

### Membership Proposal Method:

The Membership Committee is recommending a slight change to the procedure to the 'proposal process for new members.

The Committee still recognizes that membership to Rotary is by invitation; a potential new member is proposed by a sponsor and approved for consideration of membership by the Board before any discussion of membership is discussed with the potential new member. The proposed member then meets with the Membership Committee to discuss Rotary, responsibilities, and expectations. The Membership Committee then considers accepting the proposed new member, if accepted the proposed new member then authorizes their name to be published to the Club and members have 7 days to consider the new member and provide comments. After the 7-day period, the comments are forwarded to the President. The President and Board, with consideration of the comments either approves or denies the membership.

The Membership Committee is recommending that the proposed new member can be proposed initially for the Boards review either before attending a club luncheon or after attending a club luncheon. Either way, initial Board approval is necessary prior to any discussion regarding membership with the prospective new member.

This modification in process is recommended because there are people within the community that have been identified, through their profession, community participation, or their body of work; that are recognized to be potentially great Rotarians. If the sponsor knows the proposed member, allowing them to propose the person for initial consideration allows for a smoother transition for the boards initial consideration without any expectation by the proposed member that they may or may not be being considered for membership.

The Membership Committee is recommending this procedural change and requests the Boards approval.

**Article 12, Section 3 - The Board shall approve or disapprove the proposal within 30 days of its submission and shall notify the proposer, through the club secretary, of its decision.**

**Motion 3/18:** to approve an addition to the method of proposing new members. Presented in a Membership Committee letter dated March 10, 2018. *"The Membership Committee is recommending that the proposed new member can be proposed initially for the Boards review either before attending a club luncheon or after attending a club luncheon. Either way, initial Board approval is necessary prior to any discussion regarding membership with the prospective new member."*  
Diane B. motion/Penny C. second. Passed.