



***Thank You For Your Interest In Joining Network of Executive Women!***

We welcome your participation and active involvement. We want to be sure that your membership experience is a positive one, so please take a few minutes - before completing your membership application - to learn about us: who we are, what we do, and what your membership means:

**MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA**

Membership is limited in the ByLaws to women in management, professionals and entrepreneurs who are involved in decision and policy making for their respective companies. Each applicant must be sponsored by a Network member. Every application is subject to the review and approval by the Board of Directors. The Board may contact your "sponsor" for information or clarification as it considers your application.

**MEMBERSHIP TERM & EXPIRATION**

Our fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th. All memberships, regardless of what month you joined (or how long you've been a member) - expire every June 30th and must be renewed by July 1st for the following fiscal year. Failure to renew by July 1st means that you may lose your membership privileges and must re-apply!

**MISSION AND OBJECTIVES**

Phyllis Holt, our founder, defined us as "an organization that gives women the opportunity to share resources, discuss problems, objectives and make business contacts." Our goal is to address the common interests of women in the business community, to help all of us grow and prosper as women in business.

Although we intrinsically generate clients or customers among ourselves, we do so as a result of the strong bonds we develop from meeting, learning, and "working" together for such common related interests as our scholarship program. Network's By-Laws (Article II - Objectives) clearly defines us as "an organization for the promotion and support of the common business interests of executive women in management and entrepreneurs in a variety of business fields."

The mission and objectives of Network have remained unchanged since our founding in 1979. Our purpose is not to give "exposure" to individual members or to "sell" any individual member's product or service. We are neither a mini-Chamber of Commerce nor a Leads Group! To the contrary, Network's documentation consistently refers to our mission and objectives as being common to all women in business (not related to any individual member or business).

**PARTICIPATION**

We want you to participate in our group! The active involvement of our members is what makes Network the dynamic and successful organization it is! Your personal participation is what will enable you to reap the benefits of membership.

- Attend our luncheon meetings (held the first Tuesday of each month)
- Join a Committee (Network is run by our dedicated member volunteers - we have no staff)
- Support and attend Network special events and fundraisers

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**ACTIVITIES** – work with the activities committee chair to organize fun events for members.

**FUNDRAISING** - there are numerous opportunities throughout the year to help with special events including our fundraising events that raise money for our scholarships. Many hands make light work and we count on our members to pitch in and assist the Fund Raising Chairperson. Assistance may be needed with ideas, planning and organizing, set-up, publicity, ticket and ad sales, donations, sponsors, etc.

**HISTORIAN** - help track and maintain our history and publicity scrapbook related to Network and its membership.

**MEMBERSHIP** - help us grow as an organization by recruiting new members, organizing our annual membership open house and assisting the Membership Chair in other activities as needed

**PROGRAMS** - work with the Program Chair to organize speakers and activities for our monthly luncheons

**PUBLICITY** - support the Publicity Chair in identifying and placing press releases, calendar announcements and articles about Network and its events in newspapers, radio and television

**SCHOLARSHIP** - assist the Scholarship Chair with the application, paperwork and scheduling process, applicant interviews and follow ups with tasks related to the scholarship awards luncheon

**SUNSHINE** - work with the Sunshine Chair to keep our membership connected on a personal level. Activities include purchasing or sending cards, flowers, etc.

**SOCIAL MEDIA** - assist the Social Media Chair with regular posts and information of interest to Network members

**WEBSITE** - help the Webmaster by generating or following up on information that keeps the Network's website accurate and current.

## THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Determine that you meet our membership criteria listed online on our "JOIN" page
2. Obtain a current network member as your "sponsor"
3. Decide which committees you would like to participate in and check those on your application
4. Complete the online application. Your signature confirms that you have read, understand and agree to terms
6. If your application is approved, we will mail you a PayPal invoice for dues.

*Membership will not take effect until payment of dues is received*

**AGREEMENT:** I am submitting my application for consideration after reading this document and I look forward to joining and participating in the Network of Executive Women.