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This is where the ACL has a particular contribution to make. Working together, the ACL council tries to find the best people willing to serve in these key roles, and recommend them to appointing bodies to be considered in good time. Since its inception in 1909, the ACL has proven to be extremely good at considering, and thus successful in recommending, the right candidate.

So why be an ACL member?

1. **To choose the best ACL Council.** Once a year, the ACL Council is voted in by the membership. It's vital to appoint the best godly, well-connected, and fair-minded council to seriously and humbly do the ongoing work of the ACL.
2. **To keep up to date.** In general this is via our website (acl.asn.au), which is updated frequently and is one of the best sources for Anglican news in Australia (and indeed internationally). ACL members are also encouraged to keep up to date individually by inquiring of council members about issues that arise.
3. **To keep promoting good candidates and issues.** The ACL is not just about informing people, but is also about seeking out good candidates and issues that need to be addressed and discussed more broadly. Members are urged to keep the council up to date with their own recommendations and concerns.

Obviously, more broadly informed decisions will make for better recommendations. While our human efforts are always thankfully within and subject to God's sovereign purposes, actively supporting the ACL plays a vital role in promoting Christ within and from the Sydney Anglican Diocese, both now and into eternity.

How do I apply for membership?

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