

Hot Springs National Park Rotary Club New Member Process

1. Application Submitted

A current member (the proposer) completes and submits a New Member Application to the Club Secretary.

2. Initial Review

The Secretary forwards the application to the Membership Committee for review. The Board of Directors also receives a copy for awareness (no vote is taken at this stage). If a Board Member has a concern, it is shared with the Membership Committee and noted in the review.

3. Membership Committee Recommendation

The committee reviews the application and recommends approval or denial. Their findings are documented.

4. Board of Directors Vote

The Secretary forwards the committee's recommendation and application materials to the Board of Directors. A Board vote determines whether the application is approved or denied.

5. Notification of Decision

- If **denied**, the Secretary informs the proposer.
- If **approved**, the Secretary informs the proposer, who then invites the prospective member to a weekly club meeting.

6. Rotary Information Packet

At the meeting, the prospective member receives a Rotary Information Packet from the Club President or another Board Member. This packet includes essential information for new members.

7. Introduction to the Club

The proposer (or a delegate) introduces the prospective member at the meeting, stating that the individual "has submitted an application for Rotary membership."

8. Publication of Ten-Day Notice

Club administration publishes a ten-day notice in the *Bathtub* newsletter.

9. Completion of Membership

If no objections are raised during the ten-day period, the prospective member officially becomes a Rotary member. They may begin attending regular meetings and will start the **Red-to-Blue badge program**. The proposer (or delegate) formally introduces the new member at the next available meeting.

10. Rotary Information Meeting

Every new member is required to attend a Rotary Information Committee meeting as part of the Red-to-Blue badge program.