

Biznet Member Involvement Process

As a member of the Biznet group it is each of our obligations and in all of our best interest to get to know other members of the group as well as we can. This process is designed to hold ourselves accountable for achieving this as a goal and to foster better quality relationships and member retention within the group.

1. **Bring a guest!** Our group expands and develops based on new membership which starts with a guest. After their first guest appearance they are given a Guest Packet.
2. **New member Packet:** Once someone attends as a guest, fills out an application and pays to join the group they will receive a New Member Packet which describes the group and the membership process as well as individual responsibilities to the group.
3. **A New Member Joins the Group...** This is how we all started and is how new people will be introduced to us. When a new member joins us the person who brought them in as a guest will be expected to:
 - a. Encourage the new member to get up and running on our Biznet.org website.
 - b. Make sure the new member has read our Biznet bylaws which can be found on the Biznet.org website.
 - c. Make sure the new member has actually read the New member packet and the bylaws.
 - d. Set expectations and a goal for the new member to have contact with all group members outside our regular meetings within 6 months of joining.
4. The new member should be invited to attend a **New Member Lunch**.
5. General membership should **initiate contact** with the new member outside our regular meetings either by phone or in person. (A friendly welcome email might be a nice first step here) within 6 months of when the new member joins the group.
6. To make sure everyone remains mindful of this important step, Biznet leadership will announce at our regular meetings when the new member has been involved for 3 months and then again at the 5 month mark.