

2016 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION
OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

16-01 through 16-181

10-15 April 2016 | Chicago, Illinois, USA

2016 Council on Legislation

Re: Legislation to be considered by the 2016 Council on Legislation

Dear Rotarians:

The 2016 Council on Legislation is drawing near. In anticipation of this event, this book containing all legislation to be proposed at the Council has been prepared for your review.

The Constitution of Rotary International provides that the Council on Legislation meet every three years at a site determined by the RI Board of Directors. In 2016, the Council on Legislation is scheduled to meet from 10-15 April in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

The legislation in this book was proposed to the 2016 Council by clubs, districts, the general council or conference of RIBI, and the RI Board. Each item was received by Rotary before the 31 December 2014 deadline. The RI Board, working on the advice of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee, has found this legislation to be regular. All items that the RI Board deemed defective will be listed in a separate electronic document. These items will not be published nor transmitted to the Council. For more information on why legislation may be considered defective, please refer to Article 7 of the RI Bylaws.

All items of legislation are divided into two types: enactments and resolutions. A proposed enactment seeks to amend the RI constitutional documents. Constitutional documents include the RI Constitution, the RI Bylaws and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. All enactments reference the 2013 *Manual of Procedure* page numbers of the constitutional document(s) they propose to amend. A proposed resolution is any item that does not seek to amend these documents but other RI policies and procedures.

At the top of each piece of legislation is a Council number (for example, 16-01). Items of legislation proposing changes on the same topic may have similar or identical titles. In order to avoid confusion, please refer to the Council number rather than the title when discussing an item of legislation.

Also at the top of the legislation is the name of the proposer(s). Some items have more than one. This occurs when multiple proposers submit identical items of legislation that are then combined. It also occurs when proposers of similar items agree to join a piece of compromise legislation recommended by the Constitution & Bylaws Committee. This recommendation is pursuant to the RI Bylaws and does not express the Committee's opinion regarding the merits of the proposal. Compromise proposals are labeled with Compromise Legislation above the Council number.

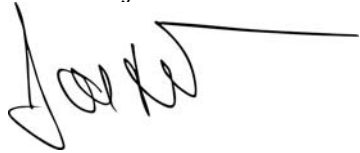
The proposers' statements of Purpose and Effect and the Financial Impact statements from the general secretary are printed below each item of legislation. The statements of Purpose and Effect are drafted by the proposers of the legislation and have not been edited for accuracy. The Financial Impact statements are drafted by the general secretary and reflect any estimated increase or decrease in revenues and/or expenses that will be incurred by implementing the proposed enactment or resolution.

As required by RI's constitutional documents, the legislation is sent to the governor of each district, past directors, and all members of the Council by 30 September 2015. Those governors, members of the Council, and past directors who usually receive Rotary documents in Chinese, French, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese or Spanish will receive legislation in the appropriate language at a later date. The legislation will also appear on Rotary's website, www.rotary.org, in all of these languages.

Council members receive all proposed legislation in the form of a binder and as a PDF. **Council members must bring the binder with them to the Council.** Governors and past directors receive the legislation in the form of a PDF. Those who require a printed copy may request one from Council Services.

Should you have questions about the Council over the coming months, you may contact Sarah Christensen in the Council Services section of Rotary (councilservices@rotary.org or 1-847-424-5267).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John H. Hewko', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

John H. Hewko
General Secretary

REGULAR LEGISLATION - ENACTMENTS

I. CLUB ADMINISTRATION

- 16-01 To provide for written board meeting minutes
- 16-02 To provide that the club treasurer shall be a member of the board
- 16-03 To provide that the secretary-elect shall be a member of the board
- 16-04 To revise the provisions for club officers
- 16-05 To provide for committees in clubs
- 16-06 To define the purpose of Rotary clubs
- 16-07 To remove admission fees for club members
- 16-08 To revise the provisions for club admission fees
- 16-09 To revise the provisions for club admission fees

II. AVENUES OF SERVICE AND OBJECT OF ROTARY

- 16-10 To amend the second Avenue of Service
- 16-11 To amend the third Avenue of Service
- 16-12 To remove the fifth Avenue of Service
- 16-13 To amend the fifth Avenue of Service
- 16-14 To add a fifth part to the Object of Rotary to encourage a new generation of global leaders
- 16-15 To add a fifth part to the Object of Rotary to include the development of service and leadership in youth and young adults
- 16-16 To add a fifth part to the Object of Rotary to include New Generations
- 16-17 To amend the Object of Rotary
- 16-18 To amend the Object of Rotary

- 16-19 To amend the Object of Rotary
- 16-20 To amend the Object of Rotary

III. CLUB MEETINGS

- 16-21 To allow for flexibility in club meetings and attendance
- 16-22 To allow clubs flexibility in structuring their weekly meetings
- 16-23 To allow clubs flexibility in choosing a regular meeting schedule
- 16-24 To provide that clubs shall meet at least twice per month
- 16-25 To provide that clubs shall meet twice per month
- 16-26 To amend the provisions for canceling a meeting

IV. ATTENDANCE

A. Attendance Requirements

- 16-27 To revise attendance requirements
- 16-28 To revise attendance requirements
- 16-29 To revise attendance requirements
- 16-30 To revise attendance provisions to allow for both in person and online meeting participation
- 16-31 To amend the provisions for attendance

B. Make-Ups and Excused Absences

- 16-32 To amend the provisions for making up an absence
- 16-33 To amend the provisions for extended absences

- 16-34 To amend the provisions for excused absences
- 16-35 To amend the provisions for excused absences

V. MEMBERSHIP

- 16-36 To allow for flexibility in membership and classification
- 16-37 To allow for flexibility in membership
- 16-38 To revise the provisions for membership
- 16-39 To revise the provisions regarding membership of alumni
- 16-40 To allow Rotaractors to be active members
- 16-41 To revise membership criteria to prohibit those who have never worked from becoming members
- 16-42 To revise membership criteria
- 16-43 To amend the provisions for qualification for membership
- 16-44 To amend the provisions for composition of clubs
- 16-45 To provide for a new category of membership: associate membership
- 16-46 To amend the provisions for the classification of members
- 16-47 To amend the provisions for honorary membership
- 16-48 To amend the provisions for suspension of membership
- 16-49 To amend the provisions for suspension of membership
- 16-50 To amend the provisions for suspension of membership
- 16-51 To amend the provisions for transferring and former Rotarians
- 16-52 To amend the provisions for transferring and former Rotarians
- 16-53 To encourage clubs to search for qualified members

VI. RI OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

A. RI President

- 16-54 To amend the duties of the president
- 16-55 To provide for a non-voting member of the RI Board
- 16-56 To amend the rules for selecting the RI president-nominee
- 16-57 To revise the qualifications for membership on the nominating committee for president

B. Directors

- 16-58 To increase the term of office for RI director to three years
- 16-59 To revise the qualifications for director
- 16-60 To revise the qualifications for director
- 16-61 To revise the procedures for selecting directors-nominee
- 16-62 To amend the provisions for selecting the director-nominee by nominating committee procedure
- 16-63 To amend the qualifications for membership on the nominating committee for director
- 16-64 To amend the qualifications for membership on the nominating committee for director
- 16-65 To amend the qualifications for membership on the nominating committee for director
- 16-66 To amend the qualifications for membership on the nominating committee for director
- 16-67 To amend the qualifications for membership on the nominating committee for director
- 16-68 To revise the procedures for selecting directors-nominee

C. Governors

- 16-69 To revise the qualifications for governor-nominee
- 16-70 To revise the club voting provisions when selecting a governor-nominee through a ballot-by-mail
- 16-71 To amend the provisions regarding concurrences to challenges
- 16-72 To amend the provisions regarding special elections
- 16-73 To eliminate the vice-governor position
- 16-74 To amend the provisions for selecting the vice-governor
- 16-75 To amend the provisions for selecting the vice-governor
- 16-76 To amend the provisions for selecting the vice-governor
- 16-77 To amend the provisions for selecting the vice-governor

D. Miscellaneous

- 16-78 To amend the voting procedures at a district conference or district resolutions meeting
- 16-79 To amend the procedures for selecting Council representatives and members of the nominating committee for director
- 16-80 To revise the procedures for selecting Council representatives and members of the nominating committee for director

VII. ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

- 16-81 To authorize the RI Board to suspend or terminate a club for litigation-related actions and to amend the provisions for repeated election complaints from a district
- 16-82 To remove the distinction between traditional clubs and e-clubs
- 16-83 To provide for a minimum number of charter members for new clubs
- 16-84 To revise the Board's authority to change district boundaries

- 16-85 To revise the Board's authority to change district boundaries
- 16-86 To provide when districts and their boundaries are established
- 16-87 To allow districts to add a geographical name to their district number
- 16-88 To revise the provisions for a district to adopt its annual statement
- 16-89 To sanction those who improperly administer the district fund
- 16-90 To provide for a membership committee of RI
- 16-91 To amend the terms of reference for the Audit Committee
- 16-92 To amend the terms of reference for the Audit Committee and to eliminate the Operations Review Committee
- 16-93 To amend the terms of reference for the Strategic Planning Committee
- 16-94 To amend the terms of reference for the Strategic Planning Committee
- 16-95 To amend the terms of reference for the Strategic Planning Committee
- 16-96 To amend the subscription requirements for the Rotary magazine and regional magazines
- 16-97 To amend the subscription requirements for the Rotary magazine
- 16-98 To support the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions

VIII. RI FINANCES AND PER CAPITA DUES

- 16-99 To increase per capita dues
- 16-100 To increase per capita dues
- 16-101 To adjust per capita dues based on the Consumer Price Index
- 16-102 To waive per capita dues for one of the members when two married people are both members of the same club
- 16-103 To amend the provisions for additional dues

- 16-104 To provide that each club pays dues for a minimum of 10 members
- 16-105 To provide that the RI Board shall establish the dates for club reports and RI per capita dues

IX. LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES

- 16-106 To revise the publication requirement for legislation
- 16-107 To provide for a second vice-chairman of the Council on Legislation
- 16-108 To revise the process for consideration of legislation
- 16-109 To provide for the distribution of minutes for the Council on Legislation
- 16-110 To provide for the Council on Legislation to meet every four years
- 16-111 To hold the Council on Legislation in August, September, or October and to revise the timetable for submitting proposed legislation
- 16-112 To restrict legislation to enactments
- 16-113 To provide for a Council on Resolutions
- 16-114 To provide that representatives shall serve for a term of three years
- 16-115 To provide that a Rotarian shall not attend more than two Councils on Legislation as a representative
- 16-116 To amend the process for selecting representatives to attend the Council on Legislation
- 16-117 To amend the process for selecting representatives to attend the Council on Legislation

REGULAR LEGISLATION - RESOLUTIONS

I. PROGRAMS

- 16-118 To endorse and affirm that the eradication of polio is a goal of the highest order of Rotary International
- 16-119 To request the RI Board to consider designating May as Celebrate Women Month

- 16-120 To request the RI Board to consider designating May as Public Image and Awareness Enhancement Month
- 16-121 To request the RI Board to consider establishing an Environmental Preservation Awareness Day
- 16-122 To request the RI Board to consider including Preserve Planet Earth as an official program of RI
- 16-123 To request the RI Board to consider raising awareness of environmental issues
- 16-124 To request the RI Board to consider developing programming in the areas of water quality enhancement, sanitation and hygiene
- 16-125 To request the RI Board to consider including the fight against violence towards women among the goals and objectives of the RI Strategic Plan
- 16-126 To request the RI Board to consider supporting the prevention of sexual mutilation
- 16-127 To request the RI Board to consider reinstating the RI statement on drug and alcohol abuse prevention in future versions of the *Manual of Procedure*
- 16-128 To request the RI Board to consider adopting Rotarians Against Malaria as the next worldwide program for Rotary
- 16-129 To request the RI Board to consider recognizing Rotex clubs
- 16-130 To request the RI Board to consider recognizing Rotex clubs
- 16-131 To request the RI Board to consider officially recognizing Rotary Kids as a structured program of RI
- 16-132 To request the RI Board to consider revising the membership age limits for Interact
- 16-133 To request the RI Board to consider lowering the maximum age for membership in Rotaract to 25
- 16-134 To request the RI Board to consider raising the Rotaract age limit to 35
- 16-135 To request the RI Board to consider establishing Rotaract e-clubs
- 16-136 To request the RI Board to consider promoting Rotary Cards
- 16-137 To request the RI Board to consider establishing a 21st Century Rotary District Museum
- 16-138 To request the RI Board to consider adding the keyword “family” to the statements on opportunities for service

II. THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

- 16-139 To acknowledge the centennial anniversary of The Rotary Foundation
- 16-140 To request the Trustees to consider establishing a new type of grant
- 16-141 To request the Trustees to consider amending the terms for Foundation grants to permit the purchase of equipment for pre- or post-surgical care units
- 16-142 To request the Trustees to consider allowing district grant subcommittee chairs to monitor and review online grant applications
- 16-143 To request the Trustees to consider making planet earth a new area of focus
- 16-144 To request the Trustees to consider reinstating funding for scholarships to support graduate students in areas not related to the areas of focus
- 16-145 To request the Trustees to consider adding protection and empowerment of youth as a seventh area of focus
- 16-146 To request the Trustees to consider making grandchildren of Rotarians eligible for Rotary Foundation award programs

III. CLUB AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

- 16-147 To request the RI Board to consider ending the governor selection pilot in India
- 16-148 To request the RI Board to consider revising the assistant governor selection criteria in the Rotary Code of Policies
- 16-149 To request the RI Board to consider acknowledging the role and responsibilities of district secretaries
- 16-150 To request the RI Board to consider defining a quorum for ballot-by-mail votes
- 16-151 To request the RI Board to consider reminding clubs of their autonomy
- 16-152 To request the RI Board to consider including all aspects relating to Rotary's image within the terms of reference of the club public relations committee
- 16-153 To request the RI Board to consider suggesting the position of club productivity officer

- 16-154 To request the RI Board to consider encouraging the use of local language when conducting club business
- 16-155 To request the RI Board to consider encouraging Rotarians to adopt a simple method to open and close a meeting by a declaration of the chair
- 16-156 To request the RI Board to consider allowing districts to decide if they would like a president's representative to attend their district conferences
- 16-157 To request the RI Board to consider providing all district conferences with a video message from the RI president
- 16-158 To request the RI Board to consider using video presentations at district conferences
- 16-159 To request the RI Board to consider encouraging the use of electronic and musical equipment at club meetings

IV. ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

- 16-160 To request the RI Board to consider proposing legislation to the next Council on Legislation to revise the corporate governance structure
- 16-161 To request the RI Board to consider establishing a nominating committee for zone coordinators
- 16-162 To request the RI Board to consider redrawing the boundaries of Zone 20
- 16-163 To request the RI Board to consider forming an e-district for e-clubs
- 16-164 To request the RI Board to consider creating mechanisms that can make RI self-sustaining
- 16-165 To request the RI Board to consider comparing the expenses of RI to other organizations
- 16-166 To request the RI Board and the Trustees to consider investing in microfinance and community development institutions
- 16-167 To request the RI Board to consider reducing reinstatement fees and surcharges for clubs
- 16-168 To request the RI Board to consider recognizing Hindi as an official language of RI
- 16-169 To request the RI Board to consider allowing translations of Rotary into approved languages
- 16-170 To request the RI Board to consider allowing for the use of the previous version of the Rotary emblem

- 16-171 To request the RI Board to consider promoting a new Rotary image based on modernization, faith and investment in public image
- 16-172 To request the RI Board to consider not recommending commercial or licensed branding materials when a free option is available
- 16-173 To request the RI Board to consider subsidizing the training registration fees for the governors-nominee training seminar
- 16-174 To request the RI Board to consider making the Rotary Leadership Institute a training program of RI
- 16-175 To request the RI Board to consider allowing Probus members to attend the RI Convention
- 16-176 To request the RI Board to consider allowing members of Inner Wheel to attend the RI Convention
- 16-177 To request the RI Board to consider adopting electronic voting prior to the Council on Legislation
- 16-178 To request the RI Board to consider making the Council on Legislation more efficient, less costly and more technologically oriented

V. MEMBERSHIP

- 16-179 To request the RI Board to consider initiating a study to establish a new type of membership: supporting membership
- 16-180 To request the RI Board to consider recognizing Friends of Rotary
- 16-181 To request the RI Board to consider urging new Rotarians to attend new member training

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-01

To provide for written board meeting minutes

Proposer(s): District 6980, USA

Endorsed by: District 6980 through a district resolutions meeting, Orlando, Florida, USA, 27 September 2014

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(pages 198-199 MOP)*

3 4 **(Select one Article 6)**

5 6 ☐ **Article 6 Meetings**

7 **Section 1 — Regular Meetings.**

8 (a) *Day and Time.* This club shall hold a regular meeting once each week on
9 the day and at the time provided in the bylaws.

10 (b) *Change of Meeting.* For good cause, the board may change a regular
11 meeting to any day during the period commencing with the day following
12 the preceding regular meeting and ending with the day preceding the next
13 regular meeting, or to a different hour of the regular day, or to a different
14 place.

15 (c) *Cancellation.* The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal
16 holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or in case of the death of
17 a club member, or of an epidemic or of a disaster affecting the whole
18 community, or of an armed conflict in the community which endangers the
19 lives of the club members. The board may cancel not more than four
20 regular meetings in a year for causes not otherwise specified herein
21 provided that this club does not fail to meet for more than three
22 consecutive meetings.

23 (d) *Satellite Club Meeting (When Applicable).* If provided in the bylaws, a
24 satellite club shall hold regular weekly meetings at a place and at a time and
25 day decided by its members. The day, time and place of the meeting may be
26 changed in a similar way to that provided for the club's regular meetings in
27 section 1(b) of this article. A satellite club meeting may be cancelled for any
28 of the reasons enumerated in section 1(c) of this article. Voting procedures
29 shall be as provided in the bylaws.

30 **Section 2 — Annual Meeting.**

31 (a) An annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held not later than 31
32 December as provided in the bylaws.

33 (b) A satellite club (when applicable) shall hold an annual meeting of its
34 members before 31 December to elect officers for the general governance of
35 the satellite club.

1 **Section 3 — Board Meetings.** Written minutes should be provided for all board
2 meetings. Such minutes should be available to all members within 60 days of
3 said meeting.

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7 ☐ **Article 6 Meetings (for e-Clubs)**

8 **Section 1 — Regular Meetings.**

9 (a) *Day.* This club shall hold a regular meeting once each week by posting an
10 interactive activity on the club's website on the day provided in the bylaws.

11 The meeting shall be considered as held on the day that the interactive
12 activity is to be posted on the website.

13 (b) *Change of Meeting.* For good cause, the board may change a regular
14 meeting to any day during the period commencing with the day following
15 the preceding regular meeting and ending with the day preceding the next
16 regular meeting.

17 (c) *Cancellation.* The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal
18 holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or in case of the death
19 of a club member, or of an epidemic or of a disaster affecting the whole
20 community, or of an armed conflict in the community which endangers the
21 lives of the club members.

22 The board may cancel not more than four regular meetings in a year for
23 causes not otherwise specified herein provided that this club does not fail to
24 meet for more than three consecutive meetings.

25 **Section 2 — Annual Meeting.** An annual meeting for the election of officers
26 shall be held not later than 31 December as provided in the bylaws.

27 **Section 3 — Board Meetings.** Written minutes should be provided for all board
28 meetings. Such minutes should be available to all members within 60 days of
29 said meeting.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

30 All club members should have access to the minutes of all club board and special
31 board meetings. The timeline for the availability will be 60 days as the minutes
32 are not approved until 30 days later. There should not be secret meetings among
33 the board members with any action taken that affects any member or club
34 bylaws.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

35 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

Compromise Legislation

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-02

To provide that the club treasurer shall be a member of the board

Proposer(s): District 1790, France
District 3190, India

Endorsed by: District 1790 through a ballot-by-mail, 17 November 2014
District 3190 through a ballot-by-mail, 5 December 2014

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 204 MOP)*

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4 **Article 10 Directors and Officers**

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6 **Section 4 — Officers.** The club officers shall be a president, the immediate past
7 president, a president-elect, ~~and a secretary, and a treasurer,~~ and may include
8 one or more vice-presidents, all of whom shall be members of the board. The
9 club officers shall also include ~~a treasurer and may include a sergeant-at-arms,~~
10 ~~all of whom may be members~~ who may be a member of the board as the bylaws
11 shall provide. Club officers shall regularly attend satellite club meetings.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

12 Over the years, Rotary clubs have raised significant funds from members, the
13 community and companies, for various service projects in the community. Under
14 the circumstances, transparent, timely and prudent financial management of the
15 club funds with discipline and best accounting practices is of the utmost necessity
16 in creating credibility, trust and confidence among the donors for their continued
17 support and also to create an excellent public image for Rotary clubs. Making the
18 treasurer a permanent member of the club board will enable the president to
19 regularly oversee/monitor all funds with due accountability and responsibility.
20 Hence, the suggestion to amend the Standard Rotary Club Constitution through
21 this enactment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

22 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-03

To provide that the secretary-elect shall be a member of the board

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Yamato Naka, District 2780, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2780 through an annual district conference, Yokosuka, Kanagawa, Japan, 18 October 2014

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 204 MOP)*
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4 **Article 10 Directors and Officers**

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6 **Section 4 — Officers.** The club officers shall be a president, the immediate past
7 president, a president-elect, ~~and~~ a secretary, and a secretary-elect, and may
8 include one or more vice-presidents, all of whom shall be members of the board.
9 The club officers shall also include a treasurer and may include a sergeant-at-
10 arms, all of whom may be members of the board as the bylaws shall provide.
11 Club officers shall regularly attend satellite club meetings.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

12 Recognizing the importance of club secretaries, Article 10, Section 4 of the
13 Standard Rotary Club Constitution designates them as club officers. However,
14 while club presidents are given sufficient advance training opportunities as
15 presidents-elect, club secretaries are expected to work with the club presidents to
16 facilitate the administration of their clubs as soon as they take office, and club
17 secretaries perform a wide range of tasks in and outside their clubs.

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19 We therefore propose creating the office of club secretary-elect to be included
20 among club officers and board members. By providing club secretaries with the
21 same advance preparation period and official training opportunities as
22 presidents-elect, club administration can be expected to run more smoothly from
23 the start of each year, and club activities can be expected to become more active.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

24 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-04

To revise the provisions for club officers

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Paris Nord, District 1770, France

Endorsed by: District 1770 through a ballot-by-mail, 17 November 2014

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 204 MOP)*

3 4 **Article 10 Directors and Officers**

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6 **Section 4 — Officers.** The club officers shall be a president, the immediate past
7 president, a president-elect, a president-nominee, upon his or her election, and
8 a secretary, and may include one or more vice-presidents, all of whom shall be
9 members of the board. The club officers shall also include a treasurer and may
10 include a sergeant-at-arms, all of whom may be members of the board as the
11 bylaws shall provide. ~~Club officers shall regularly attend satellite club meetings.~~
12 At least one club officer shall be in attendance at every satellite club meeting.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

13 As part of the RI Strategic Plan and the Club Leadership Plan, as well as the
14 related follow-up activities and changes to be implemented, it would be beneficial
15 to include the president-nominee, upon his or her election, in the committee
16 meetings and discussions so that he or she may be aware of the direction taken by
17 the club and may share his or her ideas regarding decisions that will have to be
18 implemented during his or her term.

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20 In addition, a satellite club should be supported by the main club until it can
21 become a regular Rotary club. The requirement for officers of the main club to
22 attend satellite club meetings should be stricter.

