

New Brighton/Mounds View Rotary Club Corporate/Organizational Membership Adopted December 28, 2017

Rotary International Corporate Member Policy Statement

“Your club is free to offer alternative membership types of any kind, as long as new members are counted as individuals — corporate members in this case — rather than the corporations that sponsor their membership. If the members pay RI dues, they will be included in your club's official membership count and receive all the benefits that other active, dues-paying members enjoy.

Your club can have different policies for these members' other financial obligations (club and district dues, meal costs, etc.), attendance requirements, or service expectations, as long as these policies are reflected in the club bylaws.”

NOTE: IN THIS POLICY THE TERM “ENTITY” IS USED IN PLACE OF “CORPORATE/ORGANIZATION”

Purpose

In today's business climate it is not always possible for a Rotarian in a senior leadership position to attend club meeting or participate in Rotary service projects. The Corporate/Organizational Membership Policy allows Rotarians, who are in senior leadership positions of a corporation, company or government agency to designate up to three individuals, also in leadership positions, for that organization, to participate in club meetings and other club activities. The designees shall be nominated and vetted through currently established membership approval process. Up to three designees of the corporation/organization may attend club meetings, serve on and/or club committees, and participate in club activities.

The intent of the corporate membership is to increase the club's ability to attract and retain a qualified and diverse professional base within the community. It allows for flexibility and recognizes the demand on corporate leaders' time.

Rotary Corporate Membership and Rules

- 1. Approval:** A club Rotarian, holding a senior level leadership position in the entity, may nominate persons in leadership positions, from that entity, to serve as a designee for that entity. The nominated designee will be subject to the current membership vetting process. Up to three designees of the entity may be active at one time.
- 2. Designees:** Once the designee has been approved by the club, the designee is qualified to attend club meeting, participate in club projects, and serve as chairs of club service projects.
- 3. Designee status in Rotary: A designee will not be recognized as a member of Rotary.**
 - a. The designee will not be assigned a Rotary International Identification number.**
 - b. The designees will not be expected, but encouraged to contribute to the Rotary Foundation.**
 - c. The designee will not be eligible to hold a Board of Director position.**
 - d. The designee will be provided a personalized name badge to wear during meetings.**
 - e. One designee will be allowed a voice or ballot vote during club level elections/decisions. If the corporate Rotarian also attends the meeting when a vote is taken, only the Rotarian can vote.**
 - f. Designees are encouraged to identify potential projects that would help the club make a positive difference in people's lives.**
 - g. The corporate Rotarian will receive the Rotary magazine.**
- 4. Changing designees:** Any change in entity designees must be approved following the current member application process
- 5. Inductions:** Entity designees will be inducted into the club as corporate designees. Their name badges will identify them as entity designees. Example: “City of New Brighton Designee”.

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6. **Attendance:** Attendance will be checked under the entity Rotarians membership number. If more than one member of the corporation attends a meeting, one member will be listed as a guest.
7. **Conversion to Rotary Membership:** If an entity designee desires to be recognized for contributions to the Rotary Foundation, hold a position on the club's Board, and/or be recognized as a Rotarian, the designee can become a member by submitting the current membership application form to club. The membership request will be subject to the current membership approval process. If a designee converts to Rotary membership status, the corporation may nominate a designee replacement. After conversion to "Rotarian" status membership fees will be billed at current rates.

Financial Obligations

1. **The Corporate Rotarian:** The entity Rotarian will be billed for the same dues, fees, and meals as other club Rotarians.
2. **If the Entity Rotarian is unable to attend a meeting:** One designee can attend a club meeting with no additional charge
3. **Multiple meeting attendees:** If more than one member of the corporation attends a meeting, the corporation or the designee will be billed for an additional meal, if eaten, at the going rate for visitor meals.
4. **Special Assessments:** Entity designees are not subject to special assessments.
5. **Incidental fees:** Anyone attending a club meeting can contribute to happy fines and or purchase a ticket for the weekly drawing.

Communication

1. **Access to Club Website:** www.nbmvrotary.org Designees will have access to the club website with "member" privileges. Designees will be listed as "other users"; therefore, their information will not be integrated with Rotary International records.
2. **Weekly Bulletin:** Entity designees will receive the weekly club bulletin.
3. **Broadcast Email:** A "Designee Group" will be added to ClubRunner enabling designees to receive email messages via ClubRunner
4. **Club Communication:** Designees, along with members, are encouraged to check the website and their email for club related messages. Members and designees are encouraged to check out the club's Facebook page frequently.

Service Above Self

The club's motto is "Service Above Self". Members and designees are expected to participate in and support club service projects. Members and designees are expected, as physically and time availability able, to volunteer time to ensure the club commitments are met. Examples of volunteering opportunities include the annual Easter egg hunt, hot dog feed and other activities during Stockyard Days, serving on fundraising committees and several more.