

LI Connects Networking Group



Bylaws

June 1, 2011

Mission Statement of LI Connects Networking Group.

- LI Connects is a Team of Experts dedicated to exceeding the needs of our customers and clients by aligning ourselves with other highly qualified, motivated professionals.

Officers:

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| • President | Brian White |
| • Vice President | Brian VanZandt |
| • Treasurer | Victoria McGinn |
| • Secretary | Craig A. Andreoli |
| • Membership Director | Laurinda Handlik |
| • Social Director | Tiffany O'Reilly |
| • Public Relations Director | Ron Gold |

Board Members serve a two (2) year term.

The Board Positions are:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Membership Director
Social Director

Board Position Roles and Responsibilities:

The Board is to assign roles and responsibilities to Board Members based upon that Board Member's qualifications, strengths and ability. Board Member roles and responsibilities may change with each new administration.

Powers of the Board:

- The Board reserves the right to create new positions as needed and to appoint members to fill those positions.
- The Board reserves the right to amend the bylaws.
- The Board reserves the right to create establish committees.
- Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. Portions of the Board meetings are open to members in good standing. If a member would like to attend a Board meeting, a request

must be made in advance of the meeting; the member will be advised of the time they are expected to be at the meeting.

- The Board reserves the right to revoke membership status for any member who becomes a conflict with or becomes the competition of any other member's profession, occupation, field or trade.
- The Board reserves the right to revoke membership status for any member for any reason.
- Board members who step down in good standing will be allowed a 1 year reprieve before paying membership dues. (The "Santariello Amendment")
- The Board of Directors will review and decide on applications for membership at the first Board Meeting after the application is submitted.
- The Board of Directors has the final decision regarding application for membership.
- The Board of Directors will notify applicants whether their application was accepted or declined.
- The Board reserves the right to dismiss a member for unlawful or intrusive practices or for violating the bylaws.

Membership Benefits

- Meeting spotlights.
- Listing in LI Connects online membership directory with links to member's website & email.
- Listing in all printed materials that reference the membership directory.
- Participation at a reduced cost at all social functions (where applicable).

Membership Renewal

- The Board will invite renewal of memberships via email prior to the membership renewal date. Renewal dues must be paid on or before the membership expiration date.
- If a member has not indicated their desire to renew their membership, or has not paid their dues prior to the expiration date, the membership body will be advised of the need for a replacement of that member's represented field or industry, guests will be invited who may provide the same services or functions or who are within same field or industry of the members who have not expressed their intention to renew, or who have not been invited to renew their membership.
- If the member's dues are not paid by their renewal date, it is considered that they no longer wish to be a member.

Guests

(The following applies in addition to the above)

- Members are permitted to request guest invitations.
- The procedure to invite a guest is to provide the President with the guest's contact information and an explanation of why member feels the guest would be a good fit for the group.
- Guests must NOT be in competition with any other member of LI Connects.
- Guests who wish to become members must complete and submit the application for membership. The application must be emailed or handed to a Board Member.
- Application for membership will be reviewed by The Board at the board meeting immediately following the date of the application.
- Approved new members will be required to pay their full tuition at the next general meeting.
- Guests are allowed to attend only two (2) meetings.
- After attending two meetings as a guest, an application for membership must be submitted. (Application for membership may be submitted prior to attending two meetings.)

- Guests who exceed the two (2) meeting limit will be asked to leave.
- Membership & Responsibilities of Members
- Annual membership dues are \$100.00. The membership term is one (1) calendar year from the date an applicant is for membership.
- Membership dues are non-refundable.
- Membership dues are subject to change.
- Membership is nontransferable.
- Membership is limited to one (1) expert from any industry, field or profession. Competing or conflicting applicants will NOT be invited to become members unless a member has discussed the applicant with the member who may have a conflict.
- Members are required to share leads and referrals with other members of the group. The Board will review participation and contributions by members; if a member is not contributing to the growth of the group by sharing leads, or in another significant manner, the member may not be invited to renew their membership.
- Members may be part of another networking group however, members are NOT permitted to recruit for, or discuss any other groups at any meeting or function of LI Connects unless they request and receive prior approval the Board.
- The new member is expected to be at the next general following their acceptance into LI Connects and to pay membership dues in full.
- The membership effective date is the 1st day of the month in which a new member is accepted.
- Current Bylaws are to be posted on the LIC website.
- Members are entitled to a copy of the bylaws if they are unable to retrieve them from the LIC website.
- Members are to attend each bi-weekly meeting; if a member is absent for more than three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying the Board, the member will not be in good standing and it will be considered that the member has withdrawn from group; the field, industry or profession they represent will be deemed vacant and available.