23
24 To sum up, this proposed enactment will ensure that satellite clubs receive the
25 proper support through the participation of at least one officer of the main club in
26 every meeting of the satellite club.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

27 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-05

To provide for committees in clubs

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Bangalore East, District 3190, India

Endorsed by: District 3190 through a ballot-by-mail, 5 December 2014

*To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows
(page 205 MOP)*

Article 10 Directors and Officers and Committees

Section 7 — Committees. This club should have the following committees:

- Club Administration
- Membership
- Public Relations
- Rotary Foundation
- Service Projects

Additional committees may be appointed as needed.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The old administrative structure has Avenues of Service directors and around 15 committees. Assuming three members in each committee, the number of Rotarians required to fill up all positions would be 45 plus around nine on the board. Around 55 Rotarians would be required to run the club board and committees. But the number of clubs having fewer than 60 members in the Rotary world, as of 30 June 2014, is around 90 percent. So, most clubs do not have enough members to have the old administrative structure. Five committees can be formed easily. Also, over the last few years at the presidents-elect training seminar, five committee manuals are given as per the club leadership plan. Some clubs have committees as per the club leadership plan, but continue with Avenues of Service directors (which should all come under the service projects committee). This leads to confusion. Many clubs retain the old administrative structure without having the required number of members to form the committees. Clubs are therefore not effective.

Around 90 percent of Rotary clubs have fewer than 60 Rotarians, and the majority of them even fewer than forty members. The answer is that clubs have the following committees:

- Club Administration
- Membership

- 1 • Public Relations
- 2 • Rotary Foundation
- 3 • Service Projects

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5 If a club has more than 60 members, additional committees may be appointed as

6 needed. Also, a district leadership plan is in place, but not a club leadership plan.

7 Therefore, there is no proper meshing of the district leadership plan and the club

8 leadership plan. By adopting a club leadership plan, clubs will mesh better with

9 the district leadership plan and become more effective.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 10 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-06

To define the purpose of Rotary clubs

Proposer(s): District 3662, Korea

Endorsed by: District 3662 through a ballot-by-mail, 23 December 2014

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 198 MOP)*

3

4 **Article 6 Purpose**

5 The purpose of this club is to pursue the Object of Rotary, carry out successful
6 service projects based on the Five Avenues of Service, contribute to the
7 advancement of Rotary by strengthening membership, support The Rotary
8 Foundation, and develop leaders beyond the club level.

(Subsequent articles will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

9 Although it is customary for most organizations to include a provision on purpose
10 in their constitutional documents, the current Standard Rotary Club Constitution
11 lacks such a provision. The absence of purpose implies uncertainty of direction.
12 However, clubs are consistently asked, by district governors during their official
13 yearly visits, at district training assemblies, etc., to work at becoming effective
14 Rotary clubs. They are also required to submit plans for becoming an effective
15 club to their district and implement these plans. As such, becoming an effective
16 club has long been established as the common purpose for all clubs. Therefore,
17 the four elements of an effective club - membership development, support for
18 The Rotary Foundation, implementation of service projects, and cultivation of
19 leaders - should not only be encouraged by RI policy but elevated to the level of
20 written statute, to achieve the following effects:

21

22 1) Redress a deficiency in the Standard Rotary Club Constitution;

23

24 2) Present a clear direction for club activity and orientation in the constitutional
25 documents;

26

27 3) Eliminate dispute and/or misunderstanding regarding the reason for
28 strengthening membership or supporting The Rotary Foundation among club
29 members; and

- 1 4) Establish mutual relevance between RI policy and the Standard Rotary Club
2 Constitution by specifying that striving to become an effective Rotary club is a
3 means of realizing the club's purpose as set forth in this article.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 4 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-07

To remove admission fees for club members

Proposer(s): District 1720, France

Rotary Club of Evry Val-de-Seine, District 1770, France

Endorsed by: District 1720 through a ballot-by-mail, 13 December 2014

District 1770 through a ballot-by-mail, 17 November 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 135 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 4 Membership in Clubs**

4

5 **4.050. Honorary Membership.**

6

7 **4.050.2. Rights and Privileges.**

8 Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of ~~admission fees and~~

9 dues, shall have no vote and shall not be eligible to hold any office in the club.

10 Such members shall not hold classifications, but shall be entitled to attend all

11 meetings and enjoy all the other privileges of the club in which they hold such

12 membership. No honorary member of a club is entitled to any rights or privileges

13 in any other club, except for the right to visit other clubs without being the guest

14 of a Rotarian.

15

16 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*

17

18 *in article 7 (page 201 MOP)*

19

20 **Article 7 Membership**

21

22 **Section 7 — Honorary Membership.**

23

24 (b) *Rights and Privileges.* Honorary members shall be exempt from the
25 payment of ~~admission fees and~~ dues, shall have no vote, and shall not be
26 eligible to hold any office in this club. Such members shall not hold
27 classifications, but shall be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all the
28 other privileges of this club. No honorary member of this club is entitled to
29 any rights and privileges in any other club, except for the right to visit other
30 clubs without being the guest of a Rotarian.

31

32 *and in article 11 (page 205 MOP)*

33

34 **Article 11 ~~Admission Fees and Dues~~**

35 Every member shall pay ~~an admission fee and~~ annual dues as prescribed in the

36 bylaws, ~~except that any transferring or former member of another club who is~~

1 ~~accepted into membership of this club pursuant to article 7, section 4(a) or any~~
2 ~~former member of this club who rejoins this club, shall not be required to pay a~~
3 ~~second admission fee. A Rotaractor who ceased to be a member of Rotaract~~
4 ~~within the preceding two years, who is accepted into membership of this club,~~
5 ~~shall not be required to pay an admission fee.~~

6
7 *and in article 12 (page 206 MOP)*

8 9 **Article 12 Duration of Membership**

10 11 **Section 2 — Automatic Termination.**

- 12
13 (b) *How to Rejoin.* When the membership of a member has terminated as
14 provided in subsection (a) of this section, such person, provided such
15 person's membership was in good standing at the time of termination, may
16 make new application for membership, under the same or another
17 classification. ~~A second admission fee shall not be required.~~

18
19 *and in article 15 (page 209 MOP)*

20 21 **Article 15 Acceptance of Object and Compliance with Constitution** 22 **and Bylaws**

23 By payment of ~~an admission fee and~~ dues, a member accepts the principles of
24 Rotary as expressed in its object and submits to and agrees to comply with and be
25 bound by the constitution and bylaws of this club, and on these conditions alone
26 is entitled to the privileges of this club. Each member shall be subject to the
27 terms of the constitution and bylaws regardless of whether such member has
28 received copies of them.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

29 The admission fee concept does not project a modern image of Rotary. Our
30 image should be built on a dynamic membership and our ability to carry out
31 large-scale projects at the local, regional, and international levels.

32
33 We should therefore expand our pool of potential Rotarians instead of driving
34 away individuals who share our ideals but cannot afford the cost of joining
35 Rotary, including paying an admission fee.

36
37 As a result, we propose to delete all references to admission fees.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-08

To revise the provisions for club admission fees

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Yamato Naka, District 2780, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2780 through an annual district conference, Yokosuka, Kanagawa, Japan, 18 October 2014

- 1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 205 MOP)*
3
4 **Article 11 Admission Fees and Dues**
5 Every member shall pay an admission fee and annual dues as prescribed in the
6 bylaws, except that any transferring or former member of another club who is
7 accepted into membership of this club pursuant to article 7, section 4(a) or any
8 former member of this club who rejoins this club, shall not be required to pay a
9 second admission fee. The board may waive a new member's obligation to pay an
10 admission fee at its discretion. A Rotaractor who ceased to be a member of
11 Rotaract within the preceding two years, who is accepted into membership of this
12 club, shall not be required to pay an admission fee.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 13 It is common for members in the classification for banking and other similar
14 fields to be transferred every two to three years as required by their jobs. When a
15 branch manager who is a club member is transferred out, and a new branch
16 manager wishes to join a club, we would like to be able to exempt the new
17 member from admission fees as well as dues for the period for which his/her
18 predecessor has paid.
19
20 Members with a great deal of knowledge and wisdom from their jobs have
21 positive influence on many clubs. We believe that these members, in such cases,
22 should be considered continuing members, and it is desirable for their clubs to be
23 able to exempt them, upon board approval, from paying admission fees as well as
24 the dues for the period for which their predecessors have paid.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 25 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-09

To revise the provisions for club admission fees

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Kawagoe, District 2570, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2570 through an annual district conference, Fujimi, Saitama, Japan, 7 December 2014

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 205 MOP)*
3

4 **Article 11 Admission Fees and Dues**

5 Every member shall pay an admission fee and annual dues as prescribed in the
6 bylaws, except that any transferring or former member of another club who is
7 accepted into membership of this club pursuant to article 7, section 4(a) or any
8 former member of this club who rejoins this club, shall not be required to pay a
9 second admission fee. A Rotaractor who ceased to be a member of Rotaract
10 within the preceding two years, who is accepted into membership of this club,
11 shall not be required to pay an admission fee. When a family member of a
12 member is accepted into membership of this club, an exemption may be made for
13 the admission fee as provided in the bylaws.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

14 Article 11 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution lists the provisions for club
15 admission fees. This enactment calls for an addition to Article 11 providing that a
16 special exception be made when the family member of a club member joins in
17 order to strengthen membership development and support ongoing club
18 activities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

19 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-10

To amend the second Avenue of Service

Proposer(s): District 2840, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2840 through a district resolutions meeting, Maebashi, Gunma, Japan, 26 October 2014

*To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows
(page 198 MOP)*

Article 5 Five Avenues of Service

Rotary's Five Avenues of Service are the philosophical and practical framework for the work of this Rotary club.

1. Club Service, the first Avenue of Service, involves action a member should take within this club to help it function successfully.
2. Vocational Service, the second Avenue of Service, has the purpose of promoting high ethical standards in businesses and professions, recognizing the worthiness of all dignified occupations, and fostering the ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations. The role of members includes conducting themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary's principles and lending one's vocational skills to club-developed projects in order to address the issues and needs of society.
3. Community Service, the third Avenue of Service, comprises varied efforts that members make, sometimes in conjunction with others, to improve the quality of life of those who live within this club's locality or municipality.
4. International Service, the fourth Avenue of Service, comprises those activities that members do to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace by fostering acquaintance with people of other countries, their cultures, customs, accomplishments, aspirations, and problems, through reading and correspondence and through cooperation in all club activities and projects designed to help people in other lands.
5. Youth Service, the fifth Avenue of Service, recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose of this enactment is to amend the definition of Vocational Service that is provided in Article 5, paragraph 2 of the Standard Rotary Club

1 Constitution. Rotary's Five Avenues of Service are the "philosophical and
2 practical framework for the work of" Rotary clubs. Whereas all but the second
3 avenue of service specifically define the actions that the members should take
4 within their clubs, the second avenue, Vocational Service, does not. This
5 enactment seeks to achieve consistency across all the Avenues of Service
6 definitions by adding in paragraph two the actions that the members should
7 undertake and make it clear that the Avenues of Service are the practical
8 framework for the work of Rotary clubs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

9 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-11

To amend the third Avenue of Service

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Genova, District 2032, Italy

Endorsed by: District 2032 through an annual district conference, Genova, Italy, 21 June 2014

*To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows
(page 198 MOP)*

Article 5 Five Avenues of Service

Rotary's Five Avenues of Service are the philosophical and practical framework for the work of this Rotary club.

1. Club Service, the first Avenue of Service, involves action a member should take within this club to help it function successfully.
2. Vocational Service, the second Avenue of Service, has the purpose of promoting high ethical standards in businesses and professions, recognizing the worthiness of all dignified occupations, and fostering the ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations. The role of members includes conducting themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary's principles.
3. Community Service, the third Avenue of Service, comprises varied efforts that members make, sometimes in conjunction with others, to improve the quality of life and the cultural level of those who live within this club's locality or municipality.
4. International Service, the fourth Avenue of Service, comprises those activities that members do to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace by fostering acquaintance with people of other countries, their cultures, customs, accomplishments, aspirations, and problems, through reading and correspondence and through cooperation in all club activities and projects designed to help people in other lands.
5. Youth Service, the fifth Avenue of Service, recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

"As the soil, however rich it may be, cannot be productive without cultivation, so the mind without culture can never produce good fruits." (Seneca) The

1 integration which is being proposed is to be considered necessary in order to
2 better specify that the expression “quality of life” is to be referred not only to
3 wealth in the material sense but also to that represented by sharing the cultural
4 heritage of humanity. In fact, the transmission of knowledge is an extraordinary
5 means to enable people to communicate and to come together. In particular, to
6 improve the cultural level means to preserve, to hand down, and to communicate
7 to other people an inheritance which belongs to the entire humanity.
8 Furthermore, considering that a great part of the cultural heritage is of
9 immediate perception (visual arts, music, singing), its transmission is an
10 extraordinary mode to overcome the barriers that are still separating us. “I
11 believe all suffering is caused by ignorance. Where ignorance is our master, there
12 is no possibility of real peace.” (Dalai Lama)

FINANCIAL IMPACT

13 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-12

To remove the fifth Avenue of Service

Proposer(s): District 3662, Korea

Endorsed by: District 3662 through a ballot-by-mail, 23 December 2014

*To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows
(page 198 MOP)*

Article 5 ~~Five~~ Four Avenues of Service

Rotary's ~~Five~~ Four Avenues of Service are the philosophical and practical framework for the work of this Rotary club.

1. Club Service, the first Avenue of Service, involves action a member should take within this club to help it function successfully.
2. Vocational Service, the second Avenue of Service, has the purpose of promoting high ethical standards in businesses and professions, recognizing the worthiness of all dignified occupations, and fostering the ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations. The role of members includes conducting themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary's principles.
3. Community Service, the third Avenue of Service, comprises varied efforts that members make, sometimes in conjunction with others, to improve the quality of life of those who live within this club's locality or municipality.
4. International Service, the fourth Avenue of Service, comprises those activities that members do to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace by fostering acquaintance with people of other countries, their cultures, customs, accomplishments, aspirations, and problems, through reading and correspondence and through cooperation in all club activities and projects designed to help people in other lands.
- ~~5. Youth Service, the fifth Avenue of Service, recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.~~

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

Adding Youth Service to the Avenues of Service compromised the basic philosophy and classification criteria underlying the remaining four Avenues, resulting in the following contradictions:

- 1 1) The various subfields of an overarching field should be mutually exclusive.
2 However, the concept of Youth Service persistently overlaps with those of the
3 other four Avenues.
4
5 2) Because Club Service, Community Service, and International Service are
6 categorized by space (region), while Youth Service is categorized by the
7 recipient of service (type of persons), there is a marked inconsistency in the
8 method of classification among the five Avenues.
9
10 3) In the previous articulation of the principles of Rotary (1920s and thereafter),
11 there was a one-to-one correspondence between the four Objects of Rotary
12 and the four Avenues of Service. The addition of Youth Service has impaired
13 this correspondence, thus introducing a conflict into the principles of Rotary.
14
15 4) If Youth Service is preserved as an Avenue of Service, Rotary will have little
16 theoretical grounds for countering potential arguments for adding senior
17 service, maternal and child service, polio service, and other categories of
18 service deemed similarly important.
19
20 Therefore, Youth Service should be removed to restore the Four Avenues of
21 Service. This will make it possible to:
22
23 1) Correct a fallacy in the classification of service areas, thereby securing the
24 validity of the principles of Rotary;
25
26 2) Eliminate the confusion and contradiction that result when a Youth Service
27 project also qualifies under other Avenues of Service; and
28
29 3) Prevent indiscriminate attempts to expand the Avenues of Service.
30
31 However, in light of the current importance of Youth Service, we propose to add
32 it as a separate area of focus (resulting in seven areas of focus), to strengthen and
33 vitalize activities in this area. (A separate proposal for a resolution has been
34 submitted.)

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 35 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-13

To amend the fifth Avenue of Service

Proposer(s): District 2060, Italy

Rotary Club of Noogata, District 2700, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2060 through a district resolutions meeting, Venezia-Mestre, Italy, 15 November 2014

District 2700 through a district resolutions meeting, Fukuoka, Fukuoka, Japan, 1 December 2014

*To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows
(page 198 MOP)*

Article 5 Five Avenues of Service

Rotary's Five Avenues of Service are the philosophical and practical framework for the work of this Rotary club.

1. Club Service, the first Avenue of Service, involves action a member should take within this club to help it function successfully.
2. Vocational Service, the second Avenue of Service, has the purpose of promoting high ethical standards in businesses and professions, recognizing the worthiness of all dignified occupations, and fostering the ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations. The role of members includes conducting themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary's principles.
3. Community Service, the third Avenue of Service, comprises varied efforts that members make, sometimes in conjunction with others, to improve the quality of life of those who live within this club's locality or municipality.
4. International Service, the fourth Avenue of Service, comprises those activities that members do to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace by fostering acquaintance with people of other countries, their cultures, customs, accomplishments, aspirations, and problems, through reading and correspondence and through cooperation in all club activities and projects designed to help people in other lands.
5. ~~Youth~~ New Generations Service, the fifth Avenue of Service, recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 1 This enactment would amend the Standard Rotary Club Constitution to change
2 the name of the fifth Avenue of Service from "Youth" to "New Generations."
3
4 Rotary's youth programs have become known outside Rotary's confines and are
5 well estimated worldwide. They do not need to be stressed, but kept going.
6
7 Mostly in Europe, but also in other continents, the mean age of Rotarians is
8 increasing due above all to indifference and opposition to electing young
9 members. Rotary needs younger and newer members who have the knowledge
10 and possibly experience of what being a Rotarian means, even if their profession
11 is not yet at a high level.
12
13 Professionals exiting the Rotaract experience and those at 30-35 years of age are
14 no longer considered young, but they belong to the so-called new generation
15 people. These people, no longer young, Rotary needs as new members.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 16 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

Compromise Legislation

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-14

To add a fifth part to the Object of Rotary to encourage a new generation of global leaders

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI pursuant to 2013 Council on
Legislation Enactments 13-64 and 13-65
Rotary Club of Paranaguá-Rocio, District 4730, Brazil

Endorsed by: District 4730 through a ballot-by-mail, 15 December 2014

1 To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 123
2 MOP)

4 **Article 4 Object**

5 The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of
6 worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- 7 *First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
8 *Second.* High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition
9 of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of
10 each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
11 *Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal,
12 business, and community life;
13 *Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and
14 peace through a world fellowship of business and professional
15 persons united in the ideal of service-;
16 *Fifth.* A new generation of global leaders through service, mentoring,
17 international exchange, and leadership development opportunities.

19 And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows
20 (page 198 MOP)

22 **Article 4 Object**

23 The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of
24 worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- 25 *First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
26 *Second.* High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition
27 of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of
28 each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
29 *Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal,
30 business, and community life;
31 *Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and
32 peace through a world fellowship of business and professional
33 persons united in the ideal of service-;

1 Fifth. A new generation of global leaders through service, mentoring,
2 international exchange, and leadership development opportunities.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

3 The Avenues of Service correlate to the Object of Rotary. The fifth Avenue of
4 Service, New Generations Service, was established at the 2010 Council on
5 Legislation and amended to Youth Service at the 2013 Council on Legislation. A
6 corresponding amendment to the Object was not established. This enactment
7 would amend the RI Constitution and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution to
8 add a fifth part of the Object of Rotary to correspond to the fifth Avenue of
9 Service.
10
11 Rotarians' work with youth and young leaders through Interact, Rotaract, Rotary
12 Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and club and district
13 programs. Working with youth and young leaders is a fundamental activity and
14 objective of Rotary that should be emphasized.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

15 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-15

To add a fifth part to the Object of Rotary to include the development of service and leadership in youth and young adults

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Pachuca Plata, District 4170, Mexico

Endorsed by: District 4170 through an annual district conference, Playa del Carmen, Quintana Roo, Mexico, 16 May 2014

1 *To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 123*
2 *MOP)*

3 4 **Article 4 Object**

5 The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of
6 worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

7 *First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

8 *Second.* High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition
9 of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of
10 each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

11 *Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal,
12 business, and community life;

13 *Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and
14 peace through a world fellowship of business and professional
15 persons united in the ideal of service-;

16 *Fifth.* The recognition of the importance of youths and young adults for
17 the future of society by supporting their ideas and activities and
18 promoting youth leadership programs to instill in them values and
19 concern for a better world.

20
21 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
22 *(page 198 MOP)*

23 24 **Article 4 Object**

25 The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of
26 worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

27 *First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

28 *Second.* High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition
29 of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of
30 each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

31 *Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal,
32 business, and community life;

33 *Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and
34 peace through a world fellowship of business and professional
35 persons united in the ideal of service-;

1 Fifth. The recognition of the importance of youths and young adults for
2 the future of society by supporting their ideas and activities and
3 promoting youth leadership programs to instill in them values and
4 concern for a better world.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

5 This proposed enactment is to reflect the work that Rotarians do with young
6 people. It is important to be consistent about the correlation between the Object
7 of Rotary and the Avenues of Service. When there were four avenues the Object
8 had four parts; now there are five avenues, so there should be five. This way
9 Rotary's current philosophy will be better reflected.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

10 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-16

To add a fifth part to the Object of Rotary to include New Generations

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Asunción Catedral, District 4845, Argentina and Paraguay

Endorsed by: District 4845 through a ballot-by-mail, December 2014

1 *To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 123*
2 *MOP)*

3 **Article 4 Object**

4 The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of
5 worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

6 *First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

7 *Second.* High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition
8 of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of
9 each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

10 *Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal,
11 business, and community life;

12 *Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and
13 peace through a world fellowship of business and professional
14 persons united in the ideal of service-;

15 *Fifth.* The training of New Generations leaders who exemplify high ethical
16 values in their professions, transmitting them to the next
17 generations as a foundation for human development and a better
18 world.

19
20
21 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
22 *(page 198 MOP)*

23 **Article 4 Object**

24 The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of
25 worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

26 *First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

27 *Second.* High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition
28 of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of
29 each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

30 *Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal,
31 business, and community life;

32 *Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and
33 peace through a world fellowship of business and professional
34 persons united in the ideal of service-;

35 *Fifth.* The training of New Generations leaders who exemplify high ethical
36 values in their professions, transmitting them to the next
37

1 generations as a foundation for human development and a better
2 world.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

3 Whereas, the 2010 Council on Legislation decided to add a fifth Avenue of
4 Service, New Generations Service, pursuant to Adopted Enactment 10-87, which
5 modified Article 5 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution; and
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7 Whereas, the 2013 Council on Legislation decided to amend the fifth Avenue of
8 Service, changing its name to Youth Service, pursuant to Adopted Enactment 13-
9 69, which again modified Article 5 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution; and
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11 Whereas, RI has established a fifth Avenue of Service, Youth Service, and
12 emphasizes the importance of youth for RI and all Rotarians; and
13
14 Whereas, considering the previous statements, it is necessary to fully include
15 Rotary's purpose in regard to this Avenue of Service in the Object of Rotary, so
16 Rotarians will be aware of it
17
18 This proposal seeks to correct the omission of the fifth Avenue of Service in the
19 RI Constitution and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution.
20
21 RI should modify Article 4 of the RI Constitution and Article 4 of the Standard
22 Rotary Club Constitution by adding a fifth part to the Object of Rotary to include
23 New Generations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

24 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-17

To amend the Object of Rotary

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of La Crosse, District 6250, USA

Endorsed by: District 6250 through an annual district conference, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, USA, 3 May 2014

1 To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 123
2 MOP)

3 Article 4 Object

4 The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of
5 worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

6 *First.*—The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

7 *Second.*—High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition
8 of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of
9 each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

10 *Third.*—The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal,
11 business, and community life;

12 *Fourth.*—The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and
13 peace through a world fellowship of business and professional
14 persons united in the ideal of service.

