

# **Membership Application Info**

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 and is expected to join a committee and participate. 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 organization for the promotion and support of the common business interests of women who are in executive management positions, professionals and entrepreneurs in a variety of business fields.

## PARTICIPATION

We need you to participate in our group! With no paid staff, the active involvement of our members is what makes Network. The active involvement of our members 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**

IMPORTANT: WE ARE A MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION AND COUNT ON OUR ENTIRE ROSTER TO PARTICIPATE WITH ...

Chamber Events
Emails
Fund Raising
Luncheon Programs
Luncheon Registration
Mailings
Marketing and Publicity
Membership
Network at Night
Newsletter
Phone Calls
Scholarship
Other

Members who do not hold a board position or participate as volunteers will be subject to a \$50 admin fee. Members who do not attend at least 4 events per year may be declined renewal in the next fiscal year.

#### 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.
- 5. If your application is approved, we will mail you a PayPal invoice for dues.
- 7. Membership will not take effect until payment of dues is received

Note: Prospective members who fill out our application hereby accept and approve of the information and guidelines contained in this doument.