

## Article XII: Method of Electing Members

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### Section 1. Criteria

Membership and classification criteria of this Club shall follow Article 8 and Article 9 of the Standard Club Constitution of Rotary International.

### Section 2. Proposal

The proposal of a new member shall proceed as follows:

- A. The name of a new member may be proposed by any active member of the Club who then serves as the sponsoring member-
- ~~B. The sponsoring member shall complete the proposed card and deliver it to the Chair or Co-Chair of the Membership Committee.~~
- ~~C.~~ B. The Membership Committee shall investigate expeditiously the eligibility of the new member for Rotary membership ~~according to the classification guidelines as well as evaluate~~ evaluating the applicant's general character, business and social reputation. The Committee shall ~~also~~ report findings and make a recommendation for membership to the Board.
- ~~D.~~ C. Upon Board approval, the President shall announce the new member and sponsor to the membership at the next regular Club meeting. Any written objections by members (active members only) about a proposed new member must be submitted to the Secretary within ten days.
- ~~E.~~ D. Should a proper objection to the new member be received, the name shall be referred back to the Board for consideration and disposition. If after proper consideration, three or more Board members cast a negative vote for membership, the prospective new member is denied membership.
- ~~F.~~ E. Upon all approvals, the Membership Committee Chair shall schedule an orientation meeting for the new member which the sponsor of the new member and any Alternates are ~~is~~ expected to attend. Sponsors should play an active role in guiding the new member through his or her first Rotary year.

### Section 3. Induction

Induction should occur within 30 days of application-orientation. Each new member shall be given a ~~membership application to complete as well as a~~ bill for all initiation fees and membership dues as determined by the Treasurer.

The new member shall be assigned, as soon as possible, to one or more committees by the President.

## Article XIII: Membership

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### Section 1. Rules and qualifications.

Clubs may determine their own rules or requirements for transferring members, dual membership, and honorary members. They are also free to continue following the traditional provisions for these members. The only mandatory qualifications for membership are that Rotarians must be adults who have demonstrated good character, integrity and leadership; have a good reputation in their business, profession and community; and are willing to serve in their community and around the world. (2016 Council on Legislation {16-36, 16-38}).

## Section 2. New membership types.

Clubs may offer associate, corporate, family, or other membership types. Clubs offering these additional types would report these members to Rotary as “active” for purposes of inclusion on the club invoice. Other financial obligations (Club dues, meal costs, etc.), attendance requirements, and service expectations for these members are determined by the club. However, only active members may be considered for office and count in determining a Club’s voting strength. (2016 Council on Legislation {16-36}).

## Section 3. Organizational Membership.

Rotary International does not accept organizations as members. Organizational Memberships give local businesses, nonprofits, and government entities the chance to give back to the community while developing their employees’ personal and professional skills through Rotary. Each employee gains access to the fellowship and service opportunities of Rotary with the possibility of a less significant time commitment.

- A. Each Organizational Membership has one Primary Member and up to three Alternates.
- B. the Primary Member is the official Rotary International member, with full privileges and obligations for dues.
- C. The sponsoring Organization can choose to pay for or subsidize the membership as it sees fit.
- D. The membership application process, joining fee, and dues for the Primary Member will be the same as for Individual Members of the club. The Primary Member will have all the benefits of an Individual Member. They can vote, participate in Rotary International programs and serve as an officer.
- E. Alternates will participate in orientation with the Primary Member. The Alternates may participate in all Rotary Club of Jamestown activities, but are not members of Rotary International and cannot vote or hold office. Dues for Alternates are set by the Board of Directors.
- F. The Primary Member and Alternate(s) could divide their participation any way they choose. The important point is that the sponsoring Organization is supporting their participation. One person or all can attend a lunch meeting and each would pay for their lunch. Primary Members and Alternates can serve on committees of their choosing.
- G. The sponsoring Organization can change the Alternates by sending a revised list of Alternates to the Membership Chair, who will schedule new Alternates for the next orientation and forward the information to the Secretary to update Club Runner.

## Section ~~4~~3. Transferring member statement.

Potential members who owe money to another Club are ineligible for membership. Clubs must seek confirmation that a former Rotarian does not have any outstanding debt to their previous Club. When a club requests a statement from the Club of a member who wishes to transfer, or who was previously a member, as to whether that person owes money, the request must be responded to within 30 days. If no response is provided, it is assumed that the member doesn’t owe anything. These changes are in the RI Bylaws but are no longer repeated in the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. (2016 Council on Legislation {16-51}).

## Section 5. Changing Membership Type

- A. Any Primary Member may become an Individual Member with Board approval.
- B. An Individual Member may become a Primary Member of an Organizational Membership by submitting a letter including a list of Alternates to the Board of Directors for approval.

## Article XIII: Resolutions

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### Sections 1.

No resolution or motion to commit this Club on any matter shall be considered by the Club until it has been considered by the Board. Such resolutions or motions, if offered at a Club meeting shall be referred to the Board without discussion.

## Article XIV: Honorary Members

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### Section 1.

Honorary membership is the highest distinction that a club can bestow and should be conferred only in exceptional cases. Clubs should grant honorary membership only as a distinction for meritorious service that embodies Rotary ideals or for permanent support of Rotary's causes.

Honorary members are exempt from paying admission fees and dues, may not vote, and may not hold any office in the Club. Such members do not hold classifications but are entitled to attend all meetings, wear the RI emblem, badge, or other RI insignia, and enjoy all the other privileges of the Club. No Honorary Member of a Club is entitled to any rights or privileges in any other Club, except for the right to visit other Clubs without being the guest of a Rotarian. Individuals may hold honorary membership in more than one Club.

The Rotary Club of Jamestown shall have no more than three living honorary members.