**PURPOSE:**

The Corporate & Family Membership Program allows a corporation, company, small business or family (hereafter and collectively “Corporation/Family”) to be a member of the Rotary Club of White Salmon - Bingen (hereafter “Club”) and appoint up to 4 designees to regularly attend weekly meetings and actively participate in Club activities.

**OBJECTIVE:**

Corporate & Family Membership enhances the club's ability to attract and retain a qualified and diverse professional and volunteer base within the community and allows the flexibility necessary for business professionals and families to participate within their time constraints.

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

**Approval**

1. The approval process begins with an informational meeting between the ClubMembership Committee representative and a representative of the Corporation/Family to explain the requirements and benefits of Rotary membership and determine whether the program would be beneficial to both parties.
2. If the Corporation/Family representative and the Club representative agree to continue the process, the Corporation/Family submits an application to the Club Membership Committee for review. The application will be reviewed by the Club’s Board of Directors, which has the final approval.
3. Upon approval by the Club's Board of Directors, a second meeting is held between the Corporation/Family and the Club to meet with the proposed lead Corporate/Family member and the other designees. For Corporations, the lead member should be a member of senior management to ensure corporate buy-in with the program.
4. Following the second meeting, final approval (of the individuals selected) is brought up for a vote by the Club Board of Directors. Upon approval, the induction process begins.

**Designees**

1. Once approved for membership, the Corporation/Family may appoint up to four (4) employees/family members to be its designees: one lead designee and up to three (3) alternate designees. For Corporations, the lead designee should be a member of the corporate senior staff, and other designees must be employees of the Corporation.
2. Each designee will become a member of Rotary International (RI) and be entitled to vote on Club matters and serve as a Club officer and on club committees.
3. Designees cannot be changed without prior notification to the Club membership director, who will determine whether an interview is required to accept the new designee.
4. Where the ultimate goal is to encourage corporate/family members to eventually become regular club members, it is recommended that the corporation/family minimize the changing of designees unless the individual terminates employment or wishes to discontinue as a designee.
5. If a designee leaves the Corporation/Family and wishes to become a regular member of the Club, or remains with the Corporation/Family and would prefer to become a regular Club member, they may do so by notifying the Club membership director. They may or may not be required to proceed through the normal membership proposal process.

**Attendance**

1. It is expected that, as a group, the Corporation/Family designees attempt to maintain 100% attendance. The four (4) designees have the flexibility to attend all of the Club meetings or rotate on a weekly basis as long as they strive to have at least one member present each week.
2. The Club Secretary will maintain attendance records for each designee and report the corporate attendance as a group when determining the monthly club attendance.
3. All Corporate/Family members are strongly encouraged to participate in as many club activities and projects as their time allows.

**Financial Obligations**

The lead designee is assessed the same annual dues as the regular club. Each alternate designee is assessed a lower amount, sufficient to cover the cost of District 5100 and RI dues.

**Classification**

Each designee is given a classification that takes into consideration their function. The badge provided to each designee is the same asregular members, except notes “Corporate/Family Member” along with their classification.

**Other administrative Details**

The Corporate/Family member designees are inducted as a group with a ceremony the same as regular member inductions. The Corporation/Family has a regular Club member as their sponsor. Membership packets are provided to each designee.

Each designee is listed as an official member of the Club, and it is noted in the roster that they are designees of the named Corporation/Family.

Each designee must go through the new “red ribbon” process which includes:

* Register their membership on Club database
* Attend a new member orientation meeting
* Serve as a greeter 3 three times
* Attend a monthly Board or Foundation meeting
* Attend at least 2 other Rotary club meetings in the area
* Select a committee / service project to serve
* Give their classification speech

Each Corporation/Family member receives a subscription to the Rotarian Magazine, and the weekly Club e-mail bulletin.

The Corporation/Family member designees are covered under the club liability insurance while participating in any approved Club activity or project.

The Corporation/Family member designees must abide by all the restrictions, policies and procedures related to club activities involving youth (Youth Protection Policy).

The process of terminating the membership of a designee of a member Corporation/Family will be the same as that for a regular Club member as defined in the club *bylaws.*

The Club membership chairperson will review the performance of each Corporation/Family membership after their first year of membership and make any necessary changes to ensure ongoing success.