

NEW MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

Dear Members,

As you may recall, there was a survey that was sent out last spring to the membership. One of the overwhelming responses was that we needed to revise/simplify the process for sponsoring someone for membership. In light of that feedback, the board formed a committee to look into possible changes. This committee was made up of Liz Preston (current President), Julie Ammouyal (co-chair for Tennis), Melissa Hanenberger, Shawna Giggey-Mashal and myself. We developed a proposal for a new set of guidelines for membership and reported back to the board. After lengthy discussion during two board meetings we developed a finalized new set of guidelines that were approved by the board.

Please refer to the new guidelines posted on the website for the complete requirements for sponsoring someone, but to highlight the changes:

- A member may now be a primary sponsor and also a co-sponsor (secondary sponsor) at the same time. A member may not start the process of being the primary sponsor or co-sponsor for a third party until one of their candidates has become a member.
- The sponsor must still bring their candidate to two club sponsored events. **Once** these two events have been attended, the sponsor has the choice of **EITHER** hosting an in home gathering with at least 5 board members in attendance as previously required **OR** the sponsor may bring the candidates to a pre-cocktail gathering (one hour before) with the board at one of the following social events: **The Fall Social, March Social or Porch Social.**
- These three events are the **only** events where there will be a pre-cocktail party with the board and it is imperative that you be on time in order for this event to qualify as the final event in the process. The sponsor must let the membership chair know **in advance** before the cocktail party that they will be attending with their candidates. There will be at least 5 board members present at the pre-cocktail party.

Hopefully this will help to streamline the process for the sponsors and the candidates. Please email me or call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Shelby Chamberlain
Membership Chair