

## COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

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1. A council may be granted provisional status upon its initial application for NCPG membership. Provisional status may be granted to a council that meets the following minimum standards:

- submission of the NCPG council membership application
- submission of the application fee of \$100
- a minimum of three members (a full address roster must be submitted)

Provisional status will be granted for a maximum of one year.

2. When a provisional council has at least 15 paid members or the provisional term of one year is up, NCPG will initiate the process to bring the provisional member council to full membership.
3. To be considered for full council membership in NCPG, a council must:
  - pay annual NCPG dues—conditions for payment are covered in the NCPG Dues Procedures
  - be committed and consistently adhere to the objectives, philosophies, policies, and procedures of NCPG
  - submit a copy of the council's bylaws
  - ratify the *Model Standards of Practice for the Charitable Gift Planner*, NCPG's ethics code
4. A provisional council with 15 or more members may be granted full council affiliation upon compliance with all NCPG council membership criteria listed under #3, as determined through review by the Executive Director and/or Director of Membership, in consultation with the Membership Committee Chair.
5. Effective June 30, 1998, new NCPG council membership will be granted only to geographically-based planned giving councils whose membership meets in person on a regular basis.
6. If a full member council's membership drops below 15, the council's status will revert to provisional for a maximum of one year, during which NCPG will provide membership recruitment and retention assistance.
7. Questions concerning council membership status or criteria compliance will be addressed by the NCPG Membership Committee and reviewed by the NCPG Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to enforce these criteria and take action as deemed appropriate, in accordance with NCPG's bylaws.