

Business Builders



of St. Petersburg, FL

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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My Commitment Is As Follows:

- I will help provide an environment for people to grow, businesses to grow, friendships to form and motivation to soar. I will be honest and fair in all of my business dealings.
- I understand and acknowledge that attendance is key to the overall success of this group. It is at the meetings when I will learn more about other members and they will learn more about me.
- I will pay at the first meeting of the month an amount totaling \$10 per month. I understand that my \$10 fees are due whether or not I attend all the meetings that month. I understand the fees are nonrefundable.
- I will provide 2 qualified business leads for other members per month. Qualified leads are names and contact information of potential clients for specific members of the group.
- I understand there may only be one member for each business category and that there is only one business category allowed per person.
- I understand that if any of my services overlap another member's services, that member may protest my membership and I will be notified of the protest. If the member allows me to join, I understand that I am in no circumstance allowed to speak of those overlapping services at any time during the weekly meetings.

Please read the following:

Absence Limits: A member is permitted no more than 4 absences in any 4-month period. Membership will be downgraded to "Stand-by" status if attendance does not meet requirement to maintain full membership status. If you send a representative to a meeting during your absence, you will not be counted as absent.

Sabbaticals: Sabbaticals, with few exceptions, are not allowed unless you are able to send a representative as your substitute. If you feel you need a sabbatical and can not provide an alternate during your absence, you may request that the group vote to approve it. Approved sabbaticals are for a maximum of 3 months. At the end of the 3 months, you must resume your attendance or send a representative. Members on leave are still required to pay the monthly fee in order to maintain their membership.

Stand-By Members: Stand-By Members are members who cannot commit to joining the group but have visited at least 3 times. Business categories for Stand-By Members will remain open; therefore, members are welcome to invite guests from the same business category and those guests are welcome to apply for membership. Stand-By Members are required to pay the monthly fee but are not allowed to vote, nor are they allowed to protest a new applicant's membership.

Forfeiture of membership: Forfeiture occurs:

- When a member misses either/or 5 meetings in 4 months.
- When a member neglects to pay for one full month even during their absence.
- When a member mentions an overlapping service they have been asked not to mention.
- When a letter/email/phone call of resignation is placed.
- When the group votes to revoke membership of a member due to unethical business practices.
- When the group votes to revoke membership of a member due to actions deemed detrimental to the chapter's ability to exchange and generate quality leads and referrals, or adversely affects the dynamics of the group.

I understand that I am applying to join the group and I will wait until I am notified of the result before attending another meeting.

_____	_____
Today's Date	Your Birthday
_____	_____
Applicant's Printed Name	Applicant's Signature
_____	_____
Business Name	Business Phone Number
_____	_____
Website Address	Cell Phone Number
_____	_____
Email Address:	Home Phone Number (Optional)
_____	_____
Business Category	Membership Approved By

Please list in detail the services your business offers. Be completely thorough and list all services, **even if you know they overlap with another member**. If your company adds a service at a later date, you need to update this list. This list will be used to protect your business category.

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