15
16
17 The Object of Rotary is to foster through fellowship the ideal of service;

18
19 To expect high ethical standards in all that we think, say and do; to recognize the
20 worthiness of all useful occupations; and to understand that the occupation of
21 each Rotarian provides an opportunity to serve society;

22
23 To encourage Rotarians to apply the ideal of service in all aspects of their lives;

24
25 To advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world
26 fellowship of people and organizations united in the ideal of service.

27
28 And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows
29 (page 198 MOP)

30 Article 4 Object

31 The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of
32 worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

33 *First.*—The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

34 *Second.*—High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition
35 of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of
36 each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

1 ~~Third.~~—The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal,
2 ~~business, and community life;~~
3 ~~Fourth.~~—The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and
4 ~~peace through a world fellowship of business and professional~~
5 ~~persons united in the ideal of service.~~
6
7 The Object of Rotary is to foster through fellowship the ideal of service;
8
9 To expect high ethical standards in all that we think, say and do; to recognize the
10 worthiness of all useful occupations; and to understand that the occupation of
11 each Rotarian provides an opportunity to serve society;
12
13 To encourage Rotarians to apply the ideal of service in all aspects of their lives;
14
15 To advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world
16 fellowship of people and organizations united in the ideal of service.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

17 The Object of Rotary is one of the foundational documents of Rotary
18 International. All Rotarians should understand and be conversant in the Object
19 of Rotary as it bears directly upon the Rotary motto, Service Above Self; The
20 Four-Way Test of the things we think, say, and do; and the five core values of
21 Rotary: Fellowship, Leadership, Integrity, Diversity and Service.
22
23 The restatement of the Object of Rotary creates congruency with recent actions of
24 the Council on Legislation relating to the qualifications for membership as is
25 evidenced in Article 5, Section 2 (a) of the RI Constitution.
26
27 Composed in an earlier time, the language and word structure of the current
28 version of the Object of Rotary is difficult to master. The restated Object of
29 Rotary, in its simplicity, will lend itself to a broader understanding of what is
30 essential in our purpose as Rotarians.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

31 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-18

To amend the Object of Rotary

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Belconnen, District 9710, Australia

Endorsed by: District 9710 through an annual district conference, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, Australia, 15 November 2014

1 *To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 123*
2 *MOP)*

3 **Article 4 Object**

4 The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of
5 worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

6 *First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

7 *Second.* High ethical standards in business ~~and~~ , professions and voluntary
8 service; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations;
9 and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation, through both
10 formal and voluntary service, as an opportunity to serve society;

11 *Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal,
12 business, and community life;

13 *Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and
14 peace through a world fellowship of business and professional
15 persons, and volunteers, united in the ideal of service.
16

17
18 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
19 *(page 198 MOP)*

20 **Article 4 Object**

21 The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of
22 worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

23 *First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

24 *Second.* High ethical standards in business ~~and~~ , professions and voluntary
25 service; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations;
26 and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation, through both
27 formal and voluntary service, as an opportunity to serve society;

28 *Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal,
29 business, and community life;

30 *Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and
31 peace through a world fellowship of business and professional
32 persons, and volunteers, united in the ideal of service.
33

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 1 This enactment would amend the Object of Rotary as it appears in the RI
2 Constitution and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, to recognize common
3 vocational practice worldwide whereby community workers are often volunteer
4 professionals providing worthwhile vocational service.
5
6 It recognizes a significant and increasing proportion of Rotarians and prospective
7 Rotarians are not in the formal work force, and it provides a more relevant
8 linkage to the third Object of Rotary.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 9 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted | <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended | <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-19

To amend the Object of Rotary

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Church & Oswaldtwistle, District 1190, England
Endorsed by: District 1190 through a district resolutions meeting, Lancaster, Lancashire, England, 16 September 2014

*To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 123 MOP)*

Article 4 Object

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service ~~as a basis of~~
~~worthy enterprise to our society~~ and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

First. The development of ~~acquaintance as an~~ contacts to provide the
opportunity for service positive collaboration;

Second. High ethical standards in ~~business and professions~~ life; the
recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the
dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve
society;

Third. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's ~~personal,~~
~~business, and community life~~ personal life and career;

Fourth. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and
peace through a world fellowship of ~~business and professional~~
community-minded persons united in the ideal of service.

*And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows (page 198 MOP)*

Article 4 Object

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service ~~as a basis of~~
~~worthy enterprise to our society~~ and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

First. The development of ~~acquaintance as an~~ contacts to provide the
opportunity for service positive collaboration;

Second. High ethical standards in ~~business and professions~~ life; the
recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the
dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve
society;

Third. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's ~~personal,~~
~~business, and community life~~ personal life and career;

Fourth. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and
peace through a world fellowship of ~~business and professional~~
community-minded persons united in the ideal of service.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 Some of the difficult areas contained in the current Object of Rotary are:

- 2
- 3 • The restriction to “business and professional persons” and the use of
4 difficult wording gives a strong impression of aloofness and lack of
5 humility, both of which are contrary to the good work that Rotarians do
6
 - 7 • Limiting the scope of Rotary by using the words “business and
8 professional persons” is restricting the possibility to recruit people worthy
9 of becoming Rotarians, but who do not see themselves as business or
10 professional
11
 - 12 • The use of terms and words that, while they may be technically correct, are
13 very old-fashioned phrases, not easily understood, and detract from an
14 overall understanding of what Rotary is about. Examples are “ideal of
15 service,” “basis of worthy enterprise,” “dignifying of each Rotarian’s
16 occupation as an opportunity to serve society,” “world fellowship,” and
17 “advancement of international understanding.” Simpler wording would
18 make the Object of Rotary easier to understand (by Rotarians and non-
19 Rotarians) without losing the essence of what Rotary is all about.
20

21 The whole passage is long and does not inspire or leave a clear understanding of
22 what the object is of Rotary. We owe it to Rotary to make sure the world at large
23 understands better what we are about and trying to achieve.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

24 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-20

To amend the Object of Rotary

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Kawaguchi West, District 2770, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2770 through an annual district conference, Saitama, Saitama, Japan, 15 November 2014

*To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 123 MOP)*

Article 4 Object

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- Second.* High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons as well as community leaders united in the ideal of service.

*And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows (page 198 MOP)*

Article 4 Object

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- Second.* High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons as well as community leaders united in the ideal of service.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 1 Being a “community leader” is one of Rotary’s membership requirements. In
2 order to be consistent with the mission of RI, the words “community leaders”
3 should be added to the description of Rotarians in the fourth paragraph of Article
4 4 of the RI Constitution and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. By adding
5 these words in the constitutions, membership within this classification will likely
6 increase.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 7 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended | <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-21

To allow for flexibility in club meetings and attendance

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI
District 5450, USA

Endorsed by: District 5450 through a ballot-by-mail, 10 December 2014

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(pages 198-199 MOP)*
3

4 **Article 6 Exceptions to Provisions on Meetings and Attendance**

5 The bylaws may include rules or requirements not in accordance with article 7,
6 section 1; article 10, sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5; and article 13, section 4, of this
7 constitution. Such rules or requirements shall supersede the rules or
8 requirements of these sections of this constitution.
9

10 **(Select one Article 6 7)**

11 ☐ **Article 6 7 Meetings**

12 **Section 1 — Regular Meetings.**

13 (a) *Day and Time.* This club shall hold a regular meeting once each week on
14 the day and at the time provided in the bylaws.

15 (b) *Change of Meeting.* For good cause, the board may change a regular
16 meeting to any day during the period commencing with the day following
17 the preceding regular meeting and ending with the day preceding the next
18 regular meeting, or to a different hour of the regular day, or to a different
19 place.
20

21 (c) *Cancellation.* The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal
22 holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or in case of the death of
23 a club member, or of an epidemic or of a disaster affecting the whole
24 community, or of an armed conflict in the community which endangers the
25 lives of the club members. The board may cancel not more than four
26 regular meetings in a year for causes not otherwise specified herein
27 provided that this club does not fail to meet for more than three
28 consecutive meetings.

29 (d) *Satellite Club Meeting (When Applicable).* If provided in the bylaws, a
30 satellite club shall hold regular weekly meetings at a place and at a time and
31 day decided by its members. The day, time and place of the meeting may be
32 changed in a similar way to that provided for the club's regular meetings in
33 section 1(b) of this article. A satellite club meeting may be cancelled for any
34 of the reasons enumerated in section 1(c) of this article. Voting procedures
35 shall be as provided in the bylaws.

1 **Section 2 — Annual Meeting.**

- 2 (c) An annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held not later than 31
3 December as provided in the bylaws.
4 (d) A satellite club (when applicable) shall hold an annual meeting of its
5 members before 31 December to elect officers for the general governance of
6 the satellite club.

7
8 or

9
10 ☐ **Article 6 7 Meetings (for e-Clubs)**

11 **Section 1 — Regular Meetings.**

- 12 (a) *Day.* This club shall hold a regular meeting once each week by posting an
13 interactive activity on the club's website on the day provided in the bylaws.
14 The meeting shall be considered as held on the day that the interactive
15 activity is to be posted on the website.
16 (b) *Change of Meeting.* For good cause, the board may change a regular
17 meeting to any day during the period commencing with the day following
18 the preceding regular meeting and ending with the day preceding the next
19 regular meeting.
20 (c) *Cancellation.* The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal
21 holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or in case of the death
22 of a club member, or of an epidemic or of a disaster affecting the whole
23 community, or of an armed conflict in the community which endangers the
24 lives of the club members.
25 The board may cancel not more than four regular meetings in a year for
26 causes not otherwise specified herein provided that this club does not fail to
27 meet for more than three consecutive meetings.

28 **Section 2 — Annual Meeting.** An annual meeting for the election of officers
29 shall be held not later than 31 December as provided in the bylaws.

(Subsequent articles will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

30 This proposed enactment would allow exceptions to the new Article 7 (current
31 Article 6), Article 10 (current Article 9) and Article 13 (current Article 12) of the
32 Standard Rotary Club Constitution to provide Rotary clubs flexibility in their club
33 bylaws to determine the provisions for meeting frequency and attendance.

34 Clubs will have the option to:

- 35 • Determine when and how often the club meets
36 • Set applicable attendance requirements
37 • Modify or eliminate termination policies for non-attendance

1 These modifications could be more or less stringent than RI policies. If a club
2 chooses to disregard this additional flexibility, the existing constitutional
3 requirements will remain in effect for that club.
4
5 Each year, 8-9 percent of member terminations are reported as being due to an
6 inability to meet attendance requirements. Rotary clubs should be able to
7 structure meetings, control costs, and modify attendance requirements in ways
8 that enable them to be more attractive to qualified prospective members and
9 better engage and retain current members.
10
11 Clubs are in the best position to understand and determine financial and time
12 commitments for current and prospective members in their communities while
13 retaining the quality and value of Rotary membership. For example, a club might
14 meet more or less than weekly if such regular meeting frequency meets their
15 members' needs.
16
17 Without this flexibility, Rotary may continue to experience a declining and aging
18 membership base in the coming years, potentially reaching a point of such
19 dramatic demographic change that membership decline may become irreversible.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

20 This enactment could potentially result in an increase in revenues for RI if there
21 is an increase in membership or membership retention due to greater flexibility
22 for current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-22

To allow clubs flexibility in structuring their weekly meetings

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Carson City, District 5190, USA
Rotary Club of Grass Valley, District 5190, USA
District 5950, USA
Rotary Club of Holmen Area, District 6250, USA
District 9520, Australia

Endorsed by: District 5190 through a ballot-by-mail, 5-25 December 2014
District 5950 through a ballot-by-mail, 4 December 2014
District 6250 through a ballot-by-mail, 15 December 2014
District 9520 through a ballot-by-mail, 13 November 2014

To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows
in article 6 (pages 198-199 MOP)

(Select one Article 6)

☐ Article 6 Meetings

Section 1 — Regular Meetings.

(a) ~~Day and Time.~~ This club shall hold a regular meeting once each week ~~on the day and at the time in such manner as provided in the bylaws to encourage member participation and engagement. Such meetings may include a club service project or club-sponsored community event or meeting authorized by the board.~~

~~(b) Change of Meeting.~~ For good cause, the The board may on occasion change or cancel a regular meeting as it deems appropriate to any day during the period commencing with the day following the preceding regular meeting and ending with the day preceding the next regular meeting, or to a different hour of the regular day, or to a different place.

~~(c) Cancellation.~~ The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or in case of the death of a club member, or of an epidemic or of a disaster affecting the whole community, or of an armed conflict in the community which endangers the lives of the club members. The board may cancel not more than four regular meetings in a year for causes not otherwise specified herein provided that this club does not fail to meet for more than three consecutive meetings.

~~(d)~~ (b) *Satellite Club Meeting (When Applicable).* If provided in the bylaws, a satellite club shall hold regular weekly meetings at a place and at a time and day decided by its members. The day, time and place of the meeting may be changed in a similar way to that provided for the club's regular meetings in section 1 ~~(b)~~ 1(a) of this article. A satellite club meeting may be cancelled for

1 ~~any of the reasons enumerated as provided for in section 1(e) 1(a) of this~~
2 article. Voting procedures shall be as provided in the bylaws.

3
4 or

5
6 ☐ **Article 6 Meetings (for e-Clubs)**

7 **Section 1 — Regular Meetings.**

8 ~~(a) Day.~~ This club shall hold a regular meeting once each week by posting an
9 interactive activity on the club's website on the day provided in the bylaws.
10 The meeting shall be considered as held on the day that the interactive
11 activity is to be posted on the website.

12 ~~(b) Change of Meeting.~~ For good cause, the The board may on occasion change
13 or cancel a regular meeting as it deems appropriate to any day during the
14 period commencing with the day following the preceding regular meeting
15 and ending with the day preceding the next regular meeting.

16 ~~(c) Cancellation.~~ The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal
17 holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or in case of the death
18 of a club member, or of an epidemic or of a disaster affecting the whole
19 community, or of an armed conflict in the community which endangers the
20 lives of the club members. The board may cancel not more than four
21 regular meetings in a year for causes not otherwise specified herein
22 provided that this club does not fail to meet for more than three
23 consecutive meetings.

24
25 and in article 9 (page 202 MOP)

26
27 **Article 9 Attendance**

28
29 **(Select one introductory paragraph to Section 1)**

30
31 ☐ **Section 1 — General Provisions.** Each member should attend this club's
32 regular meetings as provided in the bylaws, or satellite club's regular meetings if
33 provided in the bylaws, and engage in this club's service projects, other events
34 and activities. A member shall be counted as attending a regular meeting if the
35 member is present for at least 60 percent of the meeting, or is present and is
36 called away unexpectedly and subsequently produces evidence to the
37 satisfaction of the board that such action was reasonable, or makes up for an
38 absence in any of the following ways:

39
40 or

41
42 ☐ **Section 1 (for e-Clubs) — General Provisions.** Each member should attend
43 this club's regular meetings. A member shall be counted as attending a regular
44 meeting if the member participates in the regular meeting posted on the club's
45 website within one week following its posting, or makes up a missed meeting in
46 any of the following ways:

- 1 (a) *14 Days Before or After the Meeting.* If, within fourteen (14) days before or
2 after the regular time for that meeting, the member
3 (1) attends at least 60 percent of the regular meeting of another club, of a
4 satellite club meeting of another club, or of a provisional club; or

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

5 This enactment seeks to provide clubs flexibility in structuring their weekly
6 meetings by eliminating the requirement that meetings be held at the same time
7 on the same day. This would permit clubs to work around the schedules of their
8 members. A club service project or club-sponsored event would be permitted to
9 take the place of a club meeting, and a meeting could be occasionally cancelled
10 when deemed appropriate by the club board. These changes aim to encourage
11 member participation and engagement and to make membership in Rotary clubs
12 more accessible. Finally, eliminating the requirement that a member attend at
13 least 60 percent of any regular meeting would foster greater club autonomy and
14 better meet member needs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

15 This enactment could potentially result in an increase in revenues for RI if there
16 is an increase in membership or membership retention due to greater flexibility
17 for current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-23

To allow clubs flexibility in choosing a regular meeting schedule

Proposer(s): District 5550, USA

Rotary Club of Bega, District 9710, Australia

Endorsed by: District 5550 through a ballot-by-mail, 12 December 2014

District 9710 through an annual district conference, Canberra,
ACT, Australia, 15 November 2014

*To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*

in article 3 (page 197 MOP)

Article 3 Locality of the Club (select one)

☐ The locality of this club is as follows: _____

or

☐ The locality of this e-club is (worldwide) _____ and can be found
on the web at: www. _____

and (when applicable)

(a) The locality of this club's satellite(s) club(s) is/are as follows (include
the Rotary club name and provide an additional distinct locality for each
satellite created):

or

(a) The locality of this club's satellite e-club(s) (if applicable) is/are as
follows (distinct web URL for each satellite created):

and in article 6 (pages 198-199 MOP)

(Select one Article 6)

☐ **Article 6 Meetings (for Rotary Clubs)**

1 **Section 1 — Regular Meetings.**

- 2 (a) ~~Day and Time~~ Meeting Schedule. This club shall hold a regular meeting
3 ~~once each week at the frequency, on the day, and at the time provided in the~~
4 ~~bylaws.~~
- 5 (b) *Change of Meeting*. For good cause, the board may change a regular
6 meeting to any day during the period commencing with the day following
7 the preceding regular meeting and ending with the day preceding the next
8 regular meeting, or to a different hour of the regular day, or to a different
9 place.
- 10 (c) *Cancellation*. The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal
11 holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or in case of the death
12 of a club member, or of an epidemic or of a disaster affecting the whole
13 community, or of an armed conflict in the community which endangers the
14 lives of the club members. The board may cancel not more than four
15 regular meetings in a year for causes not otherwise specified herein
16 provided that this club does not fail to meet for more than three
17 consecutive meetings.
- 18 ~~(d) *Satellite Club Meeting (When Applicable)*. If provided in the bylaws, a~~
19 ~~satellite club shall hold regular weekly meetings at a place and at a time and~~
20 ~~day decided by its members. The day, time and place of the meeting may~~
21 ~~be changed in a similar way to that provided for the club's regular meetings~~
22 ~~in section 1(b) of this article. A satellite club meeting may be cancelled for~~
23 ~~any of the reasons enumerated in section 1(c) of this article. Voting~~
24 ~~procedures shall be as provided in the bylaws.~~

25 **Section 2 — Annual Meeting.**

- 26 ~~(a)~~ An annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held not later than 31
27 December as provided in the bylaws.
- 28 ~~(b) A satellite club (when applicable) shall hold an annual meeting of its~~
29 ~~members before 31 December to elect officers for the general governance of~~
30 ~~the satellite club.~~

31
32 or

33
34 ☐ **Article 6 Meetings (for e-Clubs)**

35 **Section 1 — Regular Meetings.**

- 36 (a) Day Meeting Schedule. This club shall hold a regular meeting ~~once each~~
37 ~~week at the frequency, day, and time provided in the bylaws~~ by posting an
38 interactive activity on the club's website ~~on the day provided in the bylaws.~~
39 The meeting shall be considered as held on the day that the interactive
40 activity is to be posted on the website.
- 41 (b) *Change of Meeting*. For good cause, the board may change a regular
42 meeting to any day during the period commencing with the day following
43 the preceding regular meeting and ending with the day preceding the next
44 regular meeting.
- 45 (c) *Cancellation*. The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal
46 holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or in case of the death
47 of a club member, or of an epidemic or of a disaster affecting the whole

1 community, or of an armed conflict in the community which endangers the
2 lives of the club members.

3 The board may cancel not more than four regular meetings in a year for
4 causes not otherwise specified herein provided that this club does not fail to
5 meet for more than three consecutive meetings.

6 **Section 2 — Annual Meeting.** An annual meeting for the election of officers
7 shall be held not later than 31 December as provided in the bylaws.

8
9 and (when applicable)

10
11 **Article 6 Meetings (for Satellite Clubs)**

12 **Section 1 — Regular Meetings.**

13 (a) Meeting Schedule. If satellite club(s) are provided for in this club's bylaws:
14 Satellite club(s) shall hold regular meetings as a potential Rotary club(s) or
15 potential Rotary e-club(s) at the frequency, day, and time decided by its
16 members and provided in the satellite club's bylaws.

17 (b) Change of Meeting. For good cause, the board of the satellite club may
18 change a regular meeting to any day during the period commencing with
19 the day following the preceding regular meeting and ending with the day
20 preceding the next regular meeting.

21 (c) Cancellation. The board of the satellite club may cancel a regular meeting if
22 it falls on a legal holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or in
23 case of the death of a club member, or of an epidemic or of a disaster
24 affecting the whole community, or of an armed conflict in the community
25 which endangers the lives of the club members. The board of the satellite
26 club may cancel not more than four regular meetings in a year for causes
27 not otherwise specified herein provided that this club does not fail to meet
28 for more than three consecutive meetings.

29 **Section 2 — Annual Meeting.** A satellite club shall hold an annual meeting of its
30 members before 31 December to elect officers for the general governance of the
31 satellite club.

32
33 *and in article 10 (page 205 MOP)*

34
35 **Article 10 Directors and Officers**

36
37 **Section 6 — Governance of a Satellite Club of This Club (When Applicable).** A
38 ~~satellite club shall be located in the same locality as this club or in the~~
39 ~~surrounding area.~~

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

40 This enactment would amend the Standard Rotary Club Constitution to amend
41 the provision requiring clubs to meet once each week, providing clubs with the

1 flexibility to choose a regular meeting schedule – either continuing to meet
2 weekly or more often or less often than once a week as long as the club meetings
3 reoccur at regular intervals.
4
5 In line with the RI Constitution and the RI Bylaws, a club could alter the
6 frequency of its regular meetings from weekly to any regular meeting frequency
7 adopted through a resolution of not less than two-thirds of its members present
8 at a specially convened meeting.
9
10 The proposers stress that to change from meeting every week is an option which
11 clubs can consider if it is appropriate for them. For clubs not wanting to change
12 from weekly meetings, this proposal would not alter their weekly schedule and
13 does not affect them.
14
15 Rotary clubs participating in the New Model Clubs, Meeting Frequency, Satellite
16 Clubs, and Innovative and Flexible Clubs pilot projects have shown positive
17 effects on club morale, retention of members, friendships among members, ease
18 of promoting the club and attracting new members, and attendance. For
19 example, the Meeting Frequency pilot clubs' existing member retention rate is
20 greater than two percent above the worldwide average. Also, the Satellite pilot
21 clubs which added more meeting options to their weekly meeting schedule show
22 great potential by demonstrating in two years greater than nine percent
23 improvement above the worldwide average for female members and improving
24 the participation of professionals under 50 years of age by greater than four
25 percent.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

26 This enactment could potentially result in an increase in revenues for RI if there
27 is an increase in membership or membership retention due to greater flexibility
28 for current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

Compromise Legislation

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-24

To provide that clubs shall meet at least twice per month

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Fordingbridge, District 1110, England
Rotary Club of Pendle View, District 1190, England
Rotary Club of Bolton Lever, District 1285, England
District 1390, Finland
Rotary Club of Heinävesi, District 1430, Finland
Rotary Club of Pieksämäki-Veturi, District 1430, Finland
Rotary Club of Skive Fjord Morgen, District 1440, Denmark and
Faroe Islands
Rotary Club of Lansingerland, District 1600, The Netherlands
Rotary Club of Gent Prinsenhof, District 1620, Belgium
Rotary Club of Antwerpen-Zuid, District 2170, Belgium
District 3261, India
District 9940, New Zealand

Endorsed by: District 1110 through a district resolutions meeting, Romsey,
Hampshire, England, 1 November 2014
District 1190 through a district resolutions meeting, Lancaster,
Lancashire, England, 3 December 2014
District 1285 through a ballot-by-mail, 26 November-12
December 2014
District 1390 through an annual district conference, Ylöjärvi,
Finland, 10 April 2014
District 1430 through a district resolutions meeting, Rantasalmi,
Finland, 8 November 2014
District 1440 through a ballot-by-mail, 10-31 October 2014
District 1600 through an annual district conference, Noordwijk,
The Netherlands, 8 March 2014
District 1620 through a district resolutions meeting, Spiere,
Belgium, 6 December 2014
District 2170 through a district resolutions meeting, Wommel,
Belgium, 3 December 2014
District 3261 through a ballot-by-mail, 26 November 2014
District 9940 through an annual district conference, Wellington,
New Zealand, 7 December 2014

- 1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
- 2 *(pages 198-199 MOP)*
- 3
- 4 **(Select one Article 6)**

1 **□ Article 6 Meetings**

2 **Section 1 — Regular Meetings.**

3 (a) *Day and Time.* This club shall hold ~~a regular meeting once each week~~
4 regular meetings at least twice per month on the day and at the time
5 provided in the bylaws.

