

## **CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP POLICY**

### **Purpose**

The goal of this membership category is to increase the club's ability to attract and retain a qualified and diverse professional base within the community by allowing flexibility as desired by prospective members.

Corporate Members will still go through an approval process and can appoint one designee as the individual who will attend club meetings, assist with projects and fundraisers.

### **Guidelines**

1. **Approval.** A corporate entity or business can apply for membership in the Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls. The process will be as follows: (1) Senior designee attend 3 regular club meetings as a potential member to assess fit, (2) Fill out Corporate Membership Application and submit to board for approval, (3) Senior designee must receive a New Member Orientation, and (4) Corporate entity or business is inducted into club. (Preferably the additional designee should be present for induction.)
2. **Designees.** The corporate entity or business may name one other person to be designees.
3. **Changing designees.** Designees can be changed upon approval of the club's board of directors.
4. **RI and District registration.** Per RI's and District 7210's current policies, only one designee (referred to as 'Senior Designee') can be listed as an official member of the Rotary club. Each designee will be listed in the Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls directory under the corporate entity or business.
5. **Dues.** The financial obligations of an eligible corporation will be as follows:
  - a. **RI/District/Club Dues:** For the 2022/2023 Rotary year, the corporate membership fee will be \$300 plus a one-time new member fee of \$85. The dues structure will be reviewed and determined annually by the Board of Directors and the Club. An appropriate portion of dues will be paid to Rotary International, District 7210 and we will only recognize the 'Senior Designee' from the corporate entity or business as the member.
  - b. The Rotary Magazine will be included in the dues for the "Senior Designee" and the additional designees will be charged at the current rate designated by RI each year for the magazine, if they are interested.
  - c. Should a change of membership status from corporate designee to individual member occur, the new member will pay regular active dues from the day the change occurs.
  - d. **Paul Harris Fellow (PHF)** Should they choose to pay it, the corporate entity or business may pay it or the individual designees may pay it themselves.

6. Attendance: The Designees may all attend meetings.

a. Club Meetings: All designees per corporate membership are permitted to attend meetings.

b. Fellowship Events: All designees are permitted to attend fellowship events or other club events. If the Club is covering the cost for an event, only one designee will be eligible.

7. Badges. Each designee will have a club name badge.

8. Votes and quorum. For the purpose of general meetings and club matters, designee present at the time of vote would represent the corporate entity or business and vote on their behalf. If 1 or more are present only one shall vote.

9. Holding office. The 'Senior Designee' can hold any office in the Rotary club to which the designee is elected in the normal way. (If another designee would like to hold an office, this can be discussed on a case by case basis.)

10. Conversion. A designee of the eligible corporation, while still an employee of the eligible corporation, may convert to an individual active membership of the club with approval of the club's board of directors. Dues, attendance, and other requirements will be the same as other active members

11. Bulletin and communication. The 'Senior Designee' will receive the club's meeting notes and other communication if not electronic. It is their responsibility to pass the information along to the other designee. The designee attending the weekly meeting should also communicate information to the other designee.

12. Public liability cover. All designees will be included under the respective club liability insurance while participating in any approved club activities or projects, if applicable.

13. Sponsorship. Included in your membership you will be able to choose a low-level sponsorship for one of our fundraising events.

14. Termination. The process for terminating the membership business entity will be the same as with active members. Termination of a designee will be confidential at the sole discretion of the Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls and the sponsoring business will be requested to designate another representative if desired.

**ROTARY CLUB OF WAPPINGERS FALLS CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Please complete application and return to your sponsor and/or the current Membership Chair.

We apply for corporate membership in the Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls and authorize our consideration by the Board of Directors. If approved, we authorize publication of our organization's name and representing officers and classification in the Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls regular meeting and/or board meeting notes for consideration by the club membership. We agree to abide by the requirements of membership and to pay the annual dues promptly.

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Website Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Senior Designee**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Former Rotarian: Yes No

If yes, name of previous club: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Significant relation: \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Committees/Boards served on: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Additional Designee**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Former Rotarian: Yes No

If yes, name of previous club: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Significant relation: \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Committees/Boards served on: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sponsored by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_