

Article 16 Governors

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16.010. *Qualifications of a Governor-nominee.*

Unless excused by the board, the person selected as a governor-nominee shall at the time of selection:

- (a) be a member in good standing of a functioning club in the district;
- (b) have served as club president for a full term or as charter president for at least six months;
- (c) demonstrate willingness, commitment, and ability to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of a governor in section 16.030.;
- (d) demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of governor as prescribed in the bylaws; and
- (e) submit to RI a statement that the Rotarian understands those qualifications, duties, and responsibilities, is qualified for the office of governor, and is willing and able to assume and faithfully perform those duties and responsibilities.

16.020. *Qualifications of a Governor.*

Unless excused by the board, a governor, when taking office, must have attended the international assembly for its full duration, have been a Rotarian for at least seven years, and continue to possess the qualifications in section 16.010.

16.030. *Duties of a Governor.*

The governor is the officer of RI in the district, functioning under the general control and supervision of the board. The governor shall inspire and motivate the clubs in the district. The governor shall ensure continuity within the district by working with past, current, and incoming district leaders. The governor is responsible for:

- (a) organizing new clubs;
- (b) strengthening existing clubs;
- (c) promoting membership growth;
- (d) working with district and club leaders to encourage:
 - 1. participation in a district leadership plan as developed by the board;
 - 2. promotion of the RI strategic plan;
 - 3. participation in grant programs of The Rotary Foundation;
- (e) furthering the Object of Rotary by providing leadership and supervision of the clubs in the district;
- (f) supporting TRF;
- (g) promoting cordial relations among the clubs and Rotaract clubs and between the clubs, Rotaract clubs, and RI;
- (h) planning for and presiding at a district conference (if held) and assisting the governor-elect in planning and preparing the presidents-elect learning seminar and the club leadership learning seminar;
- (i) conducting an official visit to each club, individually or in multi-club meetings, that maximizes the governor's presence to:
 - 1. focus attention on important Rotary issues;
 - 2. provide special attention to weak and struggling clubs;
 - 3. motivate Rotarians to participate in service activities;
 - 4. ensure that the club constitution and bylaws comply with the constitutional documents, especially following councils on legislation; and
 - 5. personally recognize the outstanding contributions of Rotarians in the district;
- (j) issuing a monthly communication to each club;
- (k) reporting promptly to RI as required by the president or the board;
- (l) providing the governor-elect, before the international assembly, full information about the condition of clubs and recommended action to strengthen them;
- (m) assuring that district nominations and elections comply with the constitutional documents and RI's established policies;

- (n) inquiring regularly about the activities of Rotarian organizations in the district;
- (o) transferring district files to the governor-elect;
- (p) providing support to assistant governors, if any have been appointed, so they can further the development of the district and the cohesiveness of the members; and
- (p) performing any other duties as are inherent of an RI officer.