

Membership Bylaws of the 12:30 Table

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

The 12:30 Table shall have a Membership Committee. The Committee has three goals: to oversee and encourage Table membership, provide procedural and leadership continuity and to provide a forum for development of future Table leaders.

The Committee shall be made up of no less than six (6) and no more than fifteen (15) active 12:30 Table members. Committee members shall serve in no other leadership post of any other Table. Committee members for vacant positions are appointed by the then serving President and shall serve a 3-year term, the term beginning on May 1st. In the hear of its conception, President Peter Klenk will appoint Committee members with staggered terms of 1, 2 and 3 years so that in any given year there is continuance from years past as well as the inclusion of new people and new ideas. Committee members are not eligible for reappointment for one year following the end of their term. Each May the Committee members will vote by majority for a Committee Chair.

During their service on the Committee, members must be active, defined as attending on average at least two (2) table lunches or events each month. The Membership Committee is meant to be a representative body and as a Gentleman the President is expected to appoint members that reflect the Membership as a whole. A Committee member that is unable or unwilling to maintain an active status will resign or shall be removed by the President and a new person will be appointed to serve out the remaining term.

The Membership Committee shall promulgate a membership application, which shall be made available on the Table's Website and at the Table itself, develop a procedure for applicant interviews and the procedures for voting on a member's application that requires no less than 90% approval by voting Committee members.

PROPOSING NEW MEMBERS:

A steady flow of new membership is vital to the continuation of the 12:30 Table, but new members need be people with whom the existing membership enjoy breaking bread. The 12:30 Table membership procedures are meant to be flexible, to promote new membership that will attend lunches and Table events while excluding those who would reduce the enjoyment of the existing membership.

Any member of the 12:30 Table may propose another Union League member for membership by simply submitting a membership application to the Table President (who will forward the application to the Chair) or to the Membership Committee Chair.

New Member Applications will be posted in the Member's Only section of the website and listed in the Monthly newsletter. Upon the receipt of an application the

Committee Chair will place the applicant on Probationary Status. Probationary Status gives the applicant the right to participate in all Table events and join the Table for lunch.

The Committee will meet prior to each April and October Fourth Monday Lunch to interview applicants. Prior to the interview, the applicant must have (1) eaten three lunches at the Table, (2) attended a Fourth Monday Lunch (other than the April or October lunches) and (3) attended at least one other Table event. The Committee Chair will provide a log at the Table for the applicant to note attendance at these events. The applicant must notify the Table President of the Fourth Monday Lunch that the applicant will attend so the date and the applicant's attendance can be circulated to the membership at large. Frequent attendance at lunch and Table events is a positive factor in an applicant's favor. After completing the three requirements listed above, the applicant shall complete and submit to the Membership Chair the secondary application, which lists the names of three Table members other than the applicant's proposer who support the member's application. The Membership Chair will then list the proposed member for interview.

Committee members may vote as follows:

- (1) for membership,
- (2) against membership,
- (3) abstain or
- (4) vote to table the application for a future vote or for further information.

The President may attend Committee meetings and interviews, but shall have no vote. Committee members whose signatures appear on an applicant's application shall abstain from voting on that applicant.

Committee members shall serve without fee, but in appreciation for their time and service the Table shall provide food and beverage at their meetings.