6
7 (d) *Satellite Club Meeting (When Applicable).* If provided in the bylaws, a
8 satellite club shall hold regular ~~weekly~~ meetings at least twice per month at
9 a place and at a time and day decided by its members. The day, time and
10 place of the meeting may be changed in a similar way to that provided for
11 the club's regular meetings in section 1(b) of this article. A satellite club
12 meeting may be cancelled for any of the reasons enumerated in section 1(c)
13 of this article. Voting procedures shall be as provided in the bylaws.

14
15 or

16
17 **□ Article 6 Meetings (for e-Clubs)**

18 **Section 1 — Regular Meetings.**

19 (a) *Day.* This club shall hold ~~a regular meeting once each week~~ regular
20 meetings at least twice per month by posting an interactive activity on the
21 club's website on the day provided in the bylaws. The meeting shall be
22 considered as held on the day that the interactive activity is to be posted on
23 the website.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

24 In 2001, the RI Board sanctioned a bold project with the intention of offering a
25 modernized, streamlined model for a Rotary club for the 21st century - a model
26 that would appeal to younger professionals who live and work in a more fast-
27 paced modern environment.

28
29 The Rotary Club of Pendle View is composed primarily of ex-Rotaractors who felt
30 that the Standard Rotary Club Constitution in 2001 was not conducive to them
31 joining Rotary at that time due to the weekly meeting schedule. However, the
32 New Models for Rotary Clubs pilot project afforded them the opportunity to have
33 a more flexible club meeting frequency. In this modern world, time is one of the
34 most valuable commodities of the working man or woman. Flexible working
35 hours are the order of the day and a lot of prospective young Rotarians simply
36 cannot afford the time to attend weekly meetings.

37
38 This proposed enactment extends the freedom that all New Model clubs have had
39 for the past six years to every club and offers them all the facility to become truly
40 relevant in today's society by allowing them the option to meet twice a month.
41 However, those clubs which choose to maintain the status quo are at liberty to do

1 so. This enactment is in no way proscriptive, it merely allows clubs that wish to
2 meet twice monthly the option to do so.
3
4 The New Model club project has shown that enabling clubs to change their
5 meeting frequency makes Rotary more attractive to younger members who have
6 work and family commitments and cannot manage weekly meetings.
7
8 Rotary started as a busy networking group and every member was in full
9 employment. Let us now have a template which mirrors the ideals of Paul Harris
10 but designed for the future.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

11 This enactment could potentially result in an increase in revenues for RI if there
12 is an increase in membership or membership retention due to greater flexibility
13 for current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-25

To provide that clubs shall meet twice per month

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Totnes, District 1170, England

Endorsed by: District 1170 through a district resolutions meeting, Tiverton,
Devon, England, 30 October 2014

1 To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows
2 (pages 198-199 MOP)

3 4 (Select one Article 6)

5 6 ☐ **Article 6 Meetings**

7 **Section 1 — Regular Meetings.**

8 (a) *Day and Time.* This club shall hold ~~a regular meeting once each week~~
9 regular meetings during each month at a frequency decided by the club that
10 will best suit the culture and demands of its members, with a proviso that
11 there will be a minimum of two meetings per month on the day and at the
12 time provided in the bylaws.

13 (b) *Change of Meeting.* For good cause, the board may change a regular
14 meeting to any day during the period commencing with the day following
15 the preceding regular meeting and ending with the day preceding the next
16 regular meeting, or to a different hour of the regular day, or to a different
17 place.

18 (c) *Cancellation.* The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal
19 holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or in case of the death of
20 a club member, or of an epidemic or of a disaster affecting the whole
21 community, or of an armed conflict in the community which endangers the
22 lives of the club members. The board may cancel not more than four
23 regular meetings in a year for causes not otherwise specified herein
24 provided that this club does not fail to meet for more than three
25 consecutive meetings.

26 (d) *Satellite Club Meeting (When Applicable).* If provided in the bylaws, a
27 satellite club shall hold regular ~~weekly~~ meetings at the same frequency as
28 the main club at a place and at a time and day decided by its members. The
29 day, time and place of the meeting may be changed in a similar way to that
30 provided for the club's regular meetings in section 1(b) of this article. A
31 satellite club meeting may be cancelled for any of the reasons enumerated
32 in section 1(c) of this article. Voting procedures shall be as provided in the
33 bylaws.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 1 The Rotary Club of Totnes was fortunate to be part of the Meeting Frequency
2 Pilot Project run from 2007 - 2013. In 2007, we were a struggling and aging club
3 with numbers having fallen to 26. Under the new pilot scheme, we changed our
4 meeting frequency to fortnightly, gradually increasing our membership to more
5 than 50 and dropping our average age. This is in line with RI's findings
6 published in the report on the pilot presented to the 2013 Council on Legislation.
7 It stated, "Many pilot clubs had a very positive experience with reduced meeting
8 frequency."
9
- 10 We believe that every club is different, and is able to discern what frequency of
11 meeting will suit its members best. This will vary with the meeting times of clubs
12 and the country in which they operate. One frequency (i.e., weekly) no longer fits
13 all, and if we are to recruit, particularly young members, we need to address this
14 issue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 15 This enactment could potentially result in an increase in revenues for RI if there
16 is an increase in membership or membership retention due to greater flexibility
17 for current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-26

To amend the provisions for canceling a meeting

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Altrincham, District 1285, England

Endorsed by: District 1285 through a ballot-by-mail, 12 December 2014

1 To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows
2 (pages 198-199 MOP)

3
4 **(Select one Article 6)**

5
6 ☐ **Article 6 Meetings**

7 **Section 1 — Regular Meetings.**
8

9 (c) *Cancellation.* The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal
10 holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or during the week
11 which includes a legal holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday,
12 or in case of the death of a club member, or of an epidemic or of a disaster
13 affecting the whole community, or of an armed conflict in the community
14 which endangers the lives of the club members. The board may cancel not
15 more than four regular meetings in a year for causes not otherwise specified
16 herein provided that this club does not fail to meet for more than three
17 consecutive meetings.
18

19 or

20
21 ☐ **Article 6 Meetings (for e-Clubs)**

22 **Section 1 — Regular Meetings.**
23

24 (c) *Cancellation.* The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal
25 holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or during the week
26 which includes a legal holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday,
27 or in case of the death of a club member, or of an epidemic or of a disaster
28 affecting the whole community, or of an armed conflict in the community
29 which endangers the lives of the club members. The board may cancel not
30 more than four regular meetings in a year for causes not otherwise
31 specified herein provided that this club does not fail to meet for more than
32 three consecutive meetings.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 1 Not meeting on a legal holiday is allowed without being counted as a cancellation.
2 However, not meeting on another day during the week in which a legal holiday
3 falls is counted. It is the practice of many clubs in RIBI not to meet in weeks
4 when there is a public holiday, albeit their meeting would not fall on the day of
5 the public holiday. For example, clubs which meet on Tuesdays but do not meet
6 following the four United Kingdom Monday bank holidays. This enactment
7 would allow the cancellation of meetings during the week of legal holidays, would
8 regularize this existing practice, and would allow some further flexibility to clubs'
9 calendar planning.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 10 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

Compromise Legislation

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-27

To revise attendance requirements

Proposer(s): District 2320, Sweden
District 2340, Sweden
District 2350, Sweden
Rotary Club of Lerum, District 2360, Sweden
District 2380, Sweden
Rotary Club of La Crosse-Valley View, District 6250, USA
District 9520, Australia
Rotary Club of Wanaka, District 9980, New Zealand

Endorsed by: District 2320 through an annual district conference, Arvidsjaur, Sweden, 26 October 2014
District 2340 through an annual district conference, Örebro, Sweden, 25 October 2014
District 2350 through an annual district conference, Stockholm, Sweden, 22 November 2014
District 2360 through an annual district conference, Ljungskile, Sweden, 9 November 2014
District 2380 through an annual district conference, Mullsjö, Sweden, 18 October 2014
District 6250 through a ballot-by-mail, 15 December 2014
District 9520 through a ballot-by-mail, 13 November 2014
District 9980 through a ballot-by-mail, 4 November 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 135 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 4 Membership in Clubs**

4

5 ~~**4.090. Attendance Reports.**~~

6 ~~Each club shall forward monthly attendance reports of its meetings to the~~
7 ~~governor within 15 days of the last meeting of each month. Non-districted clubs~~
8 ~~shall forward such report to the general secretary.~~

9

10 (Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

11

12 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*

13

14 *in article 7 (page 200 MOP)*

15

16 **Article 7 Membership**

1 **Section 7 — Honorary Membership.**

- 2 (a) *Eligibility for Honorary Membership.* Persons who have distinguished
3 themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals and
4 those persons considered friends of Rotary for their permanent support of
5 Rotary's cause may be elected to honorary membership in this club. The
6 term of such membership shall be as determined by the board. The board
7 may extend an honorary membership for an additional period. The board
8 may revoke an honorary membership at any time. Persons may hold
9 honorary membership in more than one club.

10
11 *and in article 9 (pages 202-203 MOP)*

12
13 **Article 9 Attendance and Participation**

14
15 **(Select one introductory paragraph to Section 1)**

16
17 ☐ **Section 1 — General Provisions.** Each member should attend this club's
18 regular meetings and/or participate in this club's projects, events, and activities
19 consistent with the requirements set forth in the bylaws. Officers of RI and
20 trustees of The Rotary Foundation shall be excused from attendance and/or
21 participation requirements. , or satellite club's regular meetings if provided in
22 the bylaws, and engage in this club's service projects, other events and activities.
23 ~~A member shall be counted as attending a regular meeting if the member is~~
24 ~~present for at least 60 percent of the meeting, or is present and is called away~~
25 ~~unexpectedly and subsequently produces evidence to the satisfaction of the~~
26 ~~board that such action was reasonable, or makes up for an absence in any of the~~
27 ~~following ways:~~

28
29 or

30
31 ☐ **Section 1 (for e Clubs) — General Provisions.** Each member should attend
32 this club's regular meetings. ~~A member shall be counted as attending a regular~~
33 ~~meeting if the member participates in the regular meeting posted on the club's~~
34 ~~website within one week following its posting, or makes up a missed meeting in~~
35 ~~any of the following ways:~~

- 36
37 ~~(a) *14 Days Before or After the Meeting.* If, within fourteen (14) days before or~~
38 ~~after the regular time for that meeting, the member~~
39 ~~(1) attends at least 60 percent of the regular meeting of another club, of a~~
40 ~~satellite club meeting of another club, or of a provisional club; or~~
41 ~~(2) attends a regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact club, Rotary~~
42 ~~Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship or of a provisional Rotaract or~~
43 ~~Interact club, Rotary Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship; or~~
44 ~~(3) attends a convention of RI, a council on legislation, an international~~
45 ~~assembly, a Rotary institute for past and present officers of RI, a~~
46 ~~Rotary institute for past, present, and incoming officers of RI, or any~~
47 ~~other meeting convened with the approval of the board of directors of~~

- 1 RI or the president of RI acting on behalf of the board of directors of
2 RI, a Rotary multizone conference, a meeting of a committee of RI, a
3 Rotary district conference, a Rotary district training assembly, any
4 district meeting held by direction of the board of directors of RI, any
5 district committee meeting held by direction of the district governor, or
6 a regularly announced intercity meeting of Rotary clubs; or
7 (4) is present at the usual time and place of a regular meeting or satellite
8 club meeting of another club for the purpose of attending such
9 meeting, but that club is not meeting at that time or place; or
10 (5) attends and participates in a club service project or a club sponsored
11 community event or meeting authorized by the board; or
12 (6) attends a board meeting or, if authorized by the board, a meeting of a
13 service committee to which the member is assigned; or
14 (7) participates through a club website in an interactive activity requiring
15 an average of 30 minutes of participation.

16 When a member is outside the member's country of residence for more than
17 fourteen (14) days, the time restriction shall not be imposed so that the member
18 may attend regular meetings or satellite club meetings in another country at any
19 time during the travel period, and each such attendance shall count as a valid
20 make-up for any regular meeting missed during the member's time abroad.

- 21 (b) *At the Time of the Meeting.* If, at the time of the meeting, the member is
22 (1) traveling with reasonable directness to or from one of the meetings
23 specified in sub-subsection (a)(3) of this section; or
24 (2) serving as an officer or member of a committee of RI, or a trustee of
25 The Rotary Foundation; or
26 (3) serving as the special representative of the district governor in the
27 formation of a new club; or
28 (4) on Rotary business in the employ of RI; or
29 (5) directly and actively engaged in a district sponsored or RI or Rotary
30 Foundation sponsored service project in a remote area where making
31 up attendance is impossible; or
32 (6) engaged in Rotary business duly authorized by the board which
33 precludes attendance at the meeting.

34 **Section 2** — *Extended Absence on Outposted Assignment.* If a member will be
35 working on an outposted assignment for an extended period of time, attendance
36 at the meetings of a designated club at the site of the assignment will replace
37 attendance at the regular meetings of the member's club, provided there is a
38 mutual agreement between the two clubs.

39 **Section 3** — *Excused Absences.* A member's absence shall be excused if
40 (a) the absence complies with the conditions and under circumstances
41 approved by the board. The board may excuse a member's absence for
42 reasons which it considers to be good and sufficient. Such excused
43 absences shall not extend for longer than twelve months. However, if the
44 leave is for a medical reason that extends for more than twelve months such
45 leave may be renewed by the board for a period of time beyond the original
46 twelve months.

~~(b) the aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more and the member has notified the club secretary in writing of the member's desire to be excused from attendance and the board has approved.~~

Section 4 — *RI Officers' Absences.* A member's absence shall be excused if the member is a current officer of RI or a Rotarian partner of a current officer of RI.

Section 5 — *Attendance Records.* When a member whose absences are excused under the provision of subsection 3(a) of this article fails to attend a club meeting, the member and the member's absence shall not be included in the attendance records. In the event that a member whose absences are excused under the provisions of subsection 3(b) or section 4 of this article attends a club meeting, the member and the member's attendance shall be included in the membership and attendance figures used to compute this club's attendance.

and in article 12 (pages 205-208 MOP)

Article 12 Duration of Membership

Section 2 — Automatic Termination.

~~(c) Termination of Honorary Membership.~~ Honorary membership shall automatically terminate at the end of the term for such membership as determined by the board. However, the board may extend an honorary membership for an additional period. The board may revoke an honorary membership at any time.

Section 4 — Termination – Non-attendance Failure to Attend and/or Participate. The board may terminate the membership of any member who fails to meet the attendance and/or participation requirements that may be set forth in the bylaws.

~~(a) Attendance Percentages.~~ A member must

~~(1) attend or make up at least 50 percent of club regular meetings or satellite club meetings, or engage in club projects, other events and activities for at least 12 hours in each half of the year, or a proportionate combination of both;~~

~~(2) attend at least 30 percent of this club's regular meetings or satellite club meetings, or engage in club projects, other events and activities in each half of the year (assistant governors, as defined by the board of directors of RI, shall be excused from this requirement).~~

If a member fails to attend as required, the member's membership may be subject to termination unless the board consents to such non-attendance for good cause.

~~(b) Consecutive Absences.~~ Unless otherwise excused by the board for good and sufficient reason or pursuant to article 9, sections 3 or 4, each member who fails to attend or make up four consecutive regular meetings shall be informed by the board that the member's non-attendance may be

1 ~~considered a request to terminate membership in this club. Thereafter, the~~
2 ~~board, by a majority vote, may terminate the member's membership.~~

3
4 **Section 10 — *Temporary Suspension.*** Notwithstanding any provision of this
5 constitution, if in the opinion of the board

6
7 (d) ~~that it is~~ in the best interests of the club and without any vote being taken
8 as to his or her membership, the member's membership should be
9 temporarily suspended and the member should be excluded from
10 attendance and participation at meetings and other activities of this club
11 and from any office or position the member holds within the club. For the
12 purposes of this clause, the member shall be excused from fulfilling
13 attendance and/or participation responsibilities;
14 the board may, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the board, temporarily
15 suspend the member's membership as aforesaid for such period and on such
16 further conditions as the board determines, albeit for a period no longer than is
17 reasonably necessary in all the circumstances.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

18 This enactment seeks to revise club attendance requirements, deleting them from
19 the Standard Rotary Club Constitution and instead providing that clubs include
20 in their bylaws the obligations for attendance and/or participation in the club's
21 regular meetings, projects, events, and activities. This enactment would grant
22 clubs greater autonomy over membership retention and recruitment. It would
23 give them the option of focusing on either attendance, participation, or both to
24 measure engagement with their club. This enactment helps foster greater club
25 autonomy, membership retention, and recruitment. Additionally, RI will no
26 longer require monthly attendance reports from clubs. However, clubs and
27 districts may still track their own attendance, and districts may still require clubs
28 to file monthly attendance reports.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

29 This enactment could potentially result in an increase in revenues for RI if there
30 is an increase in membership or membership retention due to greater flexibility
31 for current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-28

To revise attendance requirements

Proposer(s): District 9455, Australia

Endorsed by: District 9455 through a ballot-by-mail, November-December 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 135 MOP)*

2 3 **Article 4 Membership in Clubs**

4 5 ~~4.090. Attendance Reports.~~

6 ~~Each club shall forward monthly attendance reports of its meetings to the~~
7 ~~governor within 15 days of the last meeting of each month. Non-districted clubs~~
8 ~~shall forward such report to the general secretary.~~

9
10 (Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

11
12 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*

13
14 *in article 7 (page 200 MOP)*

15 16 **Article 7 Membership**

17 18 **Section 7 — Honorary Membership.**

19 (a) *Eligibility for Honorary Membership.* Persons who have distinguished
20 themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals and
21 those persons considered friends of Rotary for their permanent support of
22 Rotary's cause may be elected to honorary membership in this club. The
23 term of such membership shall be as determined by the board. However,
24 the board may extend an honorary membership for an additional period.
25 The board may revoke an honorary membership at any time. Persons may
26 hold honorary membership in more than one club.

27
28 *and in article 9 (pages 202-203 MOP)*

29 30 **Article 9 Attendance and Participation**

31
32 ~~(Select one introductory paragraph to Section 1)~~

33
34 ☐ **Section 1 — General Provisions.** Each member should attend this club's
35 regular meetings and/or participate in this club's projects, events, and activities
36 consistent with the requirements set forth in the bylaws, or satellite club's
37 regular meetings if provided in the bylaws, and engage in this club's service

1 projects, other events and activities. A member shall be counted as attending a
2 regular meeting if the member is present for at least 60 percent of the meeting,
3 or is present and is called away unexpectedly and subsequently produces
4 evidence to the satisfaction of the board that such action was reasonable, or
5 makes up for an absence in any of the following ways:

6
7 or

8
9 ~~□ Section 1 (for e Clubs) — General Provisions.~~ Each member should attend
10 this club's regular meetings. A member shall be counted as attending a regular
11 meeting if the member participates in the regular meeting posted on the club's
12 website within one week following its posting, or makes up a missed meeting in
13 any of the following ways:

- 14
15 (a) ~~14 Days Before or After the Meeting.~~ If, within fourteen (14) days before or
16 after the regular time for that meeting, the member
17 (1) attends at least 60 percent of the regular meeting of another club, of a
18 satellite club meeting of another club, or of a provisional club; or
19 (2) attends a regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact club, Rotary
20 Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship or of a provisional Rotaract or
21 Interact club, Rotary Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship; or
22 (3) attends a convention of RI, a council on legislation, an international
23 assembly, a Rotary institute for past and present officers of RI, a
24 Rotary institute for past, present, and incoming officers of RI, or any
25 other meeting convened with the approval of the board of directors of
26 RI or the president of RI acting on behalf of the board of directors of
27 RI, a Rotary multizone conference, a meeting of a committee of RI, a
28 Rotary district conference, a Rotary district training assembly, any
29 district meeting held by direction of the board of directors of RI, any
30 district committee meeting held by direction of the district governor, or
31 a regularly announced intercity meeting of Rotary clubs; or
32 (4) is present at the usual time and place of a regular meeting or satellite
33 club meeting of another club for the purpose of attending such
34 meeting, but that club is not meeting at that time or place; or
35 (5) attends and participates in a club service project or a club-sponsored
36 community event or meeting authorized by the board; or
37 (6) attends a board meeting or, if authorized by the board, a meeting of a
38 service committee to which the member is assigned; or
39 (7) participates through a club website in an interactive activity requiring
40 an average of 30 minutes of participation.

41 When a member is outside the member's country of residence for more than
42 fourteen (14) days, the time restriction shall not be imposed so that the member
43 may attend regular meetings or satellite club meetings in another country at any
44 time during the travel period, and each such attendance shall count as a valid
45 make-up for any regular meeting missed during the member's time abroad.

46 (b) ~~At the Time of the Meeting.~~ If, at the time of the meeting, the member is

- 1 ~~(1) traveling with reasonable directness to or from one of the meetings~~
2 ~~specified in sub-subsection (a)(3) of this section; or~~
3 ~~(2) serving as an officer or member of a committee of RI, or a trustee of~~
4 ~~The Rotary Foundation; or~~
5 ~~(3) serving as the special representative of the district governor in the~~
6 ~~formation of a new club; or~~
7 ~~(4) on Rotary business in the employ of RI; or~~
8 ~~(5) directly and actively engaged in a district sponsored or RI or Rotary~~
9 ~~Foundation sponsored service project in a remote area where making~~
10 ~~up attendance is impossible; or~~
11 ~~(6) engaged in Rotary business duly authorized by the board which~~
12 ~~precludes attendance at the meeting.~~

13 **Section 2** — *Extended Absence on Outposted Assignment.* If a member will be
14 working on an outposted assignment for an extended period of time, attendance
15 at the meetings of a designated club at the site of the assignment will replace
16 attendance at the regular meetings of the member's club, provided there is a
17 mutual agreement between the two clubs.

18 **Section 3** — *Excused Absences.* A member's absence shall be excused if
19 (a) ~~the absence complies with the conditions and under circumstances~~
20 ~~approved by the board. The board may excuse a member's absence for~~
21 ~~reasons which it considers to be good and sufficient. Such excused~~
22 ~~absences shall not extend for longer than twelve months. However, if the~~
23 ~~leave is for a medical reason that extends for more than twelve months such~~
24 ~~leave may be renewed by the board for a period of time beyond the original~~
25 ~~twelve months.~~
26 (b) ~~the aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership in one~~
27 ~~or more clubs is 85 years or more and the member has notified the club~~
28 ~~secretary in writing of the member's desire to be excused from attendance~~
29 ~~and the board has approved.~~

30 **Section 4** — *RI Officers' Absences.* A member's absence shall be excused if the
31 member is a current officer of RI or a Rotarian partner of a current officer of RI.

