

# Attachment to January 2016 Minutes: Admissions Procedure

Page to be included in Blue Book

## **Guidelines for Proposing a New Member**

A prospective member should attend at least two meetings or a meeting and a workshop with her proposer, in order to get a sense of The Weeders.

If a prospect is enthusiastic, she should be provided with the pamphlet "What It Means to Be a Weeder," and her proposer should explain the Weeders longstanding philosophy of expectations, rather than requirements. The proposer should also notify the Admissions Chair of the potential invitation to join the club.

It should be made clear to the prospective member that involvement in at least one integral committee (Horticulture, Conservation, Floral Design, Community Service) and serving as a hostess for a regular meeting at least every other year are minimum expectations. At the same time, the proposer should emphasize the fact that Weeders are sensitive to the vicissitudes of life, and that levels of involvement change from time to time.

If the prospect wishes to proceed, and there have been no objections from the Admissions Committee, five letters (one from the proposer, one from a seconder, and three from supporters) will be gathered by the proposer and forwarded to the Admissions Chair for distribution to that committee and to the president. Following receipt of these letters, with no objections from the Committee, her candidacy will be announced at the next scheduled meeting. There follows a 30-day period during which any member may comment on the proposal.

All the above communications can be via email.

If after 30 days there have been no objections, the President will be so informed by the Admissions chair and will call the prospect and welcome her to The Weeders. The President will send a welcoming letter, and she and the proposer will encourage the new member to attend the next meeting.

It is expected that the proposer and supporters will continue to mentor the new member and encourage her to be an active participant in Club activities.

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