

## Method of Electing Members

### Article 1 Criteria to be fulfilled for membership

- Prospective members should have a university degree, finished a higher education at the level of BA and/or possess the relevant experience to be a worthy representative of their profession.
- Prospective members shall fit one of the classifications that contributes to the diversification of occupations in the club.
- They shall possess a personality that ensures that they will fit into the club and consequently enhance the moral and professional level of the club.
- Candidates shall have a connection, professionally and/or personally with the Brussels area.

### Article 2 Procedure

**Section 1** – All prospective members will be furnished with a full information package by care of the chair of the Club Service Committee. This package will be distributed by e-mail and contains all relevant information, including the bylaws, financial obligations, program, membership recruitment procedures, an introduction to Rotary International and description of the meeting place.

**Section 2** – Each prospective member will be requested by the chair of the Club Service Committee to make available a recent “curriculum vitae”, which, upon receipt, will be distributed forthwith to the board for a first screening. Board members will have one week to respond. If necessary, the president will call a board meeting, including the godfather/mother, to discuss the candidate’s possible membership.

Members will then be informed by circulation of the CV of the prospective member by e-mail, and announcement by the secretary in THE CANTOR. Following that, the godfather/mother will invite the prospective member to attend the next meetings as a “guest”. At the first meeting the godfather/mother and prospective member are invited to take the floor and introduce the prospective member with a short presentation. During these meetings as “guests”, prospective members will have the opportunity to get acquainted with the members and vice versa.

**Section 3** – Following the third meeting, taking into account the reactions by the members of the club, the board decides on the acceptance of the prospective member. Objections by members of the club should be in written form, contain relevant arguments and reasoning. It should be addressed to the president. In case of a valid negative reaction, the president shall discuss the issue with the sender of the objection and call, forthwith, a special board meeting to discuss the situation, in the presence of the godfather/mother. In case that no relevant reactions are received, it is assumed that all members agree with the membership and that a positive decision has been taken on the basis of consensus.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Consensus is defined as follows: everyone agrees or no one disagrees.

**Section 4** – After a positive decision, the chair of the Club Affairs Committee contacts the other Rotary Clubs of the Brussels’ area to announce the decision and solicit any observations they deem necessary.

**Section 5** – The board will set a date, as soon as possible, for the inauguration of the new member at a statutory meeting. In principle, both the new member and the godfather/mother should be present. The president will lead the inauguration.