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Initiation Procedures for CBG Candidates

1. To avoid any potential conflicts of interest, the CBG's Membership Committee Chairperson should be notified prior to a "prospective CBG candidate" attending any CBG function. CBG members are always welcome to invite "guests" who are neither interested in, nor eligible for membership in the CBG, without first notifying the Membership Committee. The "prospect" or "guest" or the CBG member who invited the "prospect" or "guest" is responsible for paying the cost of the breakfast.
2. Once the CBG's Membership Committee Chairperson *clears* the "prospective CBG candidate" and the "prospective CBG candidate" may attend a CBG function...preferably, an "off-week breakfast." If there is a "sponsoring CBG member," the "sponsoring CBG member," is responsible for the cost of the guest's/prospect's breakfast. A "CBG prospect" should bring business cards to be distributed during and after the function and also be prepared to deliver a "1-2 minute commercial" so that the group may become familiar with the prospective membership candidate.
3. Before a "prospective CBG candidate" may attend another CBG function, the "prospective CBG candidate" will be given an application packet. All requirements set forth in the packet must be completed and returned to the CBG's Membership Committee Chairperson.
4. The Membership Committee will review the "prospective CBG candidate's" application and will schedule an interview with the "prospective CBG candidate." Typically, the interview will take place during, or immediately following the next "off-week breakfast." Again, if there is a "sponsoring CBG member," the "sponsoring CBG member," is responsible for the cost of the guest's/prospect's breakfast.
5. After successfully "passing the interview," the "prospective CBG candidate" will be invited to attend a CBG meeting for the purpose of presenting himself or herself, in greater detail, to the CBG Membership. From this point on, the "CBG membership candidate" pays for the cost of his or her breakfast.
6. After "presenting" himself or herself to the CBG Membership, the "CBG membership candidate" may attend the next "off-week breakfast" meeting for the purpose of making himself or herself more familiar with CBG Members. Again, the "CBG membership candidate" pays for the cost of breakfast.
7. The "CBG membership candidate" may not attend any more than three "off-week breakfasts and two CBG meetings until he or she has been approved for CBG membership and is "voted-in" by a majority vote of the attending quorum. Typically, after satisfying all requirements, this "membership vote" takes place at the next CBG meeting.
8. Upon majority approval of CBG Membership, the "new Member" is required to pay an initiation fee of \$100.00, one quarter's dues of \$125.00, supply a digital photo (preferably a head-shot), 400 business cards (in 40 rubber-banded packets of 10), personal and business profiles (preferably 100-125 words) as well as anything else deemed appropriate.

The entire "initial visit" to "voting-in" process takes approximately five to seven weeks.

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