

NETWORK PLUS

Established 1999

“Your Business Referral Connection for the Central Coast”

BYLAWS

1. PURPOSE AND MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose and mission of NETWORK PLUS is to bring together business professionals that are COMMITTED to building their business and their COMMUNITY in an ETHICAL, INTEGRITY, HONEST and LEGITIMATE WAY, so that we utilize each other’s sphere of influence to bring each other new business leads. We are also COMMITTED to building strong, long-lasting relationships between business owners.

2. MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

1. Guests may attend up to three (3) meetings before submitting an application for a membership to NETWORK PLUS.
2. Any application turned in to the President will be reviewed by the Board of Directors following the next meeting.
3. The following meeting, the applicant will be given 3-5 minutes to speak. The applicant and all guests will leave 5 minutes early for a general membership vote on the applicant. The applicant will be notified of the vote results, by the President within 24 hours.
4. New member must receive 70% approval from the general membership to become a Member.

3. MEETING AGENDA

1. 7:00am – 7:25 – Networking/Breakfast/50/50 tickets sold.
2. 7:30am – Meeting starts and are conducted by the President.
3. Each member introduces him/herself and his/her business ONLY.
4. Each member is given 60 seconds to address announcements pertinent to his/her company and/or line of business.
5. Each member is given the opportunity to give a referral and/or testimonial to another member of the group (Referrals must include a full name and valid phone number. The referred must be expecting contact prior to lead being given.) The referral should be contacted within 24 – 48 hours.
6. 8:00am – 8:15am Speaker (15 minutes)

7. 8:20am – 50/50 drawing, de-intros, and conclusion by President.
8. 8:25am – Guests dismissed for General Membership Business.
9. 8:30am – General Membership Meeting adjourned.

4. DUES, PENALTIES AND FINE

1. Beginning January 1, 2012 dues are \$75 per year. The dues are per rolling year; depending on the date you join NETWORK PLUS. Renewals will be due in the same month that each member joined every year.
2. \$ 1.00 fee for no referral (You don't have to pay but we do encourage it.)

5. MEMBERSHIP EXPECTATIONS AND COMMITMENT

1. Only one professional from any given profession will be allowed to be members of NETWORK PLUS. In the event that there may be a conflict, the existing member will report to the Board any such conflict, and the possible entry into the group will be decided between the Board and the conflicted member.
2. All members are expected to bring new business referrals to the group. Unless there is a legitimate reason (Family, previous business relationship), NETWORK PLUS is expected to be your first reference for business professionals.
3. All referrals **MUST** be contacted within **24-48 HOURS** of receiving the lead.
4. All members are **COMMITTED** to bring in **one (1)** guest per **quarter**.
5. All members of NETWORK PLUS are expected to abide by these bylaws. Anyone not in compliance with these bylaws is subject to expulsion from the group.
6. This group cannot be dissolved by a single person. A vote of 90% of the general membership is required to dissolve NETWORK PLUS and all assets need to be distributed to non-profit organization in the local area.
7. Members are expected to be **ETHICAL** and competent in their business. If a member receives a complaint regarding their business practices, they will go before the board and their continued membership will be voted on by the board. This decision is not eligible for a general membership vote.

6. ATTENDANCE

1. Members are expected to attend all meetings. If they are unavailable, they can send someone in their place that can competently represent the member's position or industry.
2. After four (4) absences without a replacement during a rolling six (6) months period, a member will be released from membership in NETWORK PLUS.
3. Members are allowed three (3) replacements per rolling six (6) months. Every replacement after that will be considered an absence.
4. Three (3) late arrivals over 15 minutes (7:45am) will be considered one (1) absence.
5. Three (3) early departures (before 8:30am) will be considered one (1) absence.
6. Any accumulation of three (3) absences (in any combination of absence, replacements, lates, and leaving early) will result in expulsion from NETWORK PLUS. An expulsion may be appealed to the board for consideration. Once the board makes a decision on expulsion, it is final and not eligible for a general membership vote.
7. All members in good standing are allowed 90 days of leave of absent for medical or personal reason. To be a member in good standing you **MUST** be up to date on dues.
8. Any time you can't make the meeting you **MUST** call or email the Vice President.

7. MONETARY DESIGNATIONS

1. All monies received by the group through dues, penalties, fines, 50/50 drawing or by any other means will be applied **ONLY** to the non-profit purposes of the group. This may include, but is not limited to: Administrative fees, Advertising fees, Sponsorships, etc.
2. Any activities or actions that require additional funding by the general membership will be put to vote by the general membership.
3. Any single action that will deplete the current balance by more than 50% will be put to a vote by the general membership.
4. The Network Plus Annual Awards Dinner is held in February of each year at a local restaurant in the Pismo Beach area. Provided there is adequate funding. Network Plus will pay \$20.00 towards the cost of each member's meal at the event.

8. AMENDMENTS AND VOTE

1. Amendments to the bylaws will be provided by the Board of Directors, requiring a 70% approval vote, and being voted on by a quorum (2/3 of current, active board members.)
2. All issues requiring a vote (whether at the general membership level or Board level) will require a 70% approval vote in order pass. A quorum (2/3 of voting group) is also required.

9. OFFICER AND BOARD DESCRIPTIONS

In December, the General Membership of the Network Plus will vote for a new Board of Directors. This is a one (1) year term. Members (s) are nominated to a position and the General Membership votes for the selected candidates. The new Board of Directors will take over in January 1.

1. President

1. Runs weekly meetings.
2. Receives contacts (Member conflicts, complaints, etc.)
3. Ensures that bylaws are being upheld by the general membership.
4. Runs monthly board meetings.
5. Holds one (1) vote.

2. Vice President

1. Fills in during President's absence.
2. Responsible for group website.
3. Keep track attendance sheet.
4. Assists all other officers.
5. Tracks Attendance.
6. Holds one (1) vote.

3. Treasurer

1. Collect, tabulate and report lead totals.
2. Setup meetings (Set out lead cards, business cards, etc.)
3. Collect dues and keep budget.
4. Report financial during board meetings.
5. Holds one (1) vote.

4. Secretary

1. Times Speaker during meetings.
2. Assists all officers.
3. Creates and maintain new member packets.
4. Holds one (1) vote.

5. Board Member – Special Projects

1. Creates and maintain agenda/sign in sheet/speaker sheet
2. Assists all officers.
3. Holds one (1) vote.

Print Name

Secretary Signature

Date