

Chippewa Falls Rotary Club Corporate Membership

Purpose

The Corporate Membership Program will allow a corporation or a company in the club's area to become a member of the Chippewa Falls Rotary Club, through the currently established membership approval process. Two designees of the corporation/company may attend club meetings, serve on club projects, vote on club matters, serve as club officers and be on club committees.

The intent of the corporate membership category 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 tremendous mobility that is the norm within the current corporate environment.

Benefits of a Corporate Membership

Increase in

- Club membership, recruitment and retention
- Support to The Rotary Foundation (program participation and fundraising)
- Successful service projects (community and international)

Improvement in

- Leadership and engagement opportunities for members
- Participation in club activities
- Overall diversity within the club's membership

Program Process

***1. Approval.** A corporate entity or organization can become an eligible corporate member of the Chippewa Falls Rotary club through the existing member approval process.

2. Designees. Once an entity becomes an eligible corporate member through the established approval process, it may appoint up to, two persons to be its designees, one of whom must be a member of that entity's local management group; the others can be members of the corporate structure employed by the eligible corporation.

3. Changing designees. The club will determine the ability of the eligible corporation to change any of its designees so long as at all times one of them is a member of the eligible corporation's leadership group.

***4. Inductions.** A corporate member designee will be formally inducted into the club as a new member.

***5. Attendance.** The attendance requirement for an eligible corporation will be the same as an individual membership.

***6. Classification.** The classification of the eligible corporation and its designees will be established by the club. Because a corporate member is an official member of the Rotary

club, this classification will be counted toward the classification limits set forth in the RI Constitution, Article 5, Section 2 (b).

7. RI registration. Each designee will be listed as an official member of the Chippewa Falls Rotary club and will be noted in the roster that they are designees of the named eligible corporation.

8. Badges. The badge will show their status as a Corporate Member.

***9. Votes and quorum.** For the purpose of general meetings and club matters, voting by the corporate member will be as an official member of the Chippewa Falls Rotary club. Membership would apply toward RI election voting.

***10. Holding Office.** Each designee, as an individual, can hold any office in the Rotary club to which the designee is elected in the normal way. The number of designees to hold an office at any one time will be established by the club.

11. Financial obligations. The financial obligations of an eligible corporation will be as follows:

- (a) RI dues: Payable for each member as stipulated in the RI Bylaws 17.030.
- (b) Annual club dues.
- (c) Meal/beverage costs for one member of the corporate/company or group. (If both members attend the same meeting the additional cost of the second meal will be applied.)
- (d) Optional contribution to The Rotary Foundation.

12. Conversion. If the designee of the eligible corporation is no longer an employee of the eligible corporation they may auto-convert to an individual membership in the club. The individual will be responsible for all RI dues, club dues and meal/beverage costs, as they become due.

13. Receipt of *The Rotarian* or Rotary regional magazine. The Corporate Club member will receive the relevant RI magazine.

***14. Public liability coverage.** The corporate member designees will be included under the Chippewa Falls Rotary club liability insurance while participating in any approved club activities or projects, if applicable.

***15. Participation in youth activities.** The corporate member designees are expected to abide by all restrictions, policies, and procedures with respect to club activities involving youth.

***16. Termination.** The process of terminating the membership of a designee or the eligible corporation will be determined by the Chippewa Falls Rotary club existing bylaws.

**Follow existing Chippewa Falls Rotary club ByLaws.*