32 **Section 5** — *Attendance Records.* When a member whose absences are excused
33 under the provision of subsection 3(a) of this article fails to attend a club
34 meeting, the member and the member's absence shall not be included in the
35 attendance records. In the event that a member whose absences are excused
36 under the provisions of subsection 3(b) or section 4 of this article attends a club
37 meeting, the member and the member's attendance shall be included in the
38 membership and attendance figures used to compute this club's attendance.

39
40 *and in article 12 (pages 205-208 MOP)*

41 42 **Article 12 Duration of Membership**

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44 **Section 2** — *Automatic Termination.*

45
46 (c) *Termination of Honorary Membership.* Honorary membership shall
47 automatically terminate at the end of the term for such membership as

1 determined by the board. However, the board may extend an honorary
2 membership for an additional period. The board may revoke an honorary
3 membership at any time.
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5 **Section 4 — Termination – ~~Non-attendance~~ Failure to Attend or Participate.**

6 The board may terminate the membership of any member who fails to meet the
7 attendance and/or participation requirements that may be set forth in the
8 bylaws.

9 (a) ~~Attendance Percentages.~~ A member must

10 (1) ~~attend or make up at least 50 percent of club regular meetings or~~
11 ~~satellite club meetings, or engage in club projects, other events and~~
12 ~~activities for at least 12 hours in each half of the year, or a~~
13 ~~proportionate combination of both;~~

14 (2) ~~attend at least 30 percent of this club's regular meetings or satellite~~
15 ~~club meetings, or engage in club projects, other events and activities in~~
16 ~~each half of the year (assistant governors, as defined by the board of~~
17 ~~directors of RI, shall be excused from this requirement).~~

18 If a member fails to attend as required, the member's membership may be
19 subject to termination unless the board consents to such non-attendance
20 for good cause.

21 (b) ~~Consecutive Absences.~~ Unless otherwise excused by the board for good and
22 sufficient reason or pursuant to article 9, sections 3 or 4, each member who
23 fails to attend or make up four consecutive regular meetings shall be
24 informed by the board that the member's non-attendance may be
25 considered a request to terminate membership in this club. Thereafter, the
26 board, by a majority vote, may terminate the member's membership.
27

28 **Section 10 — Temporary Suspension.** Notwithstanding any provision of this
29 constitution, if in the opinion of the board
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31 (d) ~~that in the best interests of the club and without any vote being taken as to~~
32 ~~his or her membership, the member's membership should be temporarily~~
33 ~~suspended and the member should be excluded from attendance and~~
34 ~~participation at meetings and other activities of this club and from any~~
35 ~~office or position the member holds within the club. For the purposes of~~
36 ~~this clause, the member shall be excused from fulfilling attendance and/or~~
37 ~~participation responsibilities;~~

38 the board may, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the board, temporarily
39 suspend the member's membership as aforesaid for such period and on such
40 further conditions as the board determines, albeit for a period no longer than is
41 reasonably necessary in all the circumstances.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 This enactment seeks to revise club attendance requirements, deleting them from
2 the Standard Rotary Club Constitution and instead providing that clubs include
3 in their bylaws the obligations for attendance and/or participation in the club's
4 regular meetings, projects, events, and activities. This enactment would grant
5 clubs greater autonomy over membership retention and recruitment. It would
6 give them the option of focusing on either attendance, participation, or both to
7 measure engagement with their club. This enactment helps foster greater club
8 autonomy, membership retention, and recruitment. Additionally, RI will no
9 longer require monthly attendance reports from clubs. However, clubs and
10 districts may still track their own attendance, and districts may still require clubs
11 to file monthly attendance reports.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

12 This enactment could potentially result in an increase in revenues for RI if there
13 is an increase in membership or membership retention due to greater flexibility
14 for current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-29

To revise attendance requirements

Proposer(s): District 2370, Sweden
District 2400, Sweden

Endorsed by: District 2370 through an annual district conference, Strängnäs, Sweden, 27 September 2014
District 2400 through an annual district conference, Karlskrona, Sweden, 5 October 2014

To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows

in article 9 (pages 202-203 MOP)

Article 9 Attendance and Participation

~~(Select one introductory paragraph to Section 1)~~

☐ **Section 1 — General Provisions.** Each member should attend this club's regular meetings and/or participate in this club's projects, events and activities consistent with the requirements set forth in the bylaws. Officers of RI and trustees of The Rotary Foundation shall be excused from attendance and/or participation requirements. ~~, or satellite club's regular meetings if provided in the bylaws, and engage in this club's service projects, other events and activities.~~ A member shall be counted as attending a regular meeting if the member is present for at least 60 percent of the meeting, or is present and is called away unexpectedly and subsequently produces evidence to the satisfaction of the board that such action was reasonable, or makes up for an absence in any of the following ways:

~~or~~

☐ ~~**Section 1 (for e Clubs) — General Provisions.** Each member should attend this club's regular meetings. A member shall be counted as attending a regular meeting if the member participates in the regular meeting posted on the club's website within one week following its posting, or makes up a missed meeting in any of the following ways:~~

- ~~(a) **14 Days Before or After the Meeting.** If, within fourteen (14) days before or after the regular time for that meeting, the member~~
- ~~(1) attends at least 60 percent of the regular meeting of another club, of a satellite club meeting of another club, or of a provisional club; or~~
 - ~~(2) attends a regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact club, Rotary Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship or of a provisional Rotaract or Interact club, Rotary Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship; or~~

- 1 ~~(3) attends a convention of RI, a council on legislation, an international~~
2 ~~assembly, a Rotary institute for past and present officers of RI, a~~
3 ~~Rotary institute for past, present, and incoming officers of RI, or any~~
4 ~~other meeting convened with the approval of the board of directors of~~
5 ~~RI or the president of RI acting on behalf of the board of directors of~~
6 ~~RI, a Rotary multizone conference, a meeting of a committee of RI, a~~
7 ~~Rotary district conference, a Rotary district training assembly, any~~
8 ~~district meeting held by direction of the board of directors of RI, any~~
9 ~~district committee meeting held by direction of the district governor, or~~
10 ~~a regularly announced intercity meeting of Rotary clubs; or~~
11 ~~(4) is present at the usual time and place of a regular meeting or satellite~~
12 ~~club meeting of another club for the purpose of attending such~~
13 ~~meeting, but that club is not meeting at that time or place; or~~
14 ~~(5) attends and participates in a club service project or a club-sponsored~~
15 ~~community event or meeting authorized by the board; or~~
16 ~~(6) attends a board meeting or, if authorized by the board, a meeting of a~~
17 ~~service committee to which the member is assigned; or~~
18 ~~(7) participates through a club website in an interactive activity requiring~~
19 ~~an average of 30 minutes of participation.~~

20 ~~When a member is outside the member's country of residence for more than~~
21 ~~fourteen (14) days, the time restriction shall not be imposed so that the member~~
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23 ~~time during the travel period, and each such attendance shall count as a valid~~
24 ~~make-up for any regular meeting missed during the member's time abroad.~~

- 25 ~~(b) At the Time of the Meeting. If, at the time of the meeting, the member is~~
26 ~~(1) traveling with reasonable directness to or from one of the meetings~~
27 ~~specified in sub-subsection (a)(3) of this section; or~~
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29 ~~The Rotary Foundation; or~~
30 ~~(3) serving as the special representative of the district governor in the~~
31 ~~formation of a new club; or~~
32 ~~(4) on Rotary business in the employ of RI; or~~
33 ~~(5) directly and actively engaged in a district-sponsored or RI or Rotary~~
34 ~~Foundation-sponsored service project in a remote area where making~~
35 ~~up attendance is impossible; or~~
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37 ~~precludes attendance at the meeting.~~

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39 ~~working on an outposted assignment for an extended period of time, attendance~~
40 ~~at the meetings of a designated club at the site of the assignment will replace~~
41 ~~attendance at the regular meetings of the member's club, provided there is a~~
42 ~~mutual agreement between the two clubs.~~

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44 ~~(a) the absence complies with the conditions and under circumstances~~
45 ~~approved by the board. The board may excuse a member's absence for~~
46 ~~reasons which it considers to be good and sufficient. Such excused~~
47 ~~absences shall not extend for longer than twelve months. However, if the~~

1 leave is for a medical reason that extends for more than twelve months such
2 leave may be renewed by the board for a period of time beyond the original
3 twelve months.

4 ~~(b) the aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership in one~~
5 ~~or more clubs is 85 years or more and the member has notified the club~~
6 ~~secretary in writing of the member's desire to be excused from attendance~~
7 ~~and the board has approved.~~

8 **Section 4 — *RI Officers' Absences.*** A member's absence shall be excused if the
9 member is a current officer of RI or a Rotarian partner of a current officer of RI.

10 **Section 5 — *Attendance Records.*** When a member whose absences are excused
11 under the provision of subsection 3(a) of this article fails to attend a club
12 meeting, the member and the member's absence shall not be included in the
13 attendance records. In the event that a member whose absences are excused
14 under the provisions of subsection 3(b) or section 4 of this article attends a club
15 meeting, the member and the member's attendance shall be included in the
16 membership and attendance figures used to compute this club's attendance.

17
18 *and in article 12 (pages 205-208 MOP)*

19 20 **Article 12 Duration of Membership**

21 22 **Section 2 — *Automatic Termination.***

23
24 ~~(c) *Termination of Honorary Membership.*~~ Honorary membership shall
25 automatically terminate at the end of the term for such membership as
26 determined by the board. However, the board may extend an honorary
27 membership for an additional period. The board may revoke an honorary
28 membership at any time.

29
30 **Section 4 — *Termination – Non-attendance Failure to Attend or Participate.***
31 The board may terminate the membership of any member who fails to meet the
32 attendance and/or participation requirements that may be set forth in the
33 bylaws.

34 ~~(a) *Attendance Percentages.*~~ A member must

35 ~~(1) attend or make up at least 50 percent of club regular meetings or~~
36 ~~satellite club meetings, or engage in club projects, other events and~~
37 ~~activities for at least 12 hours in each half of the year, or a~~
38 ~~proportionate combination of both;~~

39 ~~(2) attend at least 30 percent of this club's regular meetings or satellite~~
40 ~~club meetings, or engage in club projects, other events and activities in~~
41 ~~each half of the year (assistant governors, as defined by the board of~~
42 ~~directors of RI, shall be excused from this requirement).~~

43 If a member fails to attend as required, the member's membership may be
44 subject to termination unless the board consents to such non-attendance
45 for good cause.

46 ~~(b) *Consecutive Absences.*~~ Unless otherwise excused by the board for good and
47 sufficient reason or pursuant to article 9, sections 3 or 4, each member who

1 ~~fails to attend or make up four consecutive regular meetings shall be~~
2 ~~informed by the board that the member's non-attendance may be~~
3 ~~considered a request to terminate membership in this club. Thereafter, the~~
4 ~~board, by a majority vote, may terminate the member's membership.~~
5

6 **Section 10 — *Temporary Suspension.*** Notwithstanding any provision of this
7 constitution, if in the opinion of the board
8

9 (d) ~~that~~ in the best interests of the club and without any vote being taken as to
10 his or her membership, the member's membership should be temporarily
11 suspended and the member should be excluded from attendance and/or
12 participation at meetings and other activities of this club and from any
13 office or position the member holds within the club. For the purposes of
14 this clause, the member shall be excused from fulfilling attendance and/or
15 participation responsibilities;

16 the board may, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the board, temporarily
17 suspend the member's membership as aforesaid for such period and on such
18 further conditions as the board determines, albeit for a period no longer than is
19 reasonably necessary in all the circumstances.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

20 If RI is to attract significant numbers of younger members, the attendance
21 requirements need to be amended to suit the culture of this age group. Potential
22 younger members are seeking contact with equals to expand their vocational
23 network as well as they are passionate about "Service Above Self" and wish to be
24 actively involved in service projects, especially those with humanitarian focus.
25

26 This enactment seeks to revise club attendance requirements, deleting them from
27 the Standard Rotary Club Constitution and instead providing that clubs include
28 in their bylaws the obligations for attendance and/or participation in the club's
29 regular meetings, projects, events and activities. This enactment would grant
30 clubs greater autonomy over membership retention and requirements. It would
31 give them the option of focusing on either attendance, participation or both to
32 measure engagement with their club. This enactment helps foster greater club
33 autonomy, membership retention and recruitment.
34

35 Additionally, RI would no longer require monthly attendance reports from clubs.
36 However, clubs and districts may still track their own attendance and districts
37 may still require clubs to file monthly attendance reports.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 This enactment could potentially result in an increase in revenues for RI if there
2 is an increase in membership or membership retention due to greater flexibility
3 for current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted | <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended | <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-30

To revise attendance provisions to allow for both in-person and online meeting participation

Proposer(s): District 1800, Germany
District 1850, Germany
District 1860, Germany
District 1870, Germany
District 1880, Germany

Endorsed by: District 1800, through an annual district conference, Uelzen, Germany, 21 June 2014
District 1850 through an annual district conference, Osnabrück, Germany, 21 June 2014
District 1860 through an annual district conference, Darmstadt, Germany, 14 June 2014
District 1870 through an annual district conference, Kamp-Lintfort, Germany, 21 June 2014
District 1880 through an annual district conference, Nürnberg, Germany, 26 June 2014

*To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
in article 6 (pages 198-199 MOP)

(Select one Article 6)

☐ **Article 6 Meetings**

Section 1 — Regular Meetings.

(a) *Day and Time.* This club shall hold a regular in-person meeting once each week on the day and at the time provided in the bylaws. It may also arrange an online meeting or provide for an online connection for members whose attendance otherwise would be precluded.

or

☐ **Article 6 Meetings (for e-Clubs)**

Section 1 — Regular Meetings.

(a) *Day.* This club shall hold a regular meeting once each week by posting an interactive activity on the club's website or by holding an in-person meeting on the day provided in the bylaws. The A meeting shall be considered as held on the day that the interactive activity is to be posted on the website.

and in article 9 (page 202 MOP)

1 **Article 9 Attendance**

2
3 **(Select one introductory paragraph to Section 1)**

4
5 ☐ **Section 1 — General Provisions.** Each member should attend this club's
6 regular meetings, or satellite club's regular meetings if provided in the bylaws,
7 and engage in this club's service projects, other events and activities. A member
8 shall be counted as attending a regular meeting if the member is present in
9 person or an online connection for at least 60 percent of the meeting, or is
10 present and is called away unexpectedly and subsequently produces evidence to
11 the satisfaction of the board that such action was reasonable, or makes up for an
12 absence in any of the following ways:

13
14 or

15
16 ☐ **Section 1 (for e-Clubs) — General Provisions.** Each member should attend
17 this club's regular meetings. A member shall be counted as attending a regular
18 meeting if the member participates in the regular meeting posted on the club's
19 website within one week following its posting or in-person meetings arranged
20 by the club, or makes up a missed meeting in any of the following ways:

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

21 In traditional Rotary clubs, members are often prevented from participating in
22 meetings because of business, traveling or health reasons. Partner clubs, other
23 Rotarians and other people interested can only participate if they are present in
24 person. On the other hand, social communication is digitized more and more, a
25 tendency which Rotary clubs cannot leave unconsidered. Allowing for this
26 development in club communication is considered strategic for winning younger
27 members, as their communication behavior has changed essentially compared to
28 former generations. Online contacts therefore become the basis of e-clubs. If,
29 therefore, traditional clubs install the necessary technical infrastructure
30 necessary for online participation, this should be counted as regular attendance.
31 Certain groups of members with attendance problems will then be better able to
32 follow club life and its main issues, be better visible for other members and be
33 lost less easily for their clubs. This would foster cohesion, readiness to serve and
34 satisfaction of members. In e-clubs, online meetings and communication form
35 an effective network. It turns out, however, that meetings in person from time to
36 time are extremely valuable to consolidate indispensable personal relations. In
37 Germany, e-clubs therefore arrange physical meetings on a regular basis. These
38 should be accepted as regular meetings and counted as attendance also in e-
39 clubs. Altogether, it makes sense to allow clubs to decide themselves what
40 proportion of their meetings will take place in person or online.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 This enactment could potentially result in an increase in revenues for RI if there
- 2 is an increase in membership or membership retention due to greater flexibility
- 3 for current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted | <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended | <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-31

To amend the provisions for attendance

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Paris Nord, District 1770, France

Endorsed by: District 1770 through a ballot-by-mail, 17 November 2014

1 To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows
2 (page 202 MOP)

3 4 **Article 9 Attendance**

5 6 **(Select one introductory paragraph to Section 1)**

7
8 ☐ **Section 1 — General Provisions.** Each member should attend this club's
9 regular meetings, or its satellite club's regular meetings if ~~provided in the~~
10 ~~bylaws it exists,~~ and engage in ~~this club's~~ these clubs' service projects, other
11 events and activities. A member shall be counted as attending a regular meeting
12 if the member is present for at least 60 percent of the meeting, or is present and
13 is called away unexpectedly and subsequently produces evidence to the
14 satisfaction of the board that such action was reasonable, or makes up for an
15 absence in any of the following ways:

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

16 A satellite club is designed to become at some point a regular Rotary club.
17 Therefore, in order to ease the transition when the moment comes, it would be
18 helpful for a satellite club to have the same operating rules as a Rotary club from
19 its inception.

20
21 This change would reduce, if not eliminate, the issues faced by Rotarians who
22 have to adapt to a new meeting frequency.

23
24 Article 9, Section 1 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution currently provides
25 satellite club members the freedom to attend club meetings when they please.
26 This tolerance will become a hindrance once the satellite club becomes a Rotary
27 club and has to change its attendance rules.

28
29 This proposed enactment would ease the transition from a satellite club to a
30 regular Rotary club since the club will no longer need to make major changes to
31 its constitution.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-32

To amend the provisions for making up an absence

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Greece, District 7120, USA

Endorsed by: District 7120 through an annual district conference, Burlington, Vermont, USA, 2 May 2014

1 To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows
2 (page 202 MOP)

3 4 **Article 9 Attendance**

5
6 **(Select one introductory paragraph to Section 1)**

7
8 ☐ **Section 1 — General Provisions.** Each member should attend this club's
9 regular meetings, or satellite club's regular meetings if provided in the bylaws,
10 and engage in this club's service projects, other events and activities. A member
11 shall be counted as attending a regular meeting if the member is present for at
12 least 60 percent of the meeting, or is present and is called away unexpectedly
13 and subsequently produces evidence to the satisfaction of the board that such
14 action was reasonable, or makes up for an absence in any of the following ways:

15
16 or

17
18 ☐ **Section 1 (for e-Clubs) — General Provisions.** Each member should attend
19 this club's regular meetings. A member shall be counted as attending a regular
20 meeting if the member participates in the regular meeting posted on the club's
21 website within one week following its posting, or makes up a missed meeting in
22 any of the following ways:

- 23
24 (a) ~~14 Days Before or After the Meeting. During the Same Rotary Year.~~ If,
25 within ~~fourteen (14) days before or after the regular time for that meeting,~~
26 the same Rotary year, the member

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

27 With access to a simple spreadsheet, either in paper or electronic form, clubs can
28 track attendance make-ups more expeditiously throughout the year. Also, with
29 most clubs having multiple make-up opportunities in one month, it is only fair
30 that those members participating in these extra meetings be allowed to bank or
31 log these events in for times during the year when extra activities are rare. The
32 make-up opportunities would only be allowed for missed meetings during the

- 1 current Rotary year and would expire each 30 June. A new bank would start the
2 following Rotary year beginning 1 July.
3
4 By adopting this measure, the duty of the club secretary would be lessened. At
5 the present time, the club secretary has to track down the information about
6 make-up meetings so as to correctly input data for attendance. By use of this
7 make-up bank, the information can still be used to improve club attendance even
8 when it arrives in late.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 9 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-33

To amend the provisions for extended absences

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Bruay-La Buissière, District 1520, France

Endorsed by: District 1520 through a district resolutions meeting, Arras, France, 5 December 2014

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 203 MOP)*
3

4 **Article 9 Attendance**

5

6 **Section 2 — Extended Absence on Outposted Assignment.** If a member will be
7 working on an outposted assignment for an extended period of time, attendance
8 at the meetings of a designated club at the site of the assignment will replace
9 attendance at the regular meetings of the member's club, provided there is a
10 mutual agreement between the two clubs. When this is not possible, a member
11 may participate in their club's meetings via any communication means.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

12 The purpose of this enactment is to allow Rotarians who are working on an
13 outposted assignment for an extended period of time, and who cannot join a local
14 Rotary club, to participate in the meetings of their own club through any
15 communication means that may be available to them in their new location.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

16 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

Compromise Legislation

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-34

To amend the provisions for excused absences

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Skellefteå, District 2320, Sweden
District 2340, Sweden
District 2350, Sweden
District 2370, Sweden
District 2380, Sweden
District 2390, Sweden
District 2400, Sweden

Endorsed by: District 2320 through a district resolutions meeting, Arvidsjaur, Sweden, 26 October 2014
District 2340 through an annual district conference, Örebro, Sweden, 25 October 2014
District 2350 through an annual district conference, Stockholm, Sweden, 22 November 2014
District 2370 through an annual district conference, Strängnäs, Sweden, 27 September 2014
District 2380 through an annual district conference, Mullsjö, Sweden, 18 October 2014
District 2390 through a district resolutions meeting, Borrbj, Sweden, 15 November 2014
District 2400 through an annual district conference, Karlskrona, Sweden, 5 October 2014

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 203 MOP)*

3

4 **Article 9 Attendance**

5

6 **Section 3 — Excused Absences.** A member's absence shall be excused if

7 (a) the absence complies with the conditions and under circumstances
8 approved by the board. The board may excuse a member's absence for
9 reasons which it considers to be good and sufficient. Such excused
10 absences shall not extend for longer than twelve months. However, if the
11 leave is for a medical reason or after the birth of a child that extends for
12 more than twelve months such leave may be renewed by the board for a
13 period of time beyond the original twelve months.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 1 This proposed enactment would amend Article 9, Section 3 of the Standard
2 Rotary Club Constitution. Rotary clubs need to attract and retain a significant
3 number of younger members, both women and men to create a successful and
4 sustainable development of Rotary International. After having formed a family,
5 younger members often find it difficult to combine work and family life with the
6 attendance rules of Rotary. A strict consequence of the attendance rules too often
7 results in parents, be it young mothers or young fathers, leaving Rotary.
8
9 Rotary needs to be in tune with society at large, with men and women in the work
10 force, with men and women in Rotary and with different periods of parental leave
11 in different countries.
12
13 Therefore, this amendment will stabilize and increase membership in Rotary by
14 encouraging younger Rotarians to remain club members, thus contributing to
15 Rotary International as a whole.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 16 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-35

To amend the provisions for excused absences

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Wako, District 2570, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2570 through an annual district conference, Fujimi, Saitama, Japan, 7 December 2014

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 203 MOP)*

3
4 **Article 9 Attendance**

5
6 **Section 3 — Excused Absences.** A member's absence shall be excused if

7
8 (b) the aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership in one
9 or more clubs is 85 years or more, the member has been a member of one
10 or more clubs for at least 20 years, and the member has notified the club
11 secretary in writing of the member's desire to be excused from attendance
12 and the board has approved.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

13 Article 9, Section 3(b) of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution provides that
14 attendance can be excused when "the aggregate of the member's years of age and
15 years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more and the member
16 has notified the club secretary in writing of the member's desire to be excused
17 from attendance and the board has approved." If a new club member is already
18 85 years old, this provision can be applied to him/her, and if he/she requests an
19 absence and it is approved, there is a possibility that he/she might not participate
20 in Rotary activities at all. Therefore, this enactment calls for adding 20 years of
21 membership in the provision to avoid the possible situation stated above.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

22 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-36

To allow for flexibility in membership and classification

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

1 *To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 125*
2 *MOP)*

3 4 **Article 5 Membership**

5 6 **Section 3 — Exceptions to Provisions on Membership and Classification.**

7 A club may adopt rules or requirements regarding membership that are not in
8 accordance with section 2(b) of this article. Such rules or requirements shall
9 supersede the rules or requirements of these sections of this constitution.

