

2007 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

Essential Changes for Rotary Clubs

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Attendance

07-14 07-334	SRCC Article 12 Section 4	<p>Changes in the meeting attendance requirements Members must attend 50% of regular meetings in each half of the Rotary year (previously 60%)</p> <p>AGs are excused from the requirement to attend 30% of the meetings at their home club each half year</p>
07-16 07-17	SRCC Article 9 Sections 3 & 5	<p>New method for calculating attendance records The new formula: <u>Total number of members that attended, including those excused</u> (Total # of Active Club Members) – (# of Rotarians excused) + (# of excused Rotarians that attended)</p> <p><u>Example:</u> Club has 50 members and 10 members are excused. If 5 excused and 40 regular members attend, the calculation is $\frac{(45)}{(50) - (10) + (5)} = 100\% \text{ attendance}$</p> <p>* Excused include both Rule of 85 members, and any members excused by the Clubs Board of Directors.</p>

Membership Qualifications

07-57	RIC Article 5 Section 2	<p>Allows Rotary Foundation alumni to be active members Adds Rotary Foundation alumni as one of the possible criteria for membership in a Rotary club; alumni members must still have a valid classification.</p>
07-330	SRCC Article 8 Section 2	<p>Even if the classification held by the alumnus is filled, clubs may elect the Rotary Foundation alumnus into active membership.</p>

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07-329	RIC Article 5 Section 2	<p>Allows community leaders to be active members Adds “community leader” as one of the possible criteria for membership in a Rotary club. The member’s criteria may be her or his type of community service.</p>

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Finances

07-283	RIB 17.030.1	<p>Increase per capita dues Dues will increase from US\$23.50 per half year in 2007-2008 to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US\$24.00 per half year in 2008-2009 • US\$24.50 per half year in 2009-2010 • US\$25.00 per half year in 2010-2011 and thereafter 																
07-287	RIB 17.040.2	<p>Prorated per capita dues Prorated per capita dues will be billed at a rate of one-twelfth of RI per capita dues per month</p> <p>The January – June period would follow the same pattern as this chart for the July Semi-Annual period (billed on January SAR).</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Admission Date</th> <th>Prorata Fee</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>01 July</td> <td>\$23.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>02-July - 01 Aug</td> <td>19.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>02 Aug - 01 Sept</td> <td>15.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>02 Sept - 01 Oct</td> <td>11.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>02 Oct - 01 Nov</td> <td>7.83</td> </tr> <tr> <td>02 Nov - 01 Dec</td> <td>3.92</td> </tr> <tr> <td>02 Dec - 31 Dec</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Admission Date	Prorata Fee	01 July	\$23.50	02-July - 01 Aug	19.58	02 Aug - 01 Sept	15.67	02 Sept - 01 Oct	11.75	02 Oct - 01 Nov	7.83	02 Nov - 01 Dec	3.92	02 Dec - 31 Dec	
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07-42	SRCC Article 11	<p>Recent Rotaractors exempt from admission fee Rotaractors who ceased to be a member of Rotaract within the preceding two years are exempt from paying a club admission fee</p>																

Club Matters and Disputes

07-37	RIB 3.030.3	<p>Club to investigate all allegations of its own members violating youth protection laws The RI Board may suspend or terminate a club that fails to investigate allegations that a club member violated youth protection laws in connection with Rotary-related youth programs.</p>
07-335	SRCC Article 12 Section 10	<p>Temporary suspension of member in termination proceedings The club board may temporarily suspend membership of a Rotarian that is facing termination proceedings and this Rotarian is excused from attendance requirements.</p>

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07-46	SRCC Article 10 Section 5 (c)	Club presidents continue to serve until their successor attends the PETS and district assembly Club presidents must have attended the President-elect’s Training Seminar and District Assembly, or been excused by the governor and have sent a designated representative to these meetings, or attended make-up training as determined by the governor.
07-30	SRCC Article 19 Section 2	Clubs inform governor when changing name or locality Governors may offer an opinion to the RI board regarding changes made to club names and localities.
07-39	RCOP 7.080.4	Invite Rotary Foundation Alumni to club meetings The RI Board encourages clubs to welcome Rotary Foundation alumni from the local area as guests to club meetings.

Essential Changes for Rotary Districts

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District Finances

07-158	RIB 15.060.4	Revision of district financial reporting requirements. No longer requires review only by a qualified accountant, but can be a qualified accountant or by a district audit committee. Requirements for the audit committee are listed.
07-160	RIB 15.060	Approval of the per capita levy for a District Fund now allowed at a presidents-elect training seminar. Levy can now be approved at three district meetings: the district assembly, district conference, or PETS.

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District Elections

07-251	RIB 13.040	Amends ballot-by-mail specifications. Each ballot represents one vote. The governor sends each club the number of ballots corresponding to the number of votes entitled to be cast by the club.
07-260	RIB 10.030.1	Nominating committee exclusions: spouse, child or parent of any committee member, alternate member or candidate for membership on the nominating committee, nor any candidate who is elected and subsequently resigns from the committee.

Governor Elections

07-239	RIB 15.070	Revision of the qualifications for governor-nominee: candidate must come from a <u>functioning</u> (active) club; references to “... <i>in good standing...no outstanding indebtedness...</i> ” have been dropped.
07-240	RIB 13.010	Change of date to select the governor-nominee: candidate must be selected between 24 and 36 months prior to taking office (previously was 24-30 months). The district now has a full year to select its candidate.
07-241	RIB 13.020	Amends the selection procedure. Districts can now select the governor-nominee in one of three ways: 1) by nominating committee, or 2) by ballot-by-mail, or 3) alternatively at the district conference.
07-250	RIB 13.070	Provides for a special election where a district fails to select a nominee for governor, or where a nominee becomes disqualified for election or otherwise becomes unable or unwilling to serve. In such cases, the governor reinitiates the nominating procedure in accordance with RIB 13.020. Similarly, where a district’s nominee is elected at the convention, but becomes disqualified or otherwise unable or unwilling to serve at least three months prior to the international assembly, the governor reinitiates the nominating procedures in accordance with RIB 13.020.

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Governor Elections (continued)

07-252	RIB 13.040.3	Ballot-by-mail resulting in tie vote: candidate of the nominating committee is declared the winner; if no candidate is the choice of the nominating committee, then the governor selects the winner.
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Other

07-301	RIB 8.020	Revision of procedure for selecting COL representatives: Selection should be conducted by a nominating committee, generally following the same procedure as for the selection of the governor-nominee (RIB 13.020). If the district does not choose the nominating committee procedure, the COL representative may be elected at the annual district conference or district council (RIBI) or in a ballot-by-mail.
07-318	RIB 15.050	District conference voting by electors: provides examples of the formula for calculating the number of elector votes for clubs. Such as... If club membership is... they are entitled to... Up to 37 members.....1 vote 38 to 62 members.....2 votes 63 to 87 members.....3 votes 88 to 112 members.....4 votes 113 to 137 members.....5 votes

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