



## WBN Membership Information and Application

### **About WBN**

The Women's Business Network is a group of women who either own or represent a business in Lake County, IL. This group of women come together as a resource for each other by providing a network of referrals, business education, and generating professional ties and lasting friendships. WBN is open to all women, in all fields of business, who find networking mutually beneficial.

### **WBN Key Strategies**

Through monthly meetings, we provide opportunity to learn from each other, support each other, and build personal and professional relationships. WBN focuses on leadership and professional development as well as community support and charitable contributions. WBN is dedicated to "Women empowering Women."

### **WBN Benefits**

Members enjoy many benefits such as: opportunities to expand networking connections, learning useful information relevant to businesses, educational programming, and friendships that can last a lifetime.

### **Who attends WBN?**

Professionals, small business owners, sales people, entrepreneurs, consultants, & educators. WBN is open to all women, in all fields of business, who find networking mutually beneficial.

### **WBN Activities**

Monthly network luncheon meetings that include mini presentations, community involvement, annual expo, social mixers, & more

## **WBN Meetings**

When: The fourth Wednesday of every month from 11:15am-1:00pm

Where: Jimmy's Charhouse 1413 Peterson Rd, Libertyville, IL 60048

Cost: \$17 for members, \$20 for non-members/guests

## **Membership Information**

An application for membership is included on the last page. We welcome you to be a part of this organization and begin a new association with local businesswomen.

Remember, participation helps you grow your business and establish business and personal relationships. All membership applications are pending board approval.

WBN's membership consists of local businesswomen who either work or live in the Lake County area. By growing WBN, it helps increase all of our networking capabilities and relationships, and helps keep the dues reasonable. Guests are welcome to attend WBN meetings. Our bylaws limit the number of meetings a guest may attend to a maximum of two before becoming a member.

**Member information:** We are an open group for all women whose attendance would be mutually beneficial, with a restriction of one member per business category, and a maximum of 48 members. Each member may occupy only one business category. Members are restricted to publicly discussing only their designated business category within the formal context of a WBN meeting. If a member wishes to switch categories, she will be required to submit a new application indicating what new category she wishes to represent.

**Attendance:** We strongly encourage steady attendance in order to benefit from the group and benefit others. If you are unable to attend a meeting, you may send a substitute in your place. They will "be you" during the 15 second infomercial to help promote your business. Then they will have the opportunity to introduce themselves and what business they represent if they desire. If you have paid in advance for lunch, your sub will not have to pay for lunch that day. If you have not pre-paid, your sub will need to pay \$20 for lunch. If a member is absent from three meetings within the calendar year, their category will be opened to the waiting list. Any wait listed applications take precedence. Should there be no wait list for the category, the member may be request to be reinstated with a \$25 fee. If an extended leave is needed, a leave of absence may be requested.

**Meeting Agenda:** The meeting will start promptly at 11:45am, but members should arrive at 11:15am to check in and allow time for networking. The meeting will begin with

a round of introductions (15 second infomercials). Up to four speakers are allowed 6 minutes each for a presentation and questions, depending on the meeting agenda. Referrals are exchanged. Old and new business follows, including announcements of other activities, events, or organizations of interest. A final round of closing announcements conclude the meeting. Optional networking may follow the meeting.

**Dues and Fees:** Dues will be collected annually at the January meeting and are \$85. We offer a discounted enrollment package of \$255 that includes yearly dues (\$85) and all lunches for that calendar year. Dues for members who join later in the year will be prorated. All dues are non-refundable. Non-payment of dues assumes termination of membership. Members may not be on the speaker schedule if their dues are not up to date. Dues are used to print materials, special events, and for charitable donations as decided upon by the group.

Please contact [WBNLakeCounty@gmail.com](mailto:WBNLakeCounty@gmail.com) with any questions. If you are interested in joining, please submit the application on the next page.



# Women's Business Network

## Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

What Business category would best describe you? \_\_\_\_\_

What/Who would be a great lead for you? \_\_\_\_\_

The following description will be used on the WBN website. If you prefer any of the above information not be publicly listed on the website, please indicate that. Upon board approval, you may provide a logo or profile picture for the WBN website if you desire.

Business Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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*(Please note: Each member may only occupy one business category. Members are restricted to publicly discussing only their designated business category while within the formal context of a WBN meeting. Membership applications are pending board approval and will be reviewed monthly. The board decision on a membership application is final.)*

Please email this application to [WBNLakeCounty@gmail.com](mailto:WBNLakeCounty@gmail.com). You will be contacted regarding approval and next steps. Thank you!