

Thank you for your interest in joining Network of Executive Women!

We welcome your participation and active involvement ...and 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 (a) be **sponsored by a Network member** and (b) include a **signed copy of this document**. 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 ...and **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 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. (It is not to advertise our own personal businesses.) Although we intrinsically generate clients or customers among ourselves, we do so only as a result of the strong bonds we develop from meeting, learning, and “working” together for such common related interests as our scholarship program. [Perhaps the simplest way to describe us is as a “good old boy’s network” for women!]

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 mission and objectives as being **common to all women in business** (not related to any individual member or business).

PARTICIPATION

We want you to participate in our group! The active involvement of our members is what makes Network the dynamic and successful organization it is! ...and your personal participation is what will enable you to reap the benefits of membership. We expect that each member will:

- attend our luncheon meetings (held the first Tuesday of each month)
- join a Committee (Network is totally run by our dedicated member volunteers - we have no staff)
- support and attend Network special events (PS: they’re fun!!)
- purchase a minimum of 2 tickets to our annual Girls Night Out scholarship fundraising event (a great cause!)
- contribute a raffle or silent auction item for Girls Night Out and take an active part in the event

...please turn over this page to select from the many interesting volunteer opportunities available to you

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Activities** - works with the Girls Night Out Chair in such areas as venue, sponsorship, tickets and registration, fliers and programs, wine tasting and food, fashion show and entertainment, vendor tabletops, raffle and silent auction - and with any other activity or special event that might be scheduled
- Historian** - helps to track and maintain our history/publicity scrapbook(s) related to Network and its membership
- Marketing** - helps the Marketing Chair to develop and utilize all appropriate resources to get the word out about Network as a group or related to Network's regularly scheduled and special events
- Membership** - helps the Membership Chair to integrate new members, follow up on inactive members, assist with the annual renewal of all members, and assist with membership related correspondence and paperwork
- Newsletter** - assists the Newsletter Editor by obtaining information or sending reminders concerning monthly articles or announcements, verifying information or editing articles if/as appropriate
- Programs** - works with the Program Chair to identify potential luncheon topics, assist in researching appropriate speakers and their availability, and help to organize and maximize networking-focused luncheons
- Publicity** - works with the Publicity Chair to identify and obtain additional publicity sources in all media, to submit articles or storylines about Network's activities and special events, and to follow up on submitted items
- Scholarship** - assists the Scholarship Chair with the application, paperwork, and scheduling process, applicant interviews and follow ups, and with tasks related to the scholarship awards luncheon
- Sunshine** - works with the Sunshine Chair to obtain and verify member news, including purchasing or sending cards, flowers, etc. and notifying the Newsletter Editor of information appropriate for inclusion each month
- Website** - assists the Webmaster by obtaining or following up on information that keeps Network's website accurate and current, including obtaining images in digital format and soliciting/obtaining/verifying upcoming event information

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. **Determine** that you meet our membership criteria
2. **Obtain** a current Network member as your "sponsor"
3. **Decide** which committees you would like to participate in
4. **Check** your choice(s) of committees above
5. **Sign** the bottom of this document to confirm that you have read, understand, and agree to it
6. **Complete** the attached membership application
7. **Submit** your application and membership dues (\$50 if for a full year - \$25 if between January 1st and June 30th)
 - in person at a luncheon meeting
 - by mail to Network of Executive Women, P.O. Box 3171, Milford, CT 06460

AGREEMENT

I am submitting my attached application for consideration after reading this document and selecting the committee(s) I am most interested in, and I look forward to joining and participating in Network of Executive Women.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

03/07/07