**To all Club Presidents and Area Governors**

**ARTICLE VII** - **GOVERNOR SELECTION PROCESS**

**Section A. Selection of a District Governor**

**Subsection 1:** The Governor of the District shall be selected by a GSC in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Article VIII. The procedures shall be consistent with the *Bylaws of Rotary International*, Article 12 - Nominations and Elections for Governors.

**Subsection 2:** The GSC shall be charged with selecting a person to serve as DG for the Rotary year beginning on July 1 of the second calendar year following the Rotary year in which the person is selected.

**Subsection 3:** The GSC shall consist of seven (7) members, each of whom shall be appointed in the manner provided in Section B of this Article VIII. They shall be two (2) past District Governors, one of whom shall serve as Chair, and five (5) past Club presidents.

**Section B. Appointment of Selection Committee**

**Subsection 1:** The DG shall appoint the iPDG, willing and able to serve, as the Chair of the GSC. The GSC Chair shall facilitate the meeting(s) of the GSC, and shall have full rights to participate in the selection deliberations, but vote only if necessary, to break a tie.

**Subsection 2:** The DG shall appoint one additional PDG to serve as a member of the GSC, with full rights to participate in GSC deliberations and to vote. The role of this additional PDG is to educate and enlighten the members of the GSC as to the role of DG.

**Subsection 3:** The GSC Chair, with the DELT’s approval, shall divide the District into five geographic areas with a comparable number of members, labeled A through E, no later than August 31. The GSC Chair shall select five AGs, each of whom shall represent one of the five geographic areas.

**Subsection 4:** The five AG representatives of the geographic areas shall convene a meeting of the Club presidents within their respective areas, no later than September 15, to elect one member and one alternate to serve on the GSC. Each of these members shall be a past Club president and may not have served as a DG. The alternate shall serve in the event the elected member is unable to serve. The GSC Chair shall provide to each member and alternate a copy of the provisions of this Article VIII, and a copy of the relevant sections of the *RI Manual* relating to the status, qualifications, duties, and code of ethics relating to the position of DG.

**Subsection 5:** The GSC Chair shall send the names of the representatives of the five geographic areas to all Club presidents by October 15. The Chair shall include in this mailing a copy of the provisions of this Article VIII, and the relevant sections of the *RI Manual* relating to the status, qualifications, duties, and code of ethics relating to the position of DG.

**Subsection 6:** No member of a candidate’s club shall sit as a member of the GSC. No member of the GSC may resign and run for the position of DG, except as approved by the DELT.

**Subsection 7:** No person shall serve on the GSC for two consecutive years, including PDGs.

**Section C. Nomination Process**

**Subsection 1:** The GSC Chair shall notify the Club presidents by September 15 that nominations for the position of DG are open. Such notification shall include the application form that a nominee must complete and the requirements the nominee must meet, which shall include:

a) A copy of the resolution to be signed by the Club secretary stating that the  nominee has received the endorsement of a majority of the active members of  his or her Club at a meeting where it was known to the members, in advance,  that a vote to endorse the nominee would occur;

b) The required number of printed or electronic copies for all documents; and c) Any additional application requirements.

**Subsection 2:** In addition to the enumerated qualifications found in Article 12 of the Bylaws *of Rotary International*, a nominee shall possess other qualifications, such as chairing a District Committee; serving as a District AG; or serving as the coordinator of a District-sponsored project.

**Subsection 3:** All completed nomination packages shall be submitted by the Club’s secretary, either electronically or by mail, to the DES by close of business, which is 5:00 pm (EST), on November 15. Any exception to this date and time shall be approved by the DG.

**Section D. Selection Process**

**Subsection 1:** The GSC shall review all nominations and interview those nominees who meet the criteria for DG and select a nominee by no later than November 30.  Interviews of all candidates shall take place in person (face-to-face) or virtually, as necessary.

**Subsection 2:** If, after the interviews, the GSC determines that none of the nominees are qualified to hold the office of DG, then the following procedure shall apply:

a) The GSC shall meet and list the best qualified Rotarians in Clubs who meet the qualifications for DG.

b) The GSC Chair shall immediately contact those listed to ascertain whether they shall accept the office of DG, if selected.

c) The GSC shall then interview those who have indicated a willingness to serve and, from this group, select a nominee for DG.

d) The interviews and selection shall take place on or before February 28.

**Subsection 3:** No nominee shall be selected without having received five votes of the GSC. All GSC members shall be present for a vote to be held. If no candidate receives the required number of votes, then the alternative selection methods shall be used, as outlined in Article 12 of the *Bylaws of Rotary International.*

**Subsection 4:** If a nominee is selected by November 30, the GSC Chair shall notify the DG and the DES within one business day of the adjournment of the GSC. The DG shall publish to the District’s Clubs the name and Club of the nominee within three business days from receipt of the notice from the GSC Chair. Publication of the announcement consists of written notice from the DG by letter, e-mail, or fax to the Clubs in the District.  Clubs shall have fourteen (14) business days from the date of receipt of such publication to challenge the selection of the nominee. If no challenge is received within that fourteen (14) business-day period, the DG shall declare the nominee to be the DGN-D and shall certify the name of the DGN-D to the General Secretary of Rotary International within ten (10) business days after such nominee has been declared the DGN-D.

**Section E. Challenging Candidates**

If any Club in the District wishes to challenge the selection of the candidate for DGN-D, as proposed by the GSC, procedures delineated in *Bylaws of Rotary International,* Article 12 shall apply.

If two or more nominees were under consideration, the selection may be appealed if ten  (10) percent of the Clubs (rounded up to the next whole number) notify the DG within  fourteen (14) business days of the publication referred to in Subsection 3, above, of  their objection to the person selected. If there is no appeal, the GSC’s nominee shall be designated as the DGN as of July 1 of the subsequent Rotary Year.