

the Movement and who honestly represents the Movement and its ideology, may become a member of the Movement.

Applicants for membership must be recommended by at least two members who know the applicant personally. If approved by the Section (i.e., the Movement's leadership in the area), the applicant may join the cell in his neighborhood or his work-place. However, a candidate is usually asked to join one of the "educational circles" where aspirant members of the Movement are put under a probation for six months to prove their worthiness. During this probationary period they have to study the basic principles of Arab nationalism and the Movement's revolutionary doctrines. They are also asked to participate in the activities of the Movement. Membership in the "ancillary organizations" of the ANM such as the Arab Cultural Clubs which are spread in many Arab cities may relieve applicants for membership in the Movement from joining an "educational circle" for such organizations are in fact training grounds for the recruitment of new members to the Movement.¹⁰

The next unit in the organizational hierarchy of the ANM is the "league". It consists of three to seven members appointed by the section. There are two types of leagues: area leagues, responsible for the area cells active in a

¹⁰ANM, "Awaliyat fi al-tanzim: Kayf tatasil" [Preliminaries of Organization: How to Approach].