### 7-MINUTE GUIDE TO

## GROWING YOUR REFERRAL NETWORK



You increase the number of referrals you generate for your business each time your network grows. BNI Members receive training on how to deliver referrals that turn into business. Referral customers spend more with you and remain loyal longer than other marketing methods.

The larger your BNI Chapter the more you increase the number of people within your network who are trained and dedicated to deliver referrals to you. Growing your chapter is an opportunity for every member to grow and celebrate success.

### YOU WILL CLOSE MORE BUSINESS AS YOU GROW YOUR NETWORK

# 3-SIMPLE STEPS TO SPONSORING NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS TO GROW YOUR NETWORK



### **IDENTIFY**

Take an inventory of your current network. Identify your target professional classifications and who brings you valuable contacts. Make a list of individuals you'd love to have in your network. **If you know them, invite them** to be your guest at a chapter meeting. If you don't know them, ask who within your chapter is the best person to invite them to grow your network.

### INVITE

The key is to invite your prospective visitor to a meeting. Your visitor must come to see a meeting and learn now BNI works before they can make a commitment to joining your network. Once your visitor attends, they are in a better position to see the value and commitment of joining the chapter. Make sure you call or text your guest the night before as a reminder. This demonstrates their attendance is important to you.

# STEP 3

### **FOLLOW-UP**

Make your visitor feel welcome when they arrive. **Introduce them to other members of your chapter**. With each introduction, tell both parties how they could be a beneficial contact. After the meeting, ask your visitor, "How do you feel about joining a group of people that are going to pass you business?"

### INVITE USING AN INTRIGUING AND COMPLEMENTARY APPROACH

To help make invitations as simple as possible, here's a sample script you can use:



Hi Julie,

I am pulling together an exclusive network of successful business people who believe in helping each other grow their businesses. We are looking for a reliable person who is an expert in [prospect's professional classification] to add to our network. I immediately thought of you. Are you available on [date for next chapter meeting] to visit with us?

# IDENTIFY THE KEY GAPS IN YOUR REFERRAL NETWORK



The strongest networks have members across many different professional classifications.

Here are common professional classifications for BNI Members. **Check the box** next to each category that is already represented within your chapter:

# BN1

Business & Financial	
Financial Advisor (21)	
Life and Disability Insurance (15)	
Estate Planning Law (14)	
Commercial Insurance (13)	
Digital Marketing (9)	
Tax Advisor (9)	
IT & Networks (8)	
Web Design (8)	
Graphic Designer (6)	
Business Training/Coach (5)	
Certified Public Accountant (5)	
Print Advertising (5)	
Promotional Products (5)	
Bookkeeping (4)	
Credit Card/Merchant Services (4)	
Finance & Insurance (Other) (4)	
Payroll Service (4)	
Sign Company (4)	
Advertising & Marketing (Other) (3)	
Business Law (3)	
Commercial Cleaning (3)	
Commercial Real Estate (3)	
Embroidery (3)	
Group Benefits (3)	
IT Consultants (3)	
Search Engine Optimization (3)	
Social Media (3)	
Animals (Other) (2)	
Commercial Bank Services (2)	
Human Resources (2)	

Business & Financial	
Life Coach (2)	
Photographer (2)	
Printer (2)	
Technicians - Audio, Video (2)	
Advertising Agency (1)	
Banking Services (1)	
Branding (1)	
Business Advisor (1)	
Business Consultant (1)	
Business Consultant - Small (1)	
Business Financing (1)	
Computer & Programming (Other) (1)	
Copywriter/Writer (1)	
Employment/Labor Law (1)	
Event Venue/Room Rental (1)	
Hotel (1)	
Leadership Coach (1)	
Legal & Accounting (Other) (1)	
Legal Service Plan (1)	
Manufacturing (Other) (1)	
Marketing Consultant (1)	
Mobile Telecommunications (1)	
Notary (1)	
Office Equipment/Machines (1)	
Relationship Marketing (1)	
Security Systems (1)	
Telecommunications Products/ (1)	
Training & Coaching (Other) (1)	
Videographer/Film Producer (1)	

Web Development (1)

Home & Auto	
Property & Casualty Insurance (29)	
Restoration (21)	
HVAC - Heating & Air (14)	
Flooring (13)	
Pest Control (13)	
Carpet, Upholstery Cleaner (12)	
Auto/Car Repair (11)	
Handyman (9)	
Auto/Car Body Shop (8)	
Landscape Services (7)	
Cleaning Service (6)	
Plumbing (6)	
Window Cleaning (6)	
Electrician (5)	
Painter & Decorator (5)	
Auto/Car Detailing (4)	
Auto/Car Sales (4)	
Garage Doors (3)	
Family Law (2)	
Fine Jewelry (2)	
Lighting Retailers (2)	
Renovations/Remodeling (2)	
Tire Sales/Replacement (2)	
Water Systems (2)	
Window Treatments (2)	
Appliance Repair (1)	
Auto Glass (1)	
Cleaning Products (1)	
Flooring Retail (1)	
Furniture manufacture (1)	

Home & Auto	
Lawn Care (1)	То
Locksmith (1)	
Power Washing (1)	
Retail (Other) (1)	
Tree Services (1)	
Personal & Wellness Services	
Health Insurance (25)	
Chiropractor (24)	
Personal Injury Law (17)	
Massage Therapist (8)	
Optician/Eye Care (5)	
Caterer (4)	
General Dentist (4)	
Health Coach (4)	
Nutritional Supplements (4)	
Alternative Wellness (3)	
Essential Oils (3)	
Health & Wellness (Other) (3)	
Health & Wellness Products (3)	
Cosmetics/Skin Care (2)	
Doctor/Physician (2)	
Health & Wellness Services (2)	
Personal Trainer - Fitness (2)	
Restaurant (2)	
Salon/Spa (2)	
Sports & Leisure (Other) (2)	
Counselor/Psychotherapist (1)	
Food & Beverage (Other) (1)	
Food Service (1)	
Funeral Planning/Services (1)	

Chapter Name:

Personal & Wellness Services
Health Facility/Gym/Club (1)
Hypnotherapist (1)
Martial Arts (1)
Nutritionist (1)
Orthodontist (1)
Physical Therapist (1)
Senior Service Provider (1)
Fravel (Other) (1)
Fravel Agent (1)
Real Estate
Residential Mortgages (29)
Residential Real Estate Agent (27
Title Services (26)
Property Management (10)
Builder/General Contractor (7)
Home Inspection (5)
Moving Company (5)
Roofing & Gutters (5)
Construction (Other) (4)
Real Estate Inspector (4)
Cabinet Maker (3)
Real Estate Investments (3)
Reverse Mortgages (3)
Bricklayer/Stonemason (2)
Real Estate Services (Other) (2)
Solar (2)
Carpenter (1)
Cement/Concrete (1)
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Pools, Spas & Saunas (1)

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The classifications without check marks are the open positions within your BNI Chapter and your referral network. Who do you know that you would like to add to become an official member of your referral network by inviting them to join your BNI Chapter?

Pay special attention to any spheres with fewer than four classifications, these are the most urgent opportunities to grow your network.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:



- Member Success Program Cultivating Visitors
- ✓ Power Team Training Identifying Industry Leaders
- **⊘** Power Team **Identify Professional Classifications**



Networking Like a Pro by Dr. Ivan Misner



- ✓ Episode 541: Inviting Visitors (Classic Podcast)
- ✓ Episode 350: Invite a Visitor (Get Connected–Stay Connected 7)
- ✓ Episode 411: Using Power Teams to Attract Visitors
- C Episode 458: Inviting People Good, Better, Best