

District 5010 Policy No. 2021-01

General Governance, Officers, Committees and Committee Assignments, and Council of Governors

1. Unless otherwise specified, the appointment of District officers (including Secretary and Treasurer) and other District leadership (not including those in the DG-line team through the Nominating Committee process), Assistant Governors, committee chairs, and committee members shall ordinarily be made for a term of three years.
2. A co-chair may be appointed by the District Governor to a committee. When so specified by the appointing District Governor, a co-chair shall train during the first year of such appointment to succeed as committee chair during the following year(s).
3. All appointments of District Officers and other District leadership, Assistant Governors, and committee chairs shall be made by the District Governor. Appointment of general committee members may be done either by the Committee Chair or directly by the District Governor. Appointments made by a District Governor that are to first take effect on or after July 1 of the next Rotary year shall be made only with the concurrence of the current District Governor-Elect.
4. In all instances, every appointed person serves at the pleasure of the current District Governor.
5. Except for committees required by Rotary International, such as the Finance Committee, the current District Governor may commence or terminate the appointment and functions of any other committee at any time, in his or her option. The District Governor may increase or decrease the number of committees and alter their assigned functions and responsibilities, in his or her discretion at any time.
6. This District Governor or his/her designee is ex officio a full voting member of each and every committee and subcommittee, regardless of whether the District Governor choose to participate.
7. The District Governor Nominee shall act as the District Governor's liaison and delegated voting representative to the Youth Exchange, RYLA, and membership committees. The District Governor-Elect shall act as the District Governor's liaison and delegated voting representative to the Foundation Committee and its Grants Subcommittee.
8. The District Governor or his/her designee shall be kept fully and regularly informed regarding all matters occurring or otherwise coming before in every committee of the District.
9. An incoming District Governor may, in his or her discretion with or without cause, terminate any appointment at any time prior to the expiration of the normal three year term.
10. A Lieutenant Governor shall be appointed to assist the District Governor as might be desirable. The term of a Lt. Governor shall be for a period of one year coincident with the term of the appointing

District Governor. However, a subsequent District Governor may request that the Lt. Governor continue in office for an additional period of time and continue the appointment.

11. The Chair of the Council of Governors shall be appointed by the District Governor for a oneyear term to be coincident with the term of office of the appointing District Governor. However, a subsequent District Governor may request that the Chair of the Council of Governors continue in office for an additional period of time and continue the appointment.
12. The functions of the Council of Governors are advisory and include:

“As requested by the District Governor from time to time:

 1. Convene at least quarterly via Zoom or otherwise
 2. Undertake such broad studies as might be in the long-term best interests of the District, with such studies to include a final report and recommended action plan.
 3. Make recommendations as to the District’s general strategic plan and specific implementation
 4. Review and comment upon proposed actions and findings by other District committees and functions such as risk management”
13. All District 5010 web site postings must be coordinated by District Leadership before posting so as to maintain web site clarity, consistency and ease of use.
 - a. All actual postings shall be made by the District’s retained webmaster.
 - b. Prior to a posting, web site coordination shall be made through the District Governor or through his/her designated committee consisting of the webmaster, the District Administrative Consultant, the Lt. Governor, and the Public Image Committee chair(s).
14. Preferably, the District Governor will act in a consensus manner by keeping the DG-line Team and as needed the Finance Committee regularly and fully informed and will solicit and give reasoned consideration to the opinions and recommendations of the DG-line Team.
15. The District Governor, as the District’s legal “responsible person” is the sole person who may sign contracts and other agreements and legally bind the District, for all purposes including Youth Exchange. The District Governor may delegate this power by a written instrument such as a signed letter or an Email as needed or appropriate. Prior to signing, the District Governor shall approve the form and language of any legally binding instrument. Legal review by a qualified attorney is recommended, especially for any new or unusual contracts/ agreements.
16. This policy may be changed at any time as reason and circumstances might indicate. Should any provision here conflict with a specific Manual of Procedure requirement, the MoP shall govern.