

Business Networking Group



Building Better Business Through Networking

BNG was formed in 1992 as a network of professional business people. We have come together specifically to generate commerce among our members and to provide a network of referrals to further our entrepreneurial endeavors. We also serve as a vehicle to broaden one another's horizons as well as provide a resource system for solving day-to-day business challenges. Currently, we meet at 7:15 on the second and fourth Friday of each month at Omega Restaurant in Mundelein. In addition to the individual cost of breakfast, each person contributes a minimum of two - dollars gratuity. If you would like to join us, please complete the application below and submit it to a membership chairman.

Name _____

Business Name _____

Business Address _____

Business E-mail _____

Business Phone (____) _____ FAX (____) _____

Brief Description of Business:

Home Address _____

Home Phone (____) _____

Birthday _____

Spouse's Name _____

Sponsored By _____

Application Approved _____ Date _____

GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERSHIP

BOARD

Election of officers will be held at the meeting each October.

Officers of the Board will include a president, treasurer, and secretary.

President – responsible for meetings and agenda, guest introduction, press releases and publicity to inform potential and current members about meetings as well as membership.

Treasurer – responsible for collection of member dues, payment of any bills incurred by the organization, and accounting of funds which includes a oral status report each meeting and a written status report once each six month period; also ensures that an adequate amount is collected to cover gratuity.

Secretary – responsible for taking the minutes and for distributing them via e-mail. The secretary is also responsible for maintaining an updated membership roster.

If there is a board vacancy, a special election will be held to fill that position. Election will be by simple majority of those present.

There is no monetary compensation for serving as a member of the board.

Only members current in dues may hold a board position.

DUES

Dues are \$35.00 per six months per individual, beginning October 1 and April 1 of each year. Dues will not be pro-rated during the six month period.

There is a one-time initiation fee of \$25.00 due at the time of application.

MEMBERSHIP

A guest may attend two meetings before applying for membership.

Application for membership must be submitted to the Treasurer along with a check for the first six months' dues and the initiation fee. The check will be held and returned to the applicant if acceptance is denied.

Membership is limited to one member per professional specialty (industry) so as to uphold the non-competitive atmosphere of the organization.

The Treasurer will bring an application before the BNG as a whole for a vote of acceptance at the first meeting following its receipt. Any member who knows of a potential conflict or overlap

in professional abilities of the applicant with an existing member must voice that conflict during or prior to the meeting which the application is discussed for acceptance and voted upon.

Those members who resign or forfeit their membership are not required to pay the initiation fee upon re-application. They must, however, resubmit an application for consideration.

Members are allowed to miss three consecutive meetings without providing explanation or cause. Non-attendance by any member of more than three meetings, without giving notification to a member of the board of the cause, will result in forfeiture of membership.

Members are not expected to discount their professional services or expertise for other members within the group. It is hoped, however, in the spirit of camaraderie that membership will afford each other all fairness and assistance whenever possible. By the same token, any professional services rendered by a member for the good of the association and pre-approved by the board will be compensated by the organization upon submission of an invoice for those services.

A membership roster will be published of all the members names, company representation and phone numbers.

VOTING

All of the decisions of the organization will be brought before the membership for vote.

One member = one vote

Voting will be by simple majority of those present at the meeting for which the vote has been asked.

RETIREMENT

Members may maintain their membership once retired. Their Business category however, will be open for a new member. Dues will remain the same.