

PROPOSING A NEW MEMBER

ROTARY MEMBERSHIP IS BY “INVITATION ONLY.” That means that we need to gain approval by the board...and then the entire membership... before we invite anyone to *join** the club.

*You are encouraged to invite guests to club meetings!

QUALIFICATIONS: A new member must be an adult of good character; a proprietor, partner, officer, manager or hold a discretionary position in business/profession; or be retired from such a position.

–Article V, Section 2, Rotary Constitution.

PROCESS:

- **Inform the potential new member** about Rotary. Invite them as a guest without implying they may be considered for membership. See if they have an interest in our club...and if you think they would be a good fit for the club.
- Complete ***A-MemberProposal.pdf*** and send it to the Membership Chair, Club President and Secretary. The application will be read at the next Board meeting. You can request an expedited reading, if appropriate.
- When the application is Board-approved, the application is announced to the club membership for two weeks to invite questions and review.
- Once approved by the club membership, you (the proposed member’s sponsor) will be notified and it is your responsibility to go over ***Pre-Membership-Expectations.pdf*** with the proposed member and invite them to join Rotary.
- When the proposed member agrees to join, complete ***B-MemberProposal.pdf*** with them. A check for pro-rated annual dues along with a \$50 application fee, must attached and all is given to the Membership Chair, Club Secretary or Club President. The Club Treasurer is available to confirm the pro-rated dues amount.
- All of the noted documents can be found at: <http://beachrotary.org/members-area/>
- The membership committee will handle the new membership process from this point on. However, it is important for you, as the member’s sponsor, **to stay engaged** with the proposed new member, help him/her to integrate smoothly into the club, sign-up for committees, etc. **AT LEAST** until the new member has been assigned, and is comfortable with, a mentor; ***you are their primary link to success as a Rotarian.***
- During the Club **Induction Ceremony**, you may be asked to stand with the new member and say a few words.