

## G<sup>5</sup> Networking Group Membership Rules & Obligations



### Financial Obligations

Membership with Ambassadors for Business is a prerequisite for participation in G<sup>5</sup> Networking Groups. The cost for joining a G<sup>5</sup> Networking group is \$100 initiation fee plus \$39 per month. An annual payment option is available for \$420.

It is also suggested that a tithe from business generated through the group be directed towards AFB or a faith-based charitable organization of your choice. There may also be a fee assessed for meeting facilities and food / beverage requirements dependent upon your location's standard practices.

### Refund Policy

Facilities, food / beverage and guest fees are earned when paid; therefore, unless due to error, the group will not issue refunds.

### Guest Policy

Guest Fees: The member is responsible for covering the fees incurred for any guest they bring.

Classification Exclusivity: The purpose of our group is to pass business to our members on a favorable basis. One of the many benefits of our membership is our exclusive privilege, which allows only one business or profession (classification) to be represented in any group at any given time. Therefore, we ask that Members refrain from inviting guests that are in a similar business or profession to existing members and that would compete with them. If you are unsure as to whether a guest would fit into the classification structure, please contact your fellow Member before the meeting and determine whether a conflict would exist. If a Member intentionally invites a competing guest, the matter may be referred to the Board for action to be taken, including member termination.

### Substitute Policy

When a Member plans on missing a meeting, they may send someone in their place.

- The substitute should represent the Member and be prepared to present the Member's 60 second commercial.
- The substitute may also give their own 60 second commercial if there is no classification conflict with existing Members.
- The substitute's attendance counts for the Member and there is no additional fee for substitute's attendance.

### Leave of Absence Policy

In the event that a Member needs time away from the meeting due to hardship or exigent circumstances they may request one 90-day leave of absence (LOA) in writing from the Board. During the 90-day LOA, facilities / meal costs will be waived.

After the LOA has expired, the member is expected to resume their obligations. If they do not attend, their business classification will become open to another candidate and all fees, including meals, will continue to be assessed until the member submits their written resignation to the board.

### **Attendance Policy**

Members are expected to regularly attend the monthly meetings. If a Member is absent more than once (1) time within a calendar quarter or is two (2) months in arrears of payment of their fees, their membership may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board. If a Member is terminated, they will have the opportunity to re-apply for membership. All applicable fees for a new application will apply.

### **Conflict Resolution**

Conflicts between Members should be settled between the involved members whenever possible. If this cannot be done, a formal complaint should be made in writing and given to the Board. It is their responsibility to investigate the complaint and follow-up with all parties. They have binding authority to resolve the matter on behalf of the involved Members

### **Board of Directors**

The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Membership Director. These officers shall constitute the Board of Directors.

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary / Treasurer
- Membership Director

Board elections shall be held annually at a regular meeting in November and officer/directors shall be elected by majority of the members present and in good standing.

### **Pathway to Membership**

Anyone interested in becoming a new Member, returning Member or existing member changing roles in the group must go through the following membership process:

- Submit application online; then
- Ambassadors for Business reviews and sends to location board
- Board approves or denies applicant for call to vote
- Location members vote on application

Members must submit their votes within 24 hours of the vote being called; failure to timely vote forfeits that Member's vote. A unanimous vote of all Members is required to accept the new member into the group.