10
11 (Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

12
13 *And to amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 136 MOP)*

14 15 **Article 4 Membership in Clubs**

16 17 **4.110. Exceptions to Provisions on Membership.**

18 A club may adopt rules or requirements not in accordance with sections 4.010.
19 and 4.030.-4.060. of these bylaws. Such rules or requirements shall supersede
20 the rules or requirements of these sections of these bylaws.

21
22 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
23 *(page 202 MOP)*

24 25 **Article 9 Exceptions to Provisions on Membership and Classification**

26 The bylaws may include rules or requirements not in accordance with Article
27 7, sections 2, 4-9 and Article 8 of this constitution. Such rules or requirements
28 shall supersede the rules or requirements of these sections of this constitution.

(Subsequent articles will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

29 This proposed enactment is intended to provide individual Rotary clubs the
30 flexibility to remove or modify the membership classification system in their club
31 bylaws and to modify some of the provisions regarding membership. However,

1 section 4.070. of the RI Bylaws, which prohibits clubs from limiting membership
2 on the basis of gender, race, color, creed, national origin, or sexual orientation,
3 remains in effect. This enactment gives clubs the flexibility to retain the
4 classification system as it currently exists, eliminate it entirely for the purposes of
5 membership qualification, or revise it to be either more or less stringent.

6
7 Individual clubs are in the best position to determine if the classification system
8 helps or hinders membership attraction and retention in the community it serves.
9 If a club chooses to disregard this additional flexibility, the existing constitutional
10 rules and requirements will remain in effect for that club.

11
12 Examples of such flexibility might include:

- 13 • Eliminating the classification system and allowing quality individuals to be
14 considered for membership based on criteria that is representative of the
15 community and best fits the club's strategic vision
- 16 • Allowing Rotaractors who meet the club's criteria for membership to join a
17 Rotary club while retaining their membership in Rotaract as well

18
19 Without this flexibility, Rotary may continue to experience a declining and aging
20 membership base in the coming years, potentially reaching a point of such
21 dramatic demographic change that membership decline may become irreversible.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

22 This enactment could potentially result in an increase in revenue for RI if there is
23 an increase in membership or membership retention due to greater flexibility for
24 current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-37

To allow for flexibility in membership

Proposer(s): District 5450, USA

Endorsed by: District 5450 through a ballot-by-mail, 10 December 2014

1 *To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 125*
2 *MOP)*

3 4 **Article 5 Membership**

5
6 **Section 3 — Ratification of Constitution and Bylaws.** Every club granted a
7 certificate of membership in RI and accepting the same thereby accepts, ratifies,
8 and agrees to be bound in all things, not contrary to law, by this constitution
9 and the bylaws of RI, and amendments thereto, and to faithfully observe the
10 provisions thereof. A club may adopt rules or requirements regarding
11 membership that are inconsistent with article 5, section 2(b) of this
12 constitution. Such rules or requirements shall supersede the rules or
13 requirements of these sections of this constitution.

14
15 *And to amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 136 MOP)*

16 17 **Article 4 Membership in Clubs**

18 19 **4.110. Exceptions to Provisions on Membership.**

20 A club may adopt rules or requirements inconsistent with section 2.020.; sections
21 4.010.-4.060.; and subsection 15.070.2. of these bylaws. Such rules or
22 requirements shall supersede the rules or requirements of these sections of these
23 bylaws.

24
25 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
26 *(page 201 MOP)*

27 28 **Article 7 Membership**

29
30 **Section 10 — Exceptions to Provisions on Membership.** The bylaws may
31 include rules or requirements inconsistent with article 7, sections 2-7; article 8;
32 and article 12, sections 2, 3(b), 4, and 5(c) of this constitution. Such rules or
33 requirements shall supersede the rules or requirements of these sections of this
34 constitution.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 Quality membership growth is a major concern for Rotary. This enactment will
2 give the clubs the flexibility to remove or modify the membership classification
3 system from the RI Constitution, RI Bylaws and the Standard Rotary Club
4 Constitution. The purpose of this enactment is to remove the barriers the
5 classification system presents to attracting and retaining members and to
6 membership transfer. If a club does nothing, the existing legislative rules and
7 requirements will remain in effect for that club.

8
9 Membership is ultimately a club responsibility and membership initiatives are
10 most effective at the club level. To be successful, clubs must be free to remove or
11 modify systems that restrict or decrease the opportunity to attract and retain
12 quality Rotarians. Each club is in the best position to determine if the
13 classification system helps or hinders membership attraction and retention in the
14 community it serves. Under this enactment, clubs can freely consider the
15 classification system, which may include retaining it as it currently exists,
16 eliminating it in its entirety, or making it stricter or more open. This enactment
17 should increase the opportunities for some clubs to attract and retain members,
18 including younger members of the community.

19
20 The classification system has served a worthwhile purpose. However, it can
21 complicate and increase the challenge of attracting new members and confuse
22 and restrict member transfer between clubs. Sensing that it restricts
23 membership without a corresponding benefit, many clubs have ignored the
24 classification requirements and corresponding rules imposed on membership.

25
26 Without this flexibility, some Rotary clubs may continue to lose members and
27 change in unpleasant or unacceptable ways. This enactment allows our clubs to
28 respond to changing circumstances at the local level in a controlled and positive
29 way before negative changes are forced upon us.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

30 This enactment could potentially result in an increase in revenues for RI if there
31 is an increase in membership or membership retention due to greater flexibility
32 for current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-38

To revise the provisions for membership

Proposer(s): E-Club of the United Services, San Diego, District 5340, USA
District 9520, Australia

Rotary Club of Cambridge, District 9930, New Zealand

Rotary Club of Wanaka, District 9980, New Zealand

Endorsed by: District 5340 through an annual district conference, Palm Springs, California, USA, 25 October 2014

District 9520 through a ballot-by-mail, 13 November 2014

District 9930 through a ballot-by-mail, 29 October-5 December 2014

District 9980 through a ballot-by-mail, 4 November 2014

*To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 124 MOP)*

Article 5 Membership

Section 2 — Composition of Clubs.

- (a) A club shall be composed of ~~active members each of whom shall be an adult person of good character and good business, professional and/or community reputation;~~ adult persons who demonstrate good character, integrity, and leadership; possess good reputation within their business, profession, and/or community; and are willing to serve in their community and/or around the world.
- ~~(1) engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession; or~~
- ~~(2) holding any important position in any worthy and recognized business or profession or any branch or agency thereof and have executive capacity with discretionary authority; or~~
- ~~(3) having retired from any position listed in sub-subsection (1) or (2) of this subsection; or~~
- ~~(4) being a community leader who has demonstrated through personal involvement in community affairs a commitment to service and the Object of Rotary; or~~
- ~~(5) having the status of Rotary Foundation alumnus as defined by the board; or~~
- ~~(6) having interrupted employment or having never worked in order to care for children or to assist the spouse in their work~~
- ~~and~~
- ~~having his or her place of business or residence located in the locality of the club or the surrounding area. An active member moving from the locality of the club or the surrounding area may retain membership in the club~~

1 where the member's board grants such permission and said active member
2 continues to meet all conditions of club membership.
3

4 And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows
5 (page 200 MOP)
6

7 **Article 7 Membership**

8 **Section 1 — General Qualifications.** This club shall be composed of adult
9 persons ~~of good character and good business, professional and/or community~~
10 ~~reputation who demonstrate good character, integrity, and leadership; possess~~
11 good reputation within their business, profession, and/or community; and are
12 willing to serve in their community and/or around the world.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

13 This enactment seeks to revise the requirements regarding the composition of
14 Rotary clubs and the qualifications for club membership. It is intended to
15 enhance Rotary's ability to retain membership and to attract the next generation.
16 It would simplify the definition of a Rotarian and give club boards more flexibility
17 to select members, while maintaining Rotary's core values and the high standards
18 sought in members. In addition, it would maintain the focus on a balance in
19 classifications among members by encouraging clubs to mirror the composition
20 of their community relative to business, professions, and community
21 organizations. This enactment would help to foster greater club autonomy,
22 membership retention, and recruitment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

23 This enactment could potentially result in an increase in revenues for RI if there
24 is an increase in membership or membership retention due to greater flexibility
25 for current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-39

To revise the provisions regarding membership of alumni

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Tokyo Tamagawa, District 2750, Japan
Endorsed by: District 2750 through a district resolutions meeting, Tokyo, Japan, 1 December 2014

*To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 124 MOP)*

Article 5 Membership

Section 2 — Composition of Clubs.

(a) A club shall be composed of active members each of whom shall be an adult person of good character and good business, professional and/or community reputation,

(1) engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession; or

(2) holding any important position in any worthy and recognized business or profession or any branch or agency thereof and have executive capacity with discretionary authority; or

(3) having retired from any position listed in sub-subsection (1) or (2) of this subsection; or

(4) being a community leader who has demonstrated through personal involvement in community affairs a commitment to service and the Object of Rotary; or

(5) having the status of Rotary ~~Foundation~~ alumnus as defined by the board; or

(6) having interrupted employment or having never worked in order to care for children or to assist the spouse in their work

and

having his or her place of business or residence located in the locality of the club or the surrounding area. An active member moving from the locality of the club or the surrounding area may retain membership in the club where the member's board grants such permission and said active member continues to meet all conditions of club membership.

(b) Each club shall have a well-balanced membership in which no one business, profession or type of community service predominates. The club shall not elect a person to active membership from a classification if the club already has five or more members from that classification, unless the club has more than 50 members, in which case the club may elect a person to active membership in a classification so long as it will not result in the classification making up more than 10 percent of the club's active membership. Members who are retired shall not be included in the total

1 number of members in a classification. The classification of a transferring
2 or former member of a club, or a Rotary ~~Foundation~~ alumnus as defined by
3 the board, shall not preclude election to active membership even if the
4 election results in club membership temporarily exceeding the above
5 limitations. If a member changes classification, the club may continue the
6 member's membership under the new classification notwithstanding these
7 limitations.

8
9 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
10 *(page 201 MOP)*

11
12 **Article 8 Classifications**

13
14 **Section 2 — Limitations.** This club shall not elect a person to active
15 membership from a classification if the club already has five or more members
16 from that classification, unless the club has more than 50 members, in which
17 case, the club may elect a person to active membership in a classification so long
18 as it will not result in the classification making up more than 10 percent of the
19 club's active membership. Members who are retired shall not be included in the
20 total number of members in a classification. The classification of a transferring
21 or former member of a club, or a Rotary ~~Foundation~~ alumnus as defined by the
22 board of directors of RI, shall not preclude election to active membership even if
23 the election results in club membership temporarily exceeding the above
24 limitations. If a member changes classification, the club may continue the
25 member's membership under the new classification notwithstanding these
26 limitations.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

27 This proposed enactment updates the RI Constitution and the Standard Rotary
28 Club Constitution to be in line with both the RI Board and Rotary Foundation
29 Trustees' definition of alumni. In January 2014, both boards agreed to expand
30 the definition of alumni to include former participants of all Rotary programs, no
31 longer limiting it to just former Foundation program participants. This change
32 also broadens the number of potential members eligible to join a Rotary club.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

33 This enactment could potentially result in an increase in revenues for RI if there
34 is an increase in membership or membership retention due to greater flexibility
35 for current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-40

To allow Rotaractors to be active members

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

*To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 124 MOP)*

Article 5 Membership

Section 2 — Composition of Clubs.

(a) A club shall be composed of active members each of whom shall be an adult person of good character and good business, professional and/or community reputation,

(1) engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession; or

(2) holding any important position in any worthy and recognized business or profession or any branch or agency thereof and have executive capacity with discretionary authority; or

(3) having retired from any position listed in sub-subsection (1) or (2) of this subsection; or

(4) being a community leader who has demonstrated through personal involvement in community affairs a commitment to service and the Object of Rotary; or

(5) having the status of Rotaractor or Rotary Foundation alumnus as defined by the board; or

(6) having interrupted employment or having never worked in order to care for children or to assist the spouse in their work
and

having his or her place of business or residence located in the locality of the club or the surrounding area. An active member moving from the locality of the club or the surrounding area may retain membership in the club where the member's board grants such permission and said active member continues to meet all conditions of club membership.

(b) Each club shall have a well-balanced membership in which no one business, profession or type of community service predominates. The club shall not elect a person to active membership from a classification if the club already has five or more members from that classification, unless the club has more than 50 members, in which case the club may elect a person to active membership in a classification so long as it will not result in the classification making up more than 10 percent of the club's active membership. Members who are retired shall not be included in the total number of members in a classification. The classification of a transferring or former member of a club, or a Rotaractor or Rotary Foundation alumnus

1 as defined by the board, shall not preclude election to active membership
2 even if the election results in club membership temporarily exceeding the
3 above limitations. If a member changes classification, the club may
4 continue the member's membership under the new classification
5 notwithstanding these limitations.
6

7 *And to amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 135 MOP)*
8

9 **Article 4 Membership in Clubs**

10 **4.040. Dual Membership.**

11 No person shall simultaneously hold active membership in more than one club,
12 other than in a satellite of that club. No person shall simultaneously be a
13 member and an honorary member in the same club. ~~No person shall~~
14 ~~simultaneously hold active membership in a club and membership in a Rotaract~~
15 ~~club.~~
16

17
18 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
19
20 *in article 7 (page 200 MOP)*
21

22 **Article 7 Membership**

23
24 **Section 6 — Dual Membership.** No person shall simultaneously hold active
25 membership in this and another club other than a satellite of this club. No
26 person shall simultaneously be a member and an honorary member in this club.
27 ~~No person shall simultaneously hold active membership in this club and~~
28 ~~membership in a Rotaract club.~~
29

30 *and in article 8 (page 201 MOP)*
31

32 **Article 8 Classifications**

33
34 **Section 2 — Limitations.** This club shall not elect a person to active
35 membership from a classification if the club already has five or more members
36 from that classification, unless the club has more than 50 members, in which
37 case, the club may elect a person to active membership in a classification so long
38 as it will not result in the classification making up more than 10 percent of the
39 club's active membership. Members who are retired shall not be included in the
40 total number of members in a classification. The classification of a transferring
41 or former member of a club, or a Rotaractor or Rotary Foundation alumnus as
42 defined by the board of directors of RI, shall not preclude election to active
43 membership even if the election results in club membership temporarily
44 exceeding the above limitations. If a member changes classification, the club
45 may continue the member's membership under the new classification
46 notwithstanding these limitations.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 1 This proposed enactment explicitly qualifies Rotaractors for membership in a
2 Rotary club and provides a pathway to membership for Rotaractors who wish to
3 join RI. This amendment recognizes the special skills of Rotaractors who may
4 already have up to twelve years of Rotary experience in leadership and service
5 projects through Rotaract.
6
7 The effect of this enactment is to establish a stronger relationship between
8 Rotaractors and RI and strengthen both the Rotaract movement and RI.
9 Program participants will be able to have simultaneous affiliations with a Rotary
10 club and a Rotaract club. As members of the family of Rotary, Rotaractors are
11 committed to the world community, share Rotary's vision of furthering service,
12 world understanding, and peace, and may more easily transition to RI
13 membership.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 14 This enactment could potentially result in an increase in revenues for RI if there
15 is an increase in membership or membership retention due to greater flexibility
16 for current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

Compromise Legislation

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-41

To revise membership criteria to prohibit those who have never worked from becoming members

Proposer(s): District 1650, France
Rotary Club of Paris-Alliance, District 1660, France
Rotary Club of La Rochelle, District 1690, France
District 1710, France
District 1750, France
District 1760, France
Rotary Club of Kumagaya East, District 2570, Japan
Rotary Club of Osaka-North, District 2660, Japan
Rotary Club of Fukuoka Heisei, District 2700, Japan
Rotary Club of Tokyo Shinagawa Chuo, District 2750, Japan

Endorsed by: District 1650 through a ballot-by-mail, 21 December 2014
District 1660 through a ballot-by-mail, 9 December 2014
District 1690 through a ballot-by-mail, 25 November-12 December 2014
District 1710 through a ballot-by-mail, 10 December 2014
District 1750 through a ballot-by-mail, 29 November-13 December 2014
District 1760 through a ballot-by-mail, 30 November 2014
District 2570 through an annual district conference, Fujimi, Saitama, Japan, 7 December 2014
District 2660 through an annual district conference, Osaka, Osaka, Japan, 6 December 2014
District 2700 through a district resolutions meeting, Fukuoka, Fukuoka, Japan, 1 December 2014
District 2750 through a district resolutions meeting, Tokyo, Japan, 1 December 2014

1 *To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 124*
2 *MOP)*

3

4 **Article 5 Membership**

5

6 **Section 2 — Composition of Clubs.**

7 (a) A club shall be composed of active members each of whom shall be an adult
8 person of good character and good business, professional and/or
9 community reputation,

10 (1) engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager of any
11 worthy and recognized business or profession; or

- 1 (2) holding any important position in any worthy and recognized business
2 or profession or any branch or agency thereof and have executive
3 capacity with discretionary authority; or
4 (3) having retired from any position listed in sub-subsection (1) or (2) of
5 this subsection; or
6 (4) being a community leader who has demonstrated through personal
7 involvement in community affairs a commitment to service and the
8 Object of Rotary; or
9 (5) having the status of Rotary Foundation alumnus as defined by the
10 board; or
11 (6) having interrupted employment ~~or having never worked~~ in order to
12 care for children or to assist the spouse in their work

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 13 According to Article 5, Section 2(a) of the RI Constitution, "A club shall be
14 composed of active members each of whom shall be an adult person of good
15 character and good business, professional and/or community reputation."
16
17 These characteristics represent the historic foundations of Rotary and its clubs,
18 shared by all members. From the beginning, they have served as an engine of
19 development, recruitment, and retention for many Rotarians.
20
21 The provision made in subsection 2(a)(6) of the same article radically changes
22 the Rotarian pact and does not comply with the classification principle (2013
23 *Manual of Procedure*, page 8).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 24 This enactment could potentially result in a decrease in revenues for RI if there is
25 a decrease in membership or membership retention due to less flexibility for
26 current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted | <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended | <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-42

To revise membership criteria

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Niigata Minami, District 2560, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2560 through an annual district conference, Ojiya, Niigata, Japan, 26 October 2014

*To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 124 MOP)*

Article 5 Membership

Section 2 — Composition of Clubs.

(a) A club shall be composed of active members each of whom shall be an adult person of good character and good business, professional and/or community reputation,

(1) engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession; or

(2) holding any important position in any worthy and recognized business or profession or any branch or agency thereof and have executive capacity with discretionary authority; or

(3) having retired from any position listed in sub-subsection (1) or (2) of this subsection; or

(4) being a community leader who has demonstrated through personal involvement in community affairs a commitment to service and the Object of Rotary; or

(5) having the status of Rotary Foundation alumnus as defined by the board; or

(6) ~~having interrupted employment or having never worked in order to care for children or to assist the spouse in their work~~ being a current member who has joined the club under the previous requirement for club composition

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

With regard to not admitting as active members persons having interrupted employment or having never worked:

We believe that for a club to be composed of active members who, for whatever reason, have had no work experience and will have no such opportunity in the future means the club would be composed of those who cannot practice, or have

1 never practiced, the “application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian’s
2 personal business...” (RI Constitution, Article 4), which is the most important
3 element of the Object of Rotary. Such members would not be able to fulfill the
4 Object of Rotary.

5
6 However, those who are members under the current provision shall continue to
7 hold their membership status with the assumption that they adequately
8 understand the spirit of Rotary.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

9 This enactment could potentially result in a decrease in revenues for RI if there is
10 a decrease in membership or membership retention due to less flexibility for
11 current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-43

To amend the provisions for qualification for membership

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Rugby, District 1060, England

Endorsed by: District 1060 through a district resolutions meeting, Solihull,
West Midlands, England, 26 November 2014

*To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 124 MOP)*

Article 5 Membership

Section 2 — Composition of Clubs.

(a) A club shall be composed of active members each of whom shall be an adult person of good character and good business, professional and/or community reputation,

~~(1) engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession; or~~

~~(2) holding any important position in any worthy and recognized business or profession or any branch or agency thereof and have executive capacity with discretionary authority; or~~

~~(3) having retired from any position listed in sub-subsection (1) or (2) of this subsection; or~~

~~(4) being a community leader who has demonstrated through personal involvement in community affairs a commitment to service and the Object of Rotary; or~~

~~(1) working or retired; or~~

~~(5) (2) having the status of Rotary Foundation alumnus as defined by the board; or~~

~~(6) (3) having interrupted employment or having never worked for reasons of disability or in order to care for children or to assist the spouse in their work; or~~

~~(4) having demonstrated a commitment to service and the Object of Rotary through his or her involvement in the community~~

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The Rotary Club of Rugby (the Club) has for some time been considering how best to comply with and promote the objectives Equality and Diversity Policy (the Policy) that is being pursued in certain countries. The Policy seeks to maintain an environment free from discrimination in membership recruitment

1 practices or within clubs themselves and that clubs should seek to diversify
2 membership so that they reflect the composition of the society within which they
3 are based. The Policy requires clubs to take positive action to achieve these
4 objectives. The Club considers that, by amending the existing RI Constitution in
5 terms of membership criteria, these objectives can be fulfilled.
6
7 The Club considers that, in order to be consistent with the objectives of the
8 Policy, the only relevant and necessary consideration is that members should be
9 of recognized good character and, in the opinion of the club, capable of a
10 commitment to service and the upholding of the Object of Rotary.
11
12 The Club considers that the existing membership criteria as set out in Article 5,
13 Section 2(a), (1) and (2) are counterproductive to the objectives of the Policy and
14 should be deleted. It should be noted that there is inconsistency within the
15 existing criteria. Those persons qualifying under criteria in Section 2(a), (4), (5)
16 and (6) are not required to have been in senior/managerial positions, whereas
17 everyone else is. It also considers that the criteria should be amended to include
18 people who have never been able to work, or have had to leave work for reasons
19 of disability.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

20 This enactment could potentially result in an increase in revenues for RI if there
21 is an increase in membership or membership retention due to greater flexibility
22 for current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-44

To amend the provisions for composition of clubs

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Mumbai Dahisar, District 3140, India

Endorsed by: District 3140 through a ballot-by-mail, 9 December 2014

1 *To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 124*
2 *MOP)*

3 **Article 5 Membership**

4 **Section 2 — Composition of Clubs.**

- 5
6 (a) A club shall be composed of active members each of whom shall be an adult
7 person of good character and good business, professional and/or
8 community reputation,
9
10 (1) engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager of any
11 worthy and recognized business or profession; or
12 (2) holding any important position in any worthy and recognized business
13 or profession or any branch or agency thereof and have executive
14 capacity with discretionary authority; or
15 (3) having retired from any position listed in sub-subsection (1) or (2) of
16 this subsection; or
17 (4) being a community leader who has demonstrated through personal
18 involvement in community affairs a commitment to service and the
19 Object of Rotary; or
20 (5) having the status of Rotary Foundation alumnus as defined by the
21 board; or
22 (6) having interrupted employment or having never worked in order to
23 care for children as a homemaker or to assist the spouse in their work

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 24 We should accept homemaker as a new classification, as it is in harmony with
25 Rotary's declared requirement of an active member for the composition of a club,
26 as per sub-subsection (a)(6) of this section.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 27 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-45

To provide for a new category of membership: associate membership

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Rancho Cordova, District 5180, USA

Endorsed by: District 5180 through a ballot-by-mail, 24 October-19 December 2014

*To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 124 MOP)*

Article 5 Membership

Section 2 — Composition of Clubs.

