



## CRX Charter

**Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of CRX. We are a group run by members for members. We don't have terms and conditions and penalties for non-compliance as many other networking groups have, however, we do ask that members agree to our charter, which is based on how we work together to support each other in the development of our business.**

**Fees** – there is no membership fee for joining CRX. There is a meeting fee, which is payable directly to the Hilton Hotel, which includes breakfast. This meeting fee is payable to the hotel regardless of whether you choose to have breakfast, as it also covers tea, coffee, juice and use of our meeting room. You only pay the meeting fee if you attend the meeting.

**Conflict of interest** – our rule is simple. If a member believes there is a conflict of interest with a visitor interested in joining the group, then the existing member has the right to veto the visitor from joining. If there is a conflict, the member should raise this with a committee member, who will speak to the visitor.

**Marketing fund** – we ask members to make an annual contribution to the marketing fund for the promotion of CRX and recruitment of new members. The contribution is payable on joining and is currently set at £70 per annum. Once you contribute, you will be entitled to add your company name, logo and profile to the CRX website and to our printed directory, which is updated twice a year. The marketing fund will be held in the CRX bank account and will be available for use for the benefit of CRX as determined by the committee. If you leave before the end of the 12 month period, your contribution will not be refunded.

**Attendance and membership** – members gain the maximum benefit from CRX by attending regularly. We do not believe in insisting on substitutes if you cannot make a meeting, although a substitute is always welcomed. However, if you have not attended a single meeting during a period of three months, then the committee reserves the right to end your membership and open your category to visitors.

You will not be entitled to any refund on your contribution to the marketing fund and your details will be removed from the CRX website and from the members' directory when it is next printed. When you apply to join CRX, the Committee will consider your application and consult any existing members if they feel there may be a conflict.

**Referrals** – we ask that you actively look for referral opportunities for other members, whilst remembering that the group is about quality referrals. Quantity is always welcome, but not at the expense of quality. We also ask that you promptly follow-up all referrals given to you by other members.

**Governance** – CRX has a managing committee, elected by a simple majority of all members twice a year. The committee will hold office for six months, starting on 1<sup>st</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> July. There is a chair, who runs the meetings, a treasurer, who manages the finances, a membership manager, who drives promotional activity and recruitment and three general committee members. Members who cannot attend the meeting where the election takes place may submit their vote to the committee in advance so that the outgoing chair may vote by proxy on their behalf.

The chair and treasurer will be signatories on the bank account, and other members of the committee may also be appointed signatories. A single signatory can authorise approved payments.

The committee's role will include (but not be limited to) the consideration of membership applications; addressing issues concerning conflict of interest; developing CRX generally and deciding on the appropriate use of the marketing fund. Any member of CRX may raise issues of concern with the committee which will give such matter due consideration. The committee will keep the general membership fully and regularly informed of its decisions. Underlying the committee's function is the fact that its role is to work for the benefit of the membership as a whole.

**Recruitment of new members** – we ask that all members actively promote the group to business people who would contribute to the group and to the other members. In particular, we would ask you to invite guests to our regular open visitors' mornings and to "man" exhibition stands.

## Declaration

I apply to become a member of CRX, subject to Committee approval. I confirm that I will abide by this charter.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Postcode \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_  
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