

2. The MSC shall interview the two (2) Sponsors from January 1<sup>st</sup> to the January Board of Directors meeting.
3. Should the MSC approve the initial screening, the Candidate's name shall be submitted to the Board of Directors at its January meeting.
4. The Candidate's name shall then be presented to the General Membership at the February general meeting.
5. The MSC shall establish a date to interview the Candidate between the February general meeting and the February Board of Directors meeting.
6. If upon the interview, the MSC finds by a majority vote that the Candidate can make a bona-fide contribution to the Chapter, then the MSC shall present the name of the Candidate to the Board of Directors at its February meeting.
7. The General Membership shall review the Candidate's entire application and vote for acceptance or denial of the Candidate as a Member at the March general meeting.
8. Should the Candidate receive a majority vote of acceptance at the January general meeting, the Candidate shall be invited to the May general meeting and sworn-in.

**Guidelines for General Pre-qualification of Candidates:**

A **Business Owner** is or was someone who has or had direct interest, ownership and the power to exercise influence over the management or policies of a company. The company is defined as any corporation, partnership, trust (business or otherwise), association, joint venture, pool syndicate, sole proprietorship, unincorporated organization, or any other form of legally binding business entity.

A **Professional** is or was someone who enjoys/enjoyed impressive competence in a particular activity or field and/or has obtained academic qualifications such as a bachelor's, masters' or doctoral degree in the area of their specialty, and/or holds/held a publicly recognized leadership position in a company for which they exercise/exercised professional responsibilities. The company is any corporation, partnership, trust (business or otherwise), non-profit organization, governmental entity, educational organization, association or joint venture.

**Procedures for Interview of Sponsors:**

1. Any two (2) general members (hereinafter known as "Sponsors") in good standing for at least two (2) consecutive years can propose a qualified person (hereinafter known as the "Candidate") for membership by submitting a resume of the proposed member together with a Sponsor Sheet (see Exhibit A) to the Chair of the MSC
2. The Sponsors shall contact the Chair of the MSC to determine if an opening in a particular proposed Membership Category exists prior to submission of the Sponsor Sheet to the Chair
3. Both Sponsors shall have full knowledge of the character of the Candidate as well as full knowledge of the Candidate's background, and how the Candidate can make a bona-fide contribution to the Chapter