(a) A club shall be composed of active and associate members each of whom shall be an adult person of good character and good business, professional and/or community reputation,

(1) engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession; or

(2) holding any important position in any worthy and recognized business or profession or any branch or agency thereof and have executive capacity with discretionary authority; or

(3) having retired from any position listed in sub-subsection (1) or (2) of this subsection; or

(4) being a community leader who has demonstrated through personal involvement in community affairs a commitment to service and the Object of Rotary; or

(5) having the status of Rotary Foundation alumnus as defined by the board; or

(6) having interrupted employment or having never worked in order to care for children or to assist the spouse in their work

and

having his or her place of business or residence located in the locality of the club or the surrounding area. An active member moving from the locality of the club or the surrounding area may retain membership in the club where the member's board grants such permission and said active member continues to meet all conditions of club membership.

(c) The bylaws of RI may provide for active membership, associate membership and honorary membership in clubs and shall prescribe the qualifications for each.

1 And to amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 134-135
2 MOP)

3
4 **Article 4 Membership in Clubs**

5
6 **4.010. Types of Membership in a Club.**

7 A club may have ~~two~~ three kinds of membership, active, associate and honorary.

8
9 **4.060. Associate Membership.**

10 A person between the ages of 20 and 34 may be elected into associate
11 membership. Associate members shall not pay per capita dues. Associate
12 members shall not be eligible to participate in RI or district elections and the
13 number of associate members shall not be used to calculate a club's or district's
14 membership total for the purposes of voting. Upon reaching the age of 35, an
15 associate member's membership shall be automatically converted to active
16 membership provided that he or she otherwise meets the requirements of active
17 membership. The associate member shall otherwise be entitled to all other
18 benefits of active membership. No person shall simultaneously be an active
19 member and an associate member.

20
21 (Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

22
23 And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows
24 (page 200 MOP)

25
26 **Article 7 Membership**

27
28 **Section 2 — Kinds.** This club shall have ~~two~~ three kinds of membership, namely:
29 active and , associate and honorary.

30
31 **Section 5 — Associate Membership.** A person between the ages of 20 and 34
32 may be elected into associate membership. Associate members shall pay one
33 half of annual dues. The board shall determine an associate member's ability to
34 vote on club matters. Associate members shall be required to attend one half of
35 this club's regular meetings. Upon reaching the age of 35, an associate
36 member's membership shall be converted to active membership provided that
37 he or she otherwise meets the requirements of active membership. No person
38 shall simultaneously be an active member and an associate member.

(Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 1 Rotary clubs need more flexibility to offer more affordable membership rates and
2 terms to attract younger members. The proposed enactment adds associate
3 membership as a type of Rotary membership, in addition to active and honorary.
4 Rotary needs to acknowledge that economics and meeting flexibility are relevant
5 to younger prospects who are relatively early in their careers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 6 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI as associate
7 members would pay one half of regular club dues only and no RI per capita dues.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

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|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted | <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended | <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-46

To amend the provisions for the classification of members

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Bislig, District 3860, Philippines

Endorsed by: District 3860 through a ballot-by-mail, 27 December 2014

1 To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 124
2 MOP)

3 4 **Article 5 Membership**

5 6 **Section 2 — Composition of Clubs.**

7
8 (b) Each club shall have a well-balanced membership in which no one business,
9 profession ~~or~~ group of closely-related family members or type of
10 community service predominates. The club shall not elect a person to
11 active membership from a classification if the club already has five or more
12 members from that classification, or a club that already has five or more
13 members from closely-related families (spouses, brothers/sisters, and
14 sons/daughters, although in separate classifications), unless the club has
15 more than 50 members, in which case the club may elect a person to active
16 membership in a classification and from closely-related families so long as
17 it will not result in the classification and members of closely-related
18 families making up more than 10 percent of the club's active membership.
19 Members who are retired shall not be included in the total number of
20 members in a classification. The classification of a transferring or former
21 member of a club, or a Rotary Foundation alumnus as defined by the board,
22 shall not preclude election to active membership even if the election results
23 in club membership temporarily exceeding the above limitations. If a
24 member changes classification, the club may continue the member's
25 membership under the new classification notwithstanding these
26 limitations.

27
28 And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows
29 (page 201 MOP)

30 31 **Article 8 Classifications**

32
33 **Section 2 — Limitations.** This club shall not elect a person to active
34 membership from a classification if the club already has five or more members
35 from that classification, or already has five or more members from closely-
36 related families (spouses, brothers/sisters, and sons/daughters, although in
37 separate classification), unless the club has more than 50 members, in which
38 case, the club may elect a person to active membership in a classification or

1 from closely-related families so long as it will not result in the classification or
2 members of closely-related families making up more than 10 percent of the
3 club's active membership. Members who are retired shall not be included in the
4 total number of members in a classification. The classification of a transferring
5 or former member of a club, or a Rotary Foundation alumnus as defined by the
6 board of directors of RI, shall not preclude election to active membership even if
7 the election results in club membership temporarily exceeding the above
8 limitations. If a member changes classification, the club may continue the
9 member's membership under the new classification notwithstanding these
10 limitations.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

11 We are on a campaign to increase membership in our Rotary clubs. One of our
12 sources for membership is our close relatives and family members (spouses,
13 brothers/sisters, and sons/daughters). We are encouraged to invite them to join
14 Rotary clubs, but we have to limit their membership to not more than 10 percent
15 of the club's active membership so it does not predominate the club.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

16 This enactment could potentially result in a decrease in revenues for RI if there is
17 a decrease in membership or membership retention due to less flexibility for
18 current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-47

To amend the provisions for honorary membership

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Remuera, District 9920, American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, New Zealand, Tonga, and Samoa

Endorsed by: District 9920 through a ballot-by-mail, 28 October-24 November 2014

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 135 MOP)*

Article 4 Membership in Clubs

4.050. Honorary Membership.

4.050.1. Eligibility for Honorary Membership.

Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals and those persons considered friends of Rotary for their ~~permanent~~ support of Rotary's cause may be elected to honorary membership in more than one club. The term of such membership shall be as determined by the board of the club in which they hold membership.

*And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows (page 200 MOP)*

Article 7 Membership

Section 7 — Honorary Membership.

(a) *Eligibility for Honorary Membership.* Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals and those persons considered friends of Rotary for their ~~permanent~~ support of Rotary's cause may be elected to honorary membership in this club. The term of such membership shall be as determined by the board. Persons may hold honorary membership in more than one club.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

This enactment seeks to remove from the eligibility for honorary membership provision in subsection 4.050.1. of the RI Bylaws and Article 7, Section 7 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution the requirement for a person's support of Rotary's cause to be permanent.

- 1 How does a club determine if a friend of Rotary has permanent support of
2 Rotary's cause? Prior and ongoing support of Rotary's cause is all a club is
3 reasonably able to determine.
4
5 Furthermore, the term of honorary membership is determined by the board of
6 the club - often on a year-by-year basis - therefore honorary membership can be
7 terminated or not renewed if a person is no longer demonstrating support of
8 Rotary's cause. Having to identify what constitutes "permanent support" may
9 unreasonably restrict a club from recognizing a significant friend of Rotary to the
10 detriment of the club and Rotary's cause.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 11 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-48

To amend the provisions for suspension of membership

Proposer(s): District 9800, Australia

Endorsed by: District 9800 through a ballot-by-mail, 29 November-13
December 2014

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 208 MOP)*
3

4 **Article 12 Duration of Membership**

5

6 **Section 10 — Temporary Suspension.** Notwithstanding any provision of this
7 constitution, if in the opinion of the board
8

9 (d) that in the best interests of the club and without any vote being taken as to
10 his or her membership, the member's membership should be temporarily
11 suspended and the member should be excluded from attendance at
12 meetings and other activities of this club and from any office or position the
13 member holds within the club. ~~For the purposes of this clause, the member~~
14 ~~shall be excused from fulfilling attendance responsibilities;~~
15 the board may, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the board, temporarily
16 suspend the member as aforesaid for such period and on such further
17 conditions as the board determines, albeit for a period no longer than is
18 reasonably necessary in all the circumstances. For the purposes of this clause,
19 the member shall be excused from fulfilling attendance responsibilities.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

20 This proposal corrects a drafting error.
21

22 Article 12, Section 10 was proposed by District 9800 and passed, as amended
23 from the floor, by the 2007 Council on Legislation.
24

25 The intent was to enable a board, having considered all the matters contained in
26 the four subsections of Section 10, to temporarily suspend a member if this
27 appeared to be in the best interests of the club.
28

29 To achieve this, there must be a nexus between the actions a board may take and
30 the matters (in the four subsections) it must firstly consider. The motion from
31 the floor at the Council on Legislation unintentionally destroyed that nexus.

- 1 The effect of the proposal is to make grammatical sense of the provision.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 2 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-49

To amend the provisions for suspension of membership

Proposer(s): District 6980, USA

Endorsed by: District 6980 through a district resolutions meeting, Orlando, Florida, USA, 27 September 2014

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 208 MOP)*

3 4 **Article 12 Duration of Membership**

5
6 **Section 10 — Temporary Suspension.** Notwithstanding any provision of this
7 constitution, if in the opinion of the board

8
9 (d) that in the best interests of the club and without any vote being taken as to
10 his or her membership, the member's membership should be temporarily
11 suspended and the member should be excluded from attendance at
12 meetings and other activities of this club and from any office or position the
13 member holds within the club. For the purposes of this clause, the member
14 shall be excused from fulfilling attendance responsibilities;
15 the board may, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the board, temporarily
16 suspend the member as aforesaid ~~for such period and on such further conditions~~
17 ~~as the board determines, albeit for a period no longer than is reasonably~~
18 ~~necessary in all the circumstances~~ for a reasonable period of time not to exceed
19 45 days and on such further conditions as the board determines. After the
20 expiration of the suspension period, the board must either proceed to terminate
21 the membership of the suspended Rotarian or reinstate the suspended Rotarian
22 to full regular status.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

23 The original Article 12, Section 10(d) of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution
24 does not address a period of time. The word "reasonable" may be one week to 10
25 months of suspension. If the purpose of suspension is to determine facts for
26 termination, an indefinite period of time is not recommended. It was approved:
27 reasonable period of time not to exceed 45 days and on such further conditions as
28 the board determines.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-50

To amend the provisions for suspension of membership

Proposer(s): District 6980, USA

Endorsed by: District 6980 through a district resolutions meeting, Orlando, Florida, USA, 27 September 2014

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 208 MOP)*
3

4 **Article 12 Duration of Membership**

5

6 **Section 10 — Temporary Suspension.** Notwithstanding any provision of this
7 constitution, if in the opinion of the board

- 8 (a) credible accusations have been made that a member has refused or
9 neglected to comply with this constitution, or has been guilty of conduct
10 unbecoming a member or prejudicial to the interests of the club; and
11 (b) those accusations, if proved, constitute good cause for terminating the
12 membership of the member; and
13 (c) it is desirable that no action should be taken in respect of the membership
14 of the member pending the outcome of a matter or an event that the board
15 considers should properly occur before such action is taken by the board;
16 and
17 (d) that in the best interests of the club and without any vote being taken as to
18 his or her membership, the member's membership should be temporarily
19 suspended and the member should be excluded from attendance at
20 meetings and other activities of this club and from any office or position the
21 member holds within the club. For the purposes of this clause, the member
22 shall be excused from fulfilling attendance responsibilities;
23 the board may, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the board, temporarily
24 suspend the member as aforesaid for such period and on such further
25 conditions as the board determines, albeit for a period no longer than is
26 reasonably necessary in all the circumstances. A suspended member may
27 appeal, mediate, or arbitrate the suspension as provided in article 12, section 6.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

28 When a member is suspended, there is no method to appeal the suspension. By
29 adding this language, if a suspension is imposed, the member may utilize the
30 same appeal procedures as set forth in Article 12, Section 6.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-51

To amend the provisions for transferring and former Rotarians

Proposer(s): District 3010, India

Endorsed by: District 3010 through a ballot-by-mail, 11 December 2014

1 To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 134-135
2 MOP)

3 4 **Article 4 Membership in Clubs**

5 6 **4.030. Transferring or Former Rotarian.**

7 A member may propose to active membership a transferring member or former
8 member of a club. The transferring or former member of a club being proposed
9 to active membership ~~under this section~~ may also be proposed by the former
10 club. The classification of a transferring or former member of a club shall not
11 preclude election to active membership even if the election results in club
12 membership temporarily exceeding the classification limits. Potential members
13 of a club who have debts to another club are ineligible for membership. Any club
14 wishing to admit a former member ~~should~~ shall demand that the potential
15 member provide written proof from the previous club that all debts/money have
16 been paid. The admission of a transferring or former Rotarian as an active
17 member ~~pursuant to this section~~ shall be contingent upon receiving a certificate
18 from the board of the previous club confirming the prospective member's prior
19 membership in that club. ~~The transferring or former members changing clubs~~
20 ~~should be asked to bring a letter of recommendation from their previous club. A~~
21 ~~club shall provide a statement whether debts/money is owed when requested by~~
22 ~~another club with respect to its current or former member being considered for~~
23 ~~membership in the other club. If such a statement is not provided within 30 days~~
24 ~~of being requested, it shall be assumed that the member does not owe any money~~
25 ~~to the club.~~

26
27 And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows
28 (page 200 MOP)

29 30 **Article 7 Membership**

31 32 **Section 4—Transferring or Former Rotarian.**

33 (a) ~~Potential Members.~~ A member may propose to active membership a
34 transferring member or former member of a club. The transferring or
35 former member of a club being proposed to active membership ~~under this~~
36 ~~section~~ may also be proposed by the former club. The classification of a
37 transferring or former member of a club shall not preclude election to
38 active membership even if the election results in club membership

1 temporarily exceeding the classification limits. Potential members of this
2 club who are current or former members of another club who have debts to
3 the other club are ineligible for membership in this club. The club should
4 demand that a potential member present written proof that no money is
5 owed to the other club. The admission of a transferring or former Rotarian
6 as an active member pursuant to this section shall be contingent upon
7 receiving a certificate from the board of the previous club confirming the
8 prospective member's prior membership in that club. Transferring or
9 former members changing clubs should be asked to bring a letter of
10 recommendation from their previous club.
11 (b) ~~Current or Former Members.~~ This club shall provide a statement whether
12 money is owed to this club when requested by another club with respect to
13 a current or former member of this club being considered for membership
14 in the other club. If such a statement is not provided within 30 days of
15 being requested, it shall be assumed that the member does not owe any
16 money to this club.

(Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

17 Both Section 4.030 of the RI Bylaws and Article 7, Section 4 of the Standard
18 Rotary Club Constitution deal with transferring or former Rotarians. The
19 proposed enactment is intended to merge the two and bring uniformity to the
20 provisions.

21
22 We believe this will reduce confusion by merging the two provisions enumerating
23 different text with a uniform provision.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

24 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-52

To amend the provisions for transferring and former Rotarians

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Awaji Mihara, District 2680, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2680 through an annual district conference, Kobe, Hyogo, Japan, 2 March 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 134-135*
2 *MOP)*

3 4 **Article 4 Membership in Clubs**

5 6 **4.030. Transferring or Former Rotarian.**

7 A member may propose to active membership a transferring member or former
8 member of a club. The transferring or former member of a club being proposed
9 to active membership under this section may also be proposed by the former
10 club. The classification of a transferring or former member of a club shall not
11 preclude election to active membership even if the election results in club
12 membership temporarily exceeding the classification limits. ~~Any club wishing to~~
13 ~~admit a former member should demand that the potential member provide~~
14 ~~written proof from the previous club that all debts have been paid.~~ The
15 admission of a transferring or former Rotarian as an active member pursuant to
16 this section shall be contingent upon receiving ~~a certificate from the board of the~~
17 ~~previous club~~ proof confirming the prospective member's prior membership ~~in~~
18 ~~that club and that he or she does not owe any money to the previous club.~~ The
19 transferring or former members changing clubs ~~should be asked~~ are encouraged
20 to bring a letter of recommendation from their previous club.

21
22 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
23 *(page 200 MOP)*

24 25 **Article 7 Membership**

26 27 **Section 4 — Transferring or Former Rotarian.**

28 (a) *Potential Members.* A member may propose to active membership a
29 transferring member or former member of a club. The transferring or
30 former member of a club being proposed to active membership under this
31 section may also be proposed by the former club. The classification of a
32 transferring or former member of a club shall not preclude election to
33 active membership even if the election results in club membership
34 temporarily exceeding the classification limits. Potential members of this
35 club who are current or former members of another club who have debts to
36 the other club are ineligible for membership in this club. ~~The club should~~
37 ~~demand that a potential member present written proof that no money is~~

1 ~~owed to the other club.~~ The admission of a transferring or former Rotarian
2 as an active member pursuant to this section shall be contingent upon
3 receiving ~~a certificate from the board of the previous club~~ proof confirming
4 the prospective member's prior membership ~~in that club~~ and that he or she
5 does not owe any money to the previous club. Transferring or former
6 members changing clubs ~~should be asked~~ are encouraged to bring a letter of
7 recommendation from their previous club.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

8 The decision to admit into membership a transferring Rotarian or a former
9 Rotarian should be made by the club autonomously, and the former club's
10 intention should have no impact on it. In addition, it will not be possible to
11 obtain written proof or a letter of recommendation from the former club if it has
12 been terminated or is not functioning. Therefore, we believe that proof provided
13 by the potential member, including an oath, should be enough to verify prior
14 membership and/or lack of unpaid balance. Additionally, obtaining a letter of
15 recommendation of the potential member from the former club should be
16 encouraged only when it's possible.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

17 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-53

To encourage clubs to search for qualified members

Proposer(s): District 1800, Germany
District 1880, Germany

Endorsed by: District 1800 through an annual district conference, Uelzen,
Germany, 21 June 2014
District 1880 through an annual district conference, Nürnberg,
Germany, 28 June 2014

1 *To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 124*
2 *MOP)*

3
4 **Article 5 Membership**

5
6 **Section 2 — Composition of Clubs.**

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8 (b) Each club shall
- 9 (1) have a well-balanced membership in which no one business, profession
10 or type of community service predominates. The club shall not elect a
11 person to active membership from a classification if the club already
12 has five or more members from that classification, unless the club has
13 more than 50 members, in which case the club may elect a person to
14 active membership in a classification so long as it will not result in the
15 classification making up more than 10 percent of the club's active
16 membership. Members who are retired shall not be included in the
17 total number of members in a classification. The classification of a
18 transferring or former member of a club, or a Rotary Foundation
19 alumnus as defined by the board, shall not preclude election to active
20 membership even if the election results in club membership
21 temporarily exceeding the above limitations. If a member changes
22 classification, the club may continue the member's membership under
23 the new classification notwithstanding these limitations.
24 (2) continuously search for qualified candidates and elect them to
25 membership.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

26 Rotary encounters difficulties to win younger members. The reasons are not only
27 on the side of potential candidates like the demanding condition of early
28 professional careers or the taxing situation of young families. Often clubs are not

1 ready, proactive and accommodating enough to win younger members.
2 Therefore, it makes sense to explicitly list the task of continuous rejuvenation for
3 a balanced membership structure that is directed at keeping clubs dynamic and
4 innovative. Boards and members are thus bound to proactively tackle a balanced
5 age structure and to shape membership conditions accordingly. This enactment
6 would have only positive financial effects by securing higher participation, vitality
7 and creativity, more membership fees and higher donations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

8 This enactment could potentially result in an increase in revenues for RI if there
9 is an increase in membership or membership retention due to greater flexibility
10 for current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-54

To amend the duties of the president

Proposer(s): District 6040, USA

District 9520, Australia

Endorsed by: District 6040 through an annual district conference, Kansas City, Missouri, USA, 8 November 2014

District 9520 through a ballot-by-mail, 13 November 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 142 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 6 Officers**

4

5 **6.140. Duties of Officers.**

6

7 6.140.1. *President.*

8 The president shall be the highest officer of RI. As such, the president:

9 (a) shall be a positive and motivational leader for Rotarians worldwide;

10 (b) shall be the chair of the board and preside at all meetings of the board;

11 ~~(a)~~ (c) shall be the principal person to speak on behalf of RI;

12 ~~(b)~~ (d) shall preside at all conventions and other international RI meetings of
13 the board;

14 ~~(e)~~ (e) shall counsel the general secretary; and

15 ~~(d)~~ (f) shall perform have such other further duties as pertain to the office,
16 consistent with the strategic plan as adopted by the board and powers as
17 assigned by the board.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

18 This proposal seeks to more clearly define the role of the president to emphasize
19 that the president is primarily a motivational leader, the chair of the RI Board,
20 and the principal spokesman for Rotary. It also clarifies that the president
21 derives his duties and powers from the RI Board and that the office of president
22 has no implied or inherent powers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

23 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI unless there
24 was an overall increase in travel expenses for the president.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-55

To provide for the president-nominee to be a non-voting participant at meetings of the RI Board

Proposer(s): District 5950, USA

Endorsed by: District 5950 through a ballot-by-mail, December 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 137 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 5 Board of Directors**

4

5 **5.050. Meetings of the Board.**

6

7 5.050.4. Additional Participants.

8 The president-nominee shall be a non-voting participant at meetings of the
9 board.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

10 This proposal seeks to add a non-voting participant at all meetings of the RI
11 Board. Adding the president-nominee will help increase continuity on the RI
12 Board and better prepare the president-nominee for the office of president.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

13 This enactment would result in an increase in expenses for RI. The president-
14 nominee is budgeted to attend the June and July Board meetings. There would
15 be additional expenses of up to US\$15,000 for attendance at the October and
16 January meetings, dependent on the location of the Board meetings and the
17 home of the president-nominee.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

Compromise Legislation

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-56

To amend the rules for selecting the RI president-nominee

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Carson City, District 5190, USA
Rotary Club of Grass Valley, District 5190, USA
District 6040, USA

Endorsed by: District 5190 through a ballot-by-mail, 5-25 December 2014
District 6040 through an annual district conference, Kansas City, Missouri, USA, 8 November 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 160-165*
2 *MOP)*

4 **Article 11 Nominations and Elections for President**

6 **11.030. Election of Members to the Nominating Committee for President.**

8 11.030.1. *Notification to Eligible Candidates.*

9 The general secretary shall mail a letter to each past director eligible to serve on
10 the nominating committee for the following year. The letter must be mailed
11 between 1 and 15 ~~March~~ November. The letter will inquire as to whether the past
12 directors desire to be considered for membership on the committee and to advise
13 the general secretary prior to ~~15 April~~ 31 December that they wish to have their
14 names listed as being willing and able to serve. Any past director not responding
15 by ~~15 April~~ 31 December will be considered unwilling to serve.

17 11.030.3. *Two or More Eligible Past Directors from a Zone.*

18 Where there are two or more eligible past directors willing and able to serve, the
19 member and alternate member of the committee shall be elected in a ballot-by-
20 mail. The procedure for such ballot-by-mail shall be as described below.

