect to do an interview. If the committee recommends to the board that the member-at-large status be terminated, the board shall act on the recommendation at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

The above policy was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Arlington on the following date: February 24, 2026.



Robert Campbell, President



Katy Shore, Secretary