

Whys of Being a Rotary Club President

Do I need to know everything before I become President?

No, you have plenty of help from your club members, past club presidents, your district team and your District Governor.

You keep mentioning team, why is this important?

As a Rotarian we serve each other which also means helping each other as a team. You are never alone as a President. Think of your club as a team to all work together.

Who is on my club team?

- Past President, President Elect, President Nominee
- Board members and committee chairs
- Develop your succession plan

Why is the District Team and Governor Important?

- I need to learn about you so that I can serve you better
- Your need to learn the District team so we can serve you better
- You will learn who is you
- These President Elects are your team

President Elect Training

Why do I need to attend PETS Training Sessions?

- Leadership Development
- Learn from Others
- Develop Friendships
- Networking

Why is it required to go to Great Lakes/MEGA PETS?

- Life changing
- Manual of Procedure

I have served as president, how could PETS provide any benefit?

- Learning the latest procedures makes you a good leader
- There is always something new to learn
- Rotary is always evolving

Why is it MEGA PETS? Define the name

- Midwest Great Lakes
- 13 Districts, 5 states and Ontario
- Ohio,
- Indiana
- Michigan
- Illinois
- Wisconsin

Why does everyone say PETS is a game changer for Rotary?

- You learn how big the world of Rotary is and how its positivity affects the world.
- The speakers are unbelievable
- The networking and meeting other presidents are amazing
- Rotary Reflects the works
- You are with 35,000 other club presidents and Rotary and your District is here to support you.

Planning and Goals

Why do I need to have goals?

- Realistic timelines

Do I need to plan my year?

- Prior planning provides proper structure
- The year goes so fast, the more you plan, the more you can enjoy being President and get your goals accomplished.

Should my club have a Strategic Plan and do Visioning?

- What if my club wanted to do a Strategic Plan and Visioning, how would PETS help me accomplish that.
- Ask Brian Tort

Committee Questions/Information

What committee chairs are most important to have in my club?

- Membership
- Foundation
- Public Image
- Youth Services
- Service Projects

What does the Membership Chair do?

- The committee's main role is to attract, engage, and educate club members.
- Your club may amend its bylaws to reflect the specific responsibilities of your membership committee, adding subcommittees as needed. See appendix 1 for sample committee structures.

What does the Public Image Chair do?

- The club public image committee develops and carries out a plan to keep the public informed about Rotary and your club's projects and activities. As club president, you can help implement and evaluate your club's public image efforts.

Why should we have to have a Rotary Foundation Chair?

- The Rotary Foundation helps fund our humanitarian activities, from local service projects to global initiatives. Your club or district can apply for grants to

- participate in projects and provide scholarships. The Foundation also leads the
- charge on worldwide campaigns such as eradicating polio and promoting peace.

Should we have to have an International Service Chair?

- Clubs interested in Global Grants and international projects that connects to the District International Committee. This person can also be the Foundation Chair.
- The international chair would help the District committee to develop international projects.

Youth Service Chair

- The Youth Service Chair helps to connect young people in your community to the club. They can be the connector to your local high school to start an Interact Club, RYLA student and Youth Exchange students. Your local young people are your future Rotarians.

Service Project Chair

- The Service Project Chair helps to vet new projects and keep current projects going for the club. They are able to recruit and retain volunteers for club projects.

Running Your Club

Do I have to have Board Meetings?

- It is encouraged to have monthly board meetings to keep the administration of your club moving forward.

Do I have to do everything my Past President did?

- No, this is your year to make the Presidency the way you need to. You are here to build on what the presidents before you created and to make it better.

What if I have an issue with my club and I don't know who to ask?

- The District has experts in everything Rotary and if we don't know something, we can ask Rotary International. Anything you ask us to keep confidential stays confidential at the District level. We are here to help you.

Do I have to have a meeting every week?

- No, Rotary International is very flexible but encourage to meet at least twice a month. Be flexible to what your club members need and want. If you do two regular meetings and two happy hour meetings a month, that is ok and long as you are meeting at least twice a month.

Advice for President -Elects

We asked the District Team to give one piece of advice to President Elects and here is what they said:

- Have Fun!
- Ask for Help

- You don't have to do everything