**CWN MEMBERSHIP PROCESS**

**September 2023**

The CWN Membership Process is aligned with the **mission of CWN** which is to **provide networking opportunities for** **women that foster leadership positions, professional development, and community recognition.**

To restore and promote membership diversity and balanced opportunity for networking, preference will be given to nominees who are:

* **Actively employed**
* **In underrepresented areas such as real estate, law, banking, accounting, engineering, entrepreneurship, and the medical professions.**

Any **active member** may nominate a potential new member as follows:

* Bring a potential new member to non-business designated luncheons for the purpose of **networking;**
* Pay for potential member’s luncheon cost;
* Introduce potential member to **CWN** members (Network);
* Consult with a member of **CWN Membership Committee regarding potential member’s eligibility**;
* **Fill out & submit**, along with one other active CWN member, a nomination form to the Membership Committee

Nominees for membership must also meet these eligibility requirements:

* Outstanding in her field whether professional or community volunteer
* Committed to the objectives and purposes of the organization
* Developed and maintained supportive networks among women through mutual understanding, esteem and good fellowship;
* Promoted the acceptance of women in business, the professions, the public sector, and other positions of responsibility and to encourage the development of career opportunities for women;
* Foster high ethical standards in business, the professions, and the public sector, that there may be honor, integrity and mutual advantage in all dealings with one another and with others;
* Stimulated an active and intelligent interest in public affairs;
* Representative of the community;
* **Attend a minimum of two (2) CWN functions, although attending two or more CWN functions DOES NOT guarantee automatic membership.**

Nomination forms are available online and will then be sent to the Membership Committee.

The Membership Committee reviews the nominations in light of the above criteria and submits all nominees with recommendations to the CWN Board for final review. Once a nominee is approved for membership, the CWN President notifies the potential member with a copy of the approval sent to the two sponsors. Approved nominees are then required to respond to the invitation and pay the required dues/fees.