**Rotary District 6360**

**Membership Committee**

**Dale Charters, Chair**

**Corporate Membership**

**Objectives**:

* To increase people involved with Rotary so that the local Rotary club can accomplish its mission.
* To overcome the barrier that members of corporations cannot join Rotary because their work schedules are too busy.
* A secondary goal is for Corporate Associate members to transition to become regular active members of the club.

**Considerations regarding Active Members vs. Associate Members:**

* Clubs need to consider if they want all of the Corporate Membership individual members to be “ ***Activ***e” members in Rotary or if just the lead member will be an “***Active***” member and the remaining members designated **Associate** members.
* ***Active*** members, at a minimum, have paid full R.I. and District dues. Dues and Meal Plans at the club level are at the full discretion of each club. ***Active Members*** are required have been properly registered as “Active” in DACdb and are therefore a full member of Rotary with full privileges and rights as a member.
* ***Assoicate*** Members, in the eyes of R.I. and District, are not members of Rotary and will not be counted in the membership rolls. Clubs have full discretion as to how much it may want to charge for dues for the Associate Members (see some of the examples below).
  + Associate Members can: attend meetings, assist with fund raising activities, help with community service projects, may contribute to the Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus (note contributions will not accumulate Paul Harris points) and at a later date can become full members once accepted and dues paid.
  + Associate Members cannot: be elected to the board of directors, be an officer of the club, or be a committee chairperson.

**Suggested guidelines**

Clubs are requested to:

* Have board approval for Corporate Membership category outlining definition, eligibility procedures for joining under designation, and dues payment.
* Have club By-Laws updated outlining Corporate Membership including definition, eligibility procedures for joining under designation, and dues payment. Revised By-Laws should be sent to the District Office to be placed on file.
* At a minimum, have at least one person of the business to be designated as “***Active*** ***Corporate Member***” and listed in DACdb.
  + “***Active*** ***Corporate Members”*** must pay all Rotary dues as specified by the local club including R.I. and district dues.
  + The ***Active*** ***Corporate Member*** must designate the specific names of other members of their business that will be included under this membership group.
  + Other members of the ***Corporate Membership*** Group that are not the “Lead” member or are not also ***Active*** ***Members* (full R.I. and District Dues)**, will be identified as “***Corporate Associate***” members and must be listed in DACdb as such.

**Sample implementation models**

**SAMPLES: ACTIVE CORPORATE AND ASSOCIATE CORPORARE MEMBERS**

**Sample Model #1:** (clubs specify the multiplication factor)

Designate Corporate Membership for ABC company with Mr. or Ms. Person as the ***Active Corporate Member***, with 1 other member of their corporation as “***Corporate Associate***” member.

* ***Active Corporate Member*** pays all dues as specific by local Rotary club which includes R.I. and District dues.
  + Active Corporate Member and one (1)\* person designated as ***Corporate Associate***: The Corporate Membership Category (XYZ company) pays all dues as specified by local Rotary club which includes R.I. and District dues membership dues X 1.25% to cover the cost of club expenses such as badge, club apparel, Rotary pin, membership packet, Rotarian magazine for both\* members.
  + ***Active Corporate Member*** plus two (2)\* to three (3) persons designated as ***Corporate Associates***: The Corporate Membership Category (XYZ company) pays all dues as specified by local Rotary club which includes R.I. and District dues membership dues x 1.75% for all three – four\* people.
  + ***Active Corporate Member*** plus four (4)\* Corporate Associates, The ***Corporate Membership*** Category (XYZ company) pays all dues as specified by local Rotary club which includes R.I. and District dues membership dues x 2.25% for all five members\*.

**\*Number to be determined by the club**

**Sample Model #2**

Designate Corporate Membership for ABC company with Mr. or Ms. Person as ***Active Corporate Member*** (main member or lead member).

* + ***Active Corporate Member*** pays all dues as specific by local Rotary club for regular active membership which includes R.I. and District dues and pre-payment of meals if regularly invoiced by club.
  + ***Associate Members*** pays amounts specified by club to cover expenses of name badge, pin, new member packet, Rotary club apparel, Rotarian magazine, and meals when they are present.
  + Business will specify names of employees, up to four (4)\*, will be designated as ***Associate Members.***

\*Number to be determined by the club.

**SAMPLE: USING ONLY ACTIVE CORPORATE MEMBERS.**

**Sample Model #3:** (clubs specify the multiplication factor)

Corporate Membership for ABC Company.

* All members pay full R.I. and District dues. Note dues for 2017 – 2018 are approximately $77 for R.I. and $44 for the District, so $121 total. All members are ***Active Corporate Member***s and are full Rotary Members.
* Clubs can designate one of the members as a lead member that would pay full club level dues, fees and meal plan (if applicable).
* At the club’s discretion the secondary members could pay a reduced amount of club dues such as enough to cover membership packets, pins, Rotary apparel and etc.
* If a club has a meal plan, that could be shared among corporate members. If more than one corporate member attends then each additional member would pay for his or her meals.