

Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

MEMBERSHIP PROTOCOL

To continue the strength of Rotary through the careful recruitment and engagement of members who represent the values of Rotary, the Membership Committee recommends the following protocol.

Sponsoring Member responsibilities:

- _ Invite prospective members to lunch meetings and Rotary events, introduce the prospective member to the Club, and discuss with the prospective member the Rotary club itself, Rotary International, and Rotary values
- _ Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs is a lunchtime club. A Sponsor may offer to pay for his or her Prospective Member's lunch, or simply indicate that the lunch charge is approximately \$15-\$20. Lunches should be paid for in the manner used in current club practice with the exception of the mini-orientation and induction
- _ Introduce the Prospective Member guest at meetings, sit with them, and help them make acquaintance with members, especially members of the Board of Directors, if possible.
- _ At some point between the third and sixth meeting that your guest attends a regular weekly meeting of the club (within a six-week period), the Sponsoring Member should have a conversation with the Prospective Member guest to determine if they would like to join. If so, provide them with the "New Member Information Packet" (available online at <http://rotarypagosa.org> website after you log in as a member. Obtain the Membership Proposal Form and fill it out completely with the Prospective Member. Submit the Proposal Form to the Membership Committee Chairperson. Please use only the most current Proposal Form (dated _____).
- _ After July 1, 2017, the Innovation and Flexibility Program may no longer be available; however, members that joined under the Program will be able to continue with the same privileges as initially offered when they joined. Should a "family member" wish to register as a "full" Rotarian they would pay full dues.

The Membership Committee will support you in every way possible and take the process through the next steps:

- _ Membership Proposals will be submitted to the Board of Directors at the next regular Board meeting, the second Friday of each month. The Board will vote on the Proposal and if the decision of the Board is favorable, the prospective member(s) name will be announced through the Club Bulletin. During this period the proposed member(s) is welcome to attend Club meetings and events either as the Sponsor's guest or on their own.
- _ The Membership Chairperson will arrange a mini-orientation with one or more Membership Committee members, the Sponsor and the Proposed Member(s) to fully orient everyone of the privileges and responsibilities of membership. The Rotary Club Membership Committee Budget will cover meal expense for the Proposed Member(s) for the mini-orientation and the induction as an investment in the New Member.
- _ Upon payment of the \$85 Induction Fee the Membership Chairperson will arrange the Proposed Member(s) induction date.
- _ The New Member(s) will wear the red temporary Rotary badge during the first six months of membership. They will also be assigned a mentor to assist them in becoming engaged in the Club's activities and projects.