

## **Alliance Membership Agreement**

**Alliance Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Purpose**

The Alliance provides professionals a structured forum to exchanging tips, ideas, feedback and information concerning industry specific issues and opportunities. Where possible we also provide industry specific training and pool resources for advertising and promoting member's businesses. Alliance members represent the Alliance as a single entity to other businesses in the area and in turn promote each other. Alliance members may conduct business between members, but membership in the Alliance implies no responsibility upon the various members to do so.

### **Membership**

Alliance membership is a benefit for Valley Business Network members. Alliance membership is for one (1) year. Alliance dues cover the meal (if provided) and some marketing and admin fees.

Alliance members are responsible for contacting a leader or VBN representative if they are planning to be absent for any reason. Members are allowed one absence per quarter. On the second consecutive absence or third absence within a six month period, the Alliance leaders and/or VBN representative may consider the seat vacant and may choose to fill it with a new member. Alliance members agree to attend each meeting or send someone to substitutes for them if at all possible (Subs may be from any industry, not necessarily your own. Member will not be considered absent if sub is present).

Non-members may visit an Alliance meeting twice without becoming a member. Anyone wishing to visit the third time must apply for membership.

Members are allowed one absence per quarter. On the second consecutive absence or third absence within a six month period, the Alliance may vote to considered the seat vacant and fill it with a new member.

Although VBN facilitates and aids in the leadership of the Alliance, each Alliance operates as an independent group. VBN membership does not guarantee acceptance into any specific Alliance. If membership is not accepted for any reason, VBN may choose to work with the individual to help them start another Alliance in that industry, but no such guarantee is made.

By signing, I understand that I have been accepted into the Alliance (if already signed by VBN representative if not already signed by the VBN representative, I will be notified upon acceptance) and agree to abide by the Alliance Terms printed on the reverse side. I also understand that dues will be charged for the entire year upon acceptance (in increments as marked on the Membership Dues Agreement).

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Alliance Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Alliance Terms:**

**Alliance membership is non-transferable.**

**The purpose of the Alliance is to build trust between its members. Consistent attendance is a big part of building that trust.**

**Attendance:** Members are allowed one absence without question. On the second consecutive absence or third absence within a six month period, the seat is considered vacant and may be filled by a new member.

It will be the responsibility of the member to provide a sub or to contact the Director or VBN representative regarding past or future absences. Any member who is absent from fifty percent (50%) or more of the meetings in either six (6) month period, from October thru April or May thru September, will be dropped automatically from membership. The professional or business classification is then reopened. A member will not be considered absent for a meeting if he (i) attends in person, (ii) sends a substitute who attends (only one substitute allowed per quarter)

A member who has been dropped from the membership roll due to lack of attendance may request reinstatement.

Any member may apply for a leave of absence from active participation in the functions and purposes of this Alliance for any reasonable cause.

In the event of a dispute concerning attendance, the record, as kept by the Secretary or VBN representative, will be conclusive and will determine the status of all members.

### **Delinquent Dues**

If the delinquent member does not pay the outstanding dues or fines, if applicable, in full within a reasonable time, he will be dropped automatically from membership upon notice by the VBN representative or Alliance leadership. Dues for the entire year will still be due regardless.

Any member who has been dropped from membership for delinquency in his dues can request reinstatement. Any member who is accepted for reinstatement must bring his dues to a current status and, in addition, a \$5.00 fine will be assessed, prior to being reinstated on the active roll of the Alliance.

