



NOMINATING PROCEDURE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE GARDEN CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

In order to maintain an active, vibrant, and interesting club, we are always seeking new members who are, in the words of our mission statement, eager to stimulate their knowledge and love of gardening. While Article IV, Section C, of the bylaws details the process of election to membership, in order to make that process as straightforward as possible, please see the simplified guidelines and timeline below.

SELECTION:

Nominees should have:

- A demonstrable interest in one or more aspects of our Club to include: conservation, floral design, photography, horticulture, or garden history and design.
- A willingness to put time and energy into the work of the Club, which includes environmental protection through programs in the fields of conservation, civic improvement and education.
- The desire to be involved in organizational aspects of the Club itself by engagement on at least one committee, and support of special events and fundraisers.

Along with participating, Provisionals will be expected to pay Annual Dues in the same amount as Active Members.

NOMINATION:

Nomination of a potential member requires one Proposer and two Sponsors.

The Proposer should fill out the application form and submit it along with a personal letter of proposal and two additional letters of support from the sponsors. Letters of support may be submitted by email or in hard copy.

Any member may propose only one candidate per year and sponsor (or second) no more than two candidates per year.

SUPPORT:

If the nominee is accepted as a Provisional Member, the Proposer is expected to oversee and encourage the candidate's active participation in the activities of the Club and all the requirements of Provisional Membership.

After one year of Provisional Membership the board votes on whether to promote Provisionals to Active Members according to the bylaws.



TIMELINE:

January 1st – March 10th

- Membership Committee accepts completed proposal packets

April Board Meeting

- Board votes on proposed slate of new Provisional Members

April

- Membership reviews potential candidates (two week comment period) then Proposers are asked to notify new Provisional Members of their acceptance, and welcome them to the Garden Club.

June

- New Provisional Members are invited to attend the Annual Meeting where their Sponsors can introduce them to membership.