



Membership Process

Our membership process involves several steps to ensure that we maintain the high standards and quality that the Ocean Club is known for. This process includes the submission of a total of 7 letters, including the Sponsor's letter, Secunder's letter, and five support letters endorsing the candidate. In addition, the membership information form must be completed and signed by the Sponsor, Secunder, and membership candidate. The entire file must be completed within 90 days. Detailed instructions are provided to the Sponsor at the time of any inquiry.

It is essential to highlight that the Sponsor plays a significant role in the process. Sponsors are responsible for introducing their candidate to the Membership Committee members, Board of Governors, and fellow Ocean Club members. Meeting these groups is paramount in keeping the application on track. The strength of the Sponsor's recommendation and their active involvement is greatly valued. Applications with broad member support are encouraged. The process, done well, takes time and effort and should be carefully considered.

A note about communications: Sponsors are strongly encouraged to maintain open communication with the Membership Chair and/or Membership Director throughout the process. For questions related to timelines or any other inquiries, letter writers should reach out directly to the Sponsor.

The committee will begin its process of candidate review and due diligence at a point pending file completion. With agreement from the Committee that the process should continue, the candidate will be posted to the membership for a period of 30 days. During this time members should feel welcome to share any and all comments or concerns with the Membership Committee Chair and/or committee members. All comments are held in the strictest of confidence.

At this same time, and preferably from the initiation of the application process, the Sponsor is responsible for introducing their candidate(s), inviting them to attend an Ocean Club event, theme night or similar to have them experience the social atmosphere and meet members in an informal setting.

At some point thereafter, and if the feedback continues to be positive, the candidate will be invited to a meet and greet to interact with members of the Board of Governors and the Membership Committee. The final steps include an interview with the Membership Committee with the last step being approval from the Board of Governors.

Once approved, candidates will be considered Provisional Members for a period of one year. At the end of that period, they will be presented to the Board of Governors for approval to Regular Membership.

Once again, thank you for your continued support of this process and this very hard-working committee. By respecting the process and giving it the weight it deserves, we are not only making sure potential candidates "fit" in our eyes, but giving candidates the opportunity to take a close look at us as well.

Suzy Lyman, Membership Chair.