

ROUND TABLE CLUB OF EUGENE GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Round Table Club of Eugene seeks members who are professionally accomplished, serving diverse leadership roles in the community or the university. Active members may be called upon to present topical papers to the Club every three to five years and are expected to serve on committees or as officers when requested.

Because active members may be eligible to enter life membership status at age 65, current members are encouraged to recruit new members who will have at least 10 years of active membership, although that is not mandatory. (Life members pay lower dues and cover the cost of their meals when they attend.)

New members who enter Round Table at or around the age of 65 will be expected to serve as active members for a minimum of five years before requesting life membership. This includes presenting at least one paper, and serving in other leadership roles, if called upon.

Nomination forms and brochures for new members are available from the secretary, and from the information box on the nametag table. The signature of three members is required to nominate a new member. The proposed member must submit a career resumé with the application.

Our constitution calls for a club membership limited to 70 active members, of which 30 are “town” and 30 are “gown.” The remaining 10 may be either town or gown. There is no ceiling on the number of life members.

TYPICAL PROTOCOL FOR RECRUITMENT OF A NEW MEMBER*

- 1) A member brings the prospective member to a least one regular meeting of the Round Table Club.
- 2) The member discusses the suitability of the prospective member with a diverse group of existing members, including the membership committee.
- 3) If this produces a positive response, the member inquires as to the interest of the prospective member in joining the Round Table Club.
- 4) The member fills out a formal nomination form, including a biographical sketch/curriculum vitae, and submits it to the membership committee.
- 5) If approved by the membership committee, the nomination is submitted to the membership at large for a first reading. During the period that follows, the membership committee solicits further input regarding the merits of the nomination. In the next meeting, if the committee hears no objections, the nomination is read a second time to the general membership and a vote is taken. A simple majority is required to accept the new member.
- 6) The Round Table Club’s official records include only nominations that are successful.

* This process takes no less than three months to complete.