22 11.030.3.2. *Ballot Specifications.*

23 The general secretary shall cause a copy of the ballot to be mailed to each club in
24 the zone by ~~15 May~~ 31 January. The ballot shall include photographs and
25 biographical statements of each such past director, including the past director's
26 name, club, RI offices, and international committee appointments held and
27 year(s) of service. Such ballot shall be mailed with instructions that the
28 completed ballot be returned to the general secretary at the World Headquarters
29 of the Secretariat by ~~30 June~~ 15 March.

31 11.030.5. *Balloting Committee Meeting.*

32 The president shall appoint a balloting committee which shall meet at a time and
33 place determined by the president to examine and count the ballots. Such

1 meeting shall take place no later than ~~10 July~~ 20 March. The balloting committee
2 shall certify its report of the balloting results to the general secretary within five
3 days of the committee's adjournment.

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5 **11.040. Procedure for Functioning of Committee.**

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7 **11.040.3. Forwarding Names to Committee.**

8 The general secretary shall, between ~~1 May and 15 May~~ 1 and 15 February in each
9 year, mail a letter to all Rotarians who will be eligible to serve as president. The
10 letter will ask if such Rotarians are willing to be considered for nomination for
11 president and will advise them to notify the general secretary prior to ~~30 June~~ 31
12 March whether they wish to have their names listed as being willing and able to
13 serve. Those Rotarians not responding to the general secretary by ~~30 June~~ 31
14 March will not be considered by the nominating committee. The general
15 secretary shall forward the list of those willing to serve to the nominating
16 committee and to Rotarians upon request at least one week prior to the
17 committee meeting.

18
19 **11.050. Nomination by the Committee.**

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21 **11.050.2. Committee Meeting.**

22 The committee shall meet no later than ~~15 August~~ 30 June at a time and place
23 determined by the board. All candidates shall be given an opportunity to be
24 interviewed by the committee according to procedures determined by the board.
25 When feasible, the committee meeting and the interviews will be scheduled in
26 conjunction with the RI convention.

27
28 **11.070. Additional Nomination by Clubs.**

29 In addition to the nomination made by the committee, challenges may be made
30 in the following manner.

31
32 **11.070.1. Candidate Previously Considered and Concurrence.**

33 Any club may suggest as a challenging candidate the name of a qualified Rotarian
34 who duly notified the general secretary pursuant to subsection 11.040.3. of his or
35 her willingness to be considered for nomination for president. The name of the
36 challenging candidate shall be submitted pursuant to a duly adopted resolution
37 by the club at a regular meeting. The resolution must be supported by a
38 concurrence of at least a majority of the clubs in the district obtained at a district
39 conference or through a ballot-by-mail. The concurrence must be certified to the
40 general secretary by the district's governor. The resolution must be accompanied
41 by a written statement from the challenging candidate that such candidate is
42 willing to have such candidacy submitted to the clubs for endorsement. The
43 foregoing requirements must be completed by ~~1 October~~ 1 September of the
44 relevant year.

1 11.070.2. *Notification to Clubs of Challenging Candidates.*

2 The general secretary shall notify the clubs of the suggested challenging
3 candidates and provide the clubs with a registered form for use by any club which
4 desires to endorse any such challenging candidate. The general secretary shall
5 provide such notice and forms immediately following ~~1 October~~ 1 September.
6

7 11.070.4. *Endorsement of Challenging Candidate.*

8 If on ~~15 November~~ 15 October, any such challenging candidate has been endorsed
9 by 1 percent of the clubs comprising the membership of RI as of the preceding 1
10 July, with at least half of the endorsements originating from clubs in zones other
11 than that of the challenging candidate(s), such challenging candidate(s) and the
12 nominee of the committee shall be balloted upon as provided in section 11.100.
13 Where the challenging candidate fails to receive the prescribed endorsements by
14 ~~15 November~~ 15 October, the president shall declare the nominee of the
15 committee to be the president-nominee.
16

17 **11.100. *Ballot-by-Mail.***

18 The procedure for electing a president pursuant to a ballot-by-mail as provided in
19 section 11.070. shall be by the following procedures.
20

21 11.100.3. *Mailing of Ballot.*

22 The balloting committee shall cause a copy of the ballot to be mailed to each club
23 no later than the following ~~15 February~~ 15 November. Such ballot shall be mailed
24 with instructions that the completed ballot be returned to the balloting
25 committee at the World Headquarters of the Secretariat no later than ~~15 April~~ 15
26 January. Such ballot shall include photographs and biographical statements of
27 the candidates.
28

29 11.100.5. *Balloting Committee Meeting.*

30 The balloting committee shall meet at a time and place determined by the
31 president. The committee shall examine and count the ballots. Such meeting
32 must take place no later than ~~20 April~~ 20 January. The balloting committee shall
33 certify its report of the results of the balloting to the general secretary within five
34 days thereafter.
35

36 11.100.7. *Announcement of President-elect.*

37 The president shall announce the name of the president-elect no later than ~~25~~
38 April 25 January.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

39 This proposal would advance the timetable for electing the president with the
40 selection of the nominating committee for president and the identification of
41 presidential candidates to be completed by the end of March in each year. The

1 current schedule calls for the nominating committee for president to meet in
2 August. However, the earlier dates will permit and encourage the RI Board to
3 schedule the meeting and the interviews of the candidates in conjunction with the
4 annual RI Convention. It is anticipated that the candidates would be attending
5 the convention at their own expense anyway, and as a result, there would be no
6 additional expense for RI. The proposed new schedule for the nominating
7 committee for president would give the candidates for president the same
8 opportunity for personal interviews as already afforded to the candidates for
9 governor and RI Director.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

10 This enactment would result in an increase in expenses for RI. If the nominating
11 committee met at the convention location, there would be an additional room
12 rental and other expenses such as interpretation and translation equipment.
13 Depending on convention location, airfare, hotel, and incidentals would vary.
14
15 If the president-nominee is appointed to office one month earlier, there could
16 also be an increase for airfare and hotel expenses contingent on their travel plans.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-57

To revise the qualifications for membership on the nominating committee for president

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 160 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 11 Nominations and Elections for President**

4

5 **11.020. Nominating Committee for President.**

6

7 11.020.5. *Qualifications.*

8 Each member of the nominating committee shall be a past director of RI. A
9 candidate for membership on the committee must be a past director at the time
10 of election, except where there is no past director available for election or
11 appointment as a member of the committee from a particular zone. In such case,
12 a past governor shall be eligible for such election or appointment provided that
13 such past governor has served for at least one year as a member of a committee
14 provided for in sections 16.010., 16.020., and 16.030. or as a trustee of The
15 Rotary Foundation. ~~No Rotarian shall be a member of the nominating committee~~
16 ~~for president more than three times unless there are no more than two candidates~~
17 ~~willing to serve on this committee.~~

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

18 This proposed enactment would remove the limitation on membership on the
19 Nominating Committee for RI President imposed by the 2013 Council on
20 Legislation. There are two problems with the sentence proposed for deletion.
21 First, it is very poorly worded and difficult to understand. Second, because there
22 are fewer than 200 living past directors in 34 zones - very few of whom have
23 served more than three times on this committee - the perceived problem of
24 needing to limit the number of times a past director can serve on the nominating
25 committee does not exist in most parts of the Rotary world.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

26 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-58

To increase the term of office for RI director to three years

Proposer(s): District 6080, USA

Endorsed by: District 6080 through an annual district conference, Jefferson City, Missouri, USA, 1 November 2014

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

in article 6 (pages 139-141 MOP)

Article 6 Officers

6.020. Selection of Vice-President and Treasurer.

The vice-president and treasurer shall be selected by the incoming president at the board's first meeting from among the directors serving the second or third year of their term of office, each to serve a term of one year beginning on 1 July.

6.060. Term of Office.

6.060.1. Officers.

The term of each officer shall begin on 1 July following such election except for the office of president, director, and governor. All officers, except directors, shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors have been duly elected. All directors shall serve a term of ~~two~~ three years or until their successors have been duly elected.

Interim Provision Relating to Subsection 6.060.1.

Amendments to subsection 6.060.1. adopted by the 2016 Council on Legislation pursuant to Council Enactment 16-58 shall be implemented as follows: (1) the new election process and board structure shall become effective on 1 July 2019; (2) any contingency not provided for shall be determined by the board.

6.090. Vacancies in the Offices of Vice-President or Treasurer.

In the event of a vacancy in the offices of vice-president or of treasurer, the president shall select a director in the director's second or third year on the board to fill the unexpired term.

and in article 12 (pages 165-166 MOP)

Article 12 Nominations and Elections for Directors

12.010. Nominations for Directors by Zones.

Nominations for directors shall be by zones, as hereinafter provided:

1 12.010.2. *Schedule of Nominations.*
2 Each such zone shall nominate a director from the membership of the clubs in
3 that zone every ~~fourth~~ sixth year according to a schedule established by the
4 board.
5
6 *Interim Provision Relating to Subsection 12.010.2.*
7 Amendments to subsection 12.010.2. adopted by the 2016 Council on Legislation
8 pursuant to Council Enactment 16-58 shall be implemented as follows: (1) the
9 new election process and board structure shall become effective on 1 July 2019;
10 (2) any contingency not provided for shall be determined by the board.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

11 This proposal seeks to increase the term of office for RI directors to three years.
12 The required knowledge to contribute to the RI Board is significant. In the first
13 year, directors are new to the process and often participate less in RI Board
14 discussion on critical issues due to their lack of experience. Towards the end of
15 their second year, directors are becoming more experienced and contribute in a
16 more significant way to the discussions, but unfortunately are soon reaching the
17 end of their terms. However, by increasing the term of office to three years, the
18 RI Board will experience less turnover and increased continuity. With three year
19 terms, there will be a greater sense of fellowship and thus cooperation among the
20 RI Board members and a greater likelihood that they will discuss and debate
21 issues from a strategic perspective rather than a shorter term perspective.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

22 This enactment would result in a decrease in expenses for RI of approximately
23 US\$90,000. If the director's term is increased from two to three years, this
24 would reduce the number of directors-elect each year by three. The estimated
25 reduction of expenses per director-elect is US\$30,000, which includes: US\$1,500
26 for director-elect orientation, US\$6,500 for the International Assembly, US
27 \$20,000 for the International Convention, and US\$2,000 for pre-International
28 Convention meetings.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-59

To revise the qualifications for director

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Altrincham, District 1285, England

Endorsed by: District 1285 through a ballot-by-mail, 12 December 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 139 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 6 Officers**

4

5 **6.050. Qualifications of Officers.**

6

7 **6.050.3. Director.**

8 A candidate for the office of director of RI shall have served a full term as a
9 governor of RI prior to being proposed as such candidate (except where service
10 for less than a full term may be determined by the board to satisfy the intent of
11 this provision) with at least three years of time having elapsed since service as a
12 governor. ~~Such candidate shall also have attended at least two institutes and one~~
13 ~~convention in the 36-month period prior to being proposed.~~

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

14 This provision will remove the necessity for a candidate for RI Director to have
15 attended a minimum of one RI Convention and two Rotary institutes in the 36-
16 month period prior to being proposed. These requirements make no provision
17 for anyone engaged in an employment where it is just not possible to take leave to
18 attend conventions. For example, the education sector, where leave is restricted
19 to coincide with fixed holiday dates. They also make no provision for the
20 possibility that institutes become fully booked. Removing the restriction removes
21 potential discrimination in the election of RI Directors.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

22 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-60

To revise the qualifications for director

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Valenciennes-Denain aérodrome, District
1670, France

Endorsed by: District 1670 through a ballot-by-mail, 15 December 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 139 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 6 Officers**

4

5 **6.050. Qualifications of Officers.**

6

7 **6.050.3. Director.**

8 A candidate for the office of director of RI shall have served a full term as a
9 governor of RI prior to being proposed as such candidate (except where service
10 for less than a full term may be determined by the board to satisfy the intent of
11 this provision) with at least ~~three years~~ one year of time having elapsed since
12 service as a governor. Such candidate shall also have attended at least two
13 institutes and one convention in the 36-month period prior to being proposed.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

14 Our organization's membership must be younger. In this respect, RI must reduce
15 to one year (from three) the period of time that a Rotarian must wait after the
16 end of his or her term as governor before he or she can be proposed for candidate
17 as director.

18

19 The office of governor entails many complex responsibilities, and candidates to
20 the office of director have acquired the necessary skills, knowledge, and
21 experience during their term.

22

23 Reducing this period of time will indirectly lead to younger directors and younger
24 presidents.

25

26 However, it is important to keep the minimum attendance requirement at one
27 convention and two institutes in the past 36 months because of the knowledge
28 about Rotary's international scope and the personal commitment that are
29 required for the office of director.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-61

To revise the procedures for selecting directors-nominee

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 169 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 12 Nominations and Elections for Directors**

4

5 **12.020. Selection of Director-nominee and Alternate by Nominating**
6 **Committee Procedure.**

7

8 12.020.16. Committee Inability to Select Nominee.

9 Where a nominating committee adjourns and no candidate for director-nominee
10 receives the votes of a 60 percent majority of the nominating committee, the
11 director-nominee shall be selected in a ballot-by-mail. Such ballot-by-mail shall
12 be based on the ballot-by-mail procedure set forth in section 12.030. and include
13 all suggested names for director considered by the committee.

(Subsequent subsections will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

14 Although the RI Bylaws specify that the nominating committee's selection for
15 director must receive no less than a 60 percent majority vote of the committee,
16 the RI Bylaws are silent on the procedure that should be followed when this is not
17 possible. On previous occasions when this has occurred, the RI Board has
18 authorized a mail ballot in the zone to select the director. This proposed
19 enactment would establish this procedure in the RI Bylaws.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

20 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-62

To amend the provisions for selecting the director-nominee by nominating committee procedure

Proposer(s): District 9350, Angola, Namibia, and South Africa

Endorsed by: District 9350 through an annual district conference, Knysna, South Africa, 3 May 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 166 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 12 Nominations and Elections for Directors**

4

5 **12.020.** *Selection of Director-nominee and Alternate by Nominating*
6 *Committee Procedure.*

7

8 **12.020.1.** *General Provisions of Nominating Committee Procedure.*

9 Directors-nominee and alternates shall be selected by the nominating committee
10 procedure except in zones and sections of zones wholly within RIBI. Nominating
11 committees shall be constituted from the entire zone, except for zones that
12 include both districts within RIBI and districts not within RIBI, notwithstanding
13 any bylaw provisions or informal understandings which may limit the area within
14 the zone from which the candidate may be nominated. However, where there are
15 two or more sections in a zone, the committee shall be selected from only those
16 districts in the section(s) from which the director is to be nominated if unless a
17 majority of all districts in ~~each section of~~ the zone, by resolutions adopted at their
18 respective district conferences, agree to the selection from ~~such section(s)~~ the
19 zone.

20

21 ~~Initially, for~~ For such agreement to be effective for the selection of a nominating
22 committee, it must be certified to the general secretary by the district governor by
23 1 March in the year preceding such selection. Such agreement shall be void if the
24 districts comprising the zone are changed, but shall otherwise remain in effect
25 unless rescinded by a majority of districts ~~in any section~~ of the zone by resolution
26 adopted at their conferences and such rescission is certified to the general
27 secretary by the district governors.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

28 District 9350 is part of RI Zone 20, and Zone 20 is divided into two sections: A
29 and B; section A comprising the districts of Sub-Saharan Africa and section B
30 those of North Africa and parts of the Middle East.

1 Article 12.020.1 of the RI Bylaws makes provision for a director to be nominated
2 alternatively from section A and B, and the bylaws further provide that the
3 nominating committee shall comprise representatives from all districts within the
4 zone but if the majority of clubs in each section agree the nominating committee
5 may be made up of clubs from only one section when the director-nominee is
6 being selected from that section. This puts the onus on the districts in both
7 sections to agree to limit the nominating committee to one section.

8
9 The amendment, therefore, proposes to amend Article 12.020.1. to state that
10 when a director-nominee is to be elected from within a section of a zone then only
11 those districts within that section of the zone shall form the nominating
12 committee.

13
14 **Motivation**

15 In a zone as large as one covering Africa and parts of the Middle East, it is more
16 equitable for districts within the section to decide on who the director-nominee
17 shall be when that person will be a Rotarian from that section of the zone.

18
19 It has happened in the past that the nominating committee meeting has been
20 held outside the section of the zone from where the director-nominee will be
21 elected. This has had the effect of districts from that section being unable to send
22 a representative due to cost considerations. This has left that section
23 underrepresented on the nominating committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

24 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

Compromise Legislation

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-63

To amend the qualifications for membership on the nominating committee for director

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Salem Centennial, District 2980, India
Rotary Club of Vijayawada Midtown, District 3020, India
District 3060, India

Endorsed by: District 2980 through a ballot-by-mail, 18 December 2014
District 3020 through an annual district conference, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, India, 19-21 December 2014
District 3060 through a district resolutions meeting, Shirdi, Maharashtra, India, 21 September 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 167 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 12 Nominations and Elections for Directors**

4

5 **12.020.** *Selection of Director-nominee and Alternate by Nominating*
6 *Committee Procedure.*

7

8 **12.020.3.** *Membership on Nominating Committee.*

9 A nominating committee shall consist of one member from each district in the
10 zone or section elected by the clubs of such district as hereinafter provided. Each
11 member shall be a past governor at the time ~~they are to serve~~ of election, who is a
12 member of a club in the relevant zone or section. Such members also shall have
13 attended at least two Rotary institutes of the zone from which the director is
14 being nominated and one convention in the three years prior to serving on the
15 committee, provided that a district may by a resolution adopted at a district
16 conference by a majority of the votes of the electors of the clubs present and
17 voting dispense with some or all of these requirements, such resolution to apply
18 only to the next nominating committee. Members shall be elected for a term of
19 one year. The president, president-elect, any past president, director, or any past
20 director shall not be eligible for membership on the nominating committee. No
21 Rotarian who has served twice as a member of such a committee shall be eligible
22 for service again. Each member shall have one vote.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 1 At the present time, a sitting governor can contest an election from his district for
2 being a member of the nominating committee for director. In the last few years,
3 a number of sitting governors have contested. This is unfair since a governor
4 wields considerable power and influence on the clubs. He/She can lure them to
5 vote for him with promises of awards and recognitions. In order to avoid that
6 situation, he should not be allowed to contest the election, while he is a governor,
7 even though he may be a past governor at the time he will serve as member of the
8 nominating committee for director.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 9 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-64

To amend the qualifications for membership on the nominating committee for director

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Ensenada Calafia, District 4100, Mexico

Endorsed by: District 4100 through an annual district conference, Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico, 29 March 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 167 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 12 Nominations and Elections for Directors**

4

5 **12.020.** *Selection of Director-nominee and Alternate by Nominating*
6 *Committee Procedure.*

7

8 **12.020.3.** *Membership on Nominating Committee.*

9 A nominating committee shall consist of one member from each district in the
10 zone or section elected by the clubs of such district as hereinafter provided. Each
11 member shall be a past governor at the time they are to serve, who is a member of
12 a club in the relevant zone or section. Such members also shall have attended at
13 least ~~two~~ three Rotary institutes of the zone from which the director is being
14 nominated and one convention in the ~~three~~ four years prior to serving on the
15 committee, provided that a district may by a resolution adopted at a district
16 conference by a majority of the votes of the electors of the clubs present and
17 voting dispense with some or all of these requirements, such resolution to apply
18 only to the next nominating committee. Members shall be elected for a term of
19 one year. The president, president-elect, any past president, director, or any past
20 director shall not be eligible for membership on the nominating committee. No
21 Rotarian who has served twice as a member of such a committee shall be eligible
22 for service again. Each member shall have one vote.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

23 Our Rotary club considers that Rotarians who want to be a part of the nominating
24 committee for director in a zone should have had active participation in Rotary
25 and be quite knowledgeable about RI.

26

27 Since a lot can be learned about RI in the Rotary institutes, the Rotarians who
28 want to become members of the nominating committee for director in their zones
29 should attend a good number of these meetings.

- 1 Our club considers that adopting this enactment would be beneficial for the
2 election of Rotary officers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 3 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended | <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-65

To amend the qualifications for membership on the nominating committee for director

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Tepic, District 4150, Mexico

Endorsed by: District 4150 through an annual district conference, Guanajuato, Guanajuato, Mexico, 3 May 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 167 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 12 Nominations and Elections for Directors**

4

5 **12.020. Selection of Director-nominee and Alternate by Nominating**
6 **Committee Procedure.**

7

8 **12.020.3. Membership on Nominating Committee.**

9 A nominating committee shall consist of one member from each district in the
10 zone or section elected by the clubs of such district as hereinafter provided. Each
11 member shall be a past governor at the time they are to serve, who is a member of
12 a club in the relevant zone or section. Such members also shall have attended at
13 least ~~two~~ three Rotary institutes of the zone from which the director is being
14 nominated ~~and one convention~~ in the ~~three~~ five years prior to serving on the
15 committee, provided that a district may by a resolution adopted at a district
16 conference by a majority of the votes of the electors of the clubs present and
17 voting dispense with some or all of these requirements, such resolution to apply
18 only to the next nominating committee. Members shall be elected for a term of
19 one year. The president, president-elect, any past president, director, or any past
20 director shall not be eligible for membership on the nominating committee. No
21 Rotarian who has served twice as a member of such a committee shall be eligible
22 for service again. Each member shall have one vote.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

23 This enactment would amend the RI Bylaws to ensure that districts are properly
24 represented at every director election in the relevant zone, by making it easier to
25 comply with the international events attendance requirement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

26 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-66

To amend the qualifications for membership on the nominating committee for director

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Valenciennes-Denain aérodrome, District 1670, France

Endorsed by: District 1670 through a ballot-by-mail, 15 December 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 167 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 12 Nominations and Elections for Directors**

4

5 **12.020. Selection of Director-nominee and Alternate by Nominating**
6 **Committee Procedure.**

7

8 **12.020.3. Membership on Nominating Committee.**

9 A nominating committee shall consist of one member from each district in the
10 zone or section elected by the clubs of such district as hereinafter provided. Each
11 member shall be a past governor at the time they are to serve, who is a member of
12 a club in the relevant zone or section. Such members also shall have attended at
13 least two Rotary institutes of the zone from which the director is being nominated
14 and one convention in the ~~three~~ five years prior to serving on the committee;
15 ~~provided that a district may by a resolution adopted at a district conference by a~~
16 ~~majority of the votes of the electors of the clubs present and voting dispense with~~
17 ~~some or all of these requirements, such resolution to apply only to the next~~
18 ~~nominating committee.~~ Members shall be elected for a term of one year. The
19 president, president-elect, any past president, director, or any past director shall
20 not be eligible for membership on the nominating committee. No Rotarian who
21 has served twice as a member of such a committee shall be eligible for service
22 again. Each member shall have one vote.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

23 This proposed enactment aims to increase from three to five years the period of
24 time during which candidates for membership on the nominating committee for
25 director must have participated in one convention and two institutes.

26

- 27 • Experience has shown that the three-year period presents drawbacks,
28 including limiting the choice to one or two governors per district as
29 candidates to the nominating committee. This means that the nominating
30 committee often includes members of the same class of governors.

- 1 • The last Council on Legislation has solved this issue because all these criteria
2 can now be waived at the district conference. While some districts apply this
3 provision without having proposed it to a vote, we are moving away from the
4 original spirit of the *Manual of Procedure*.
5
6 • It is important that the requirements be kept, but the period of time must be
7 extended from three to five years. This will allow for greater variety in the
8 committee membership, and will prevent the need for a vote at the district
9 conference. Let's not forget that, very often, the last five governors make up
10 the nominating committee for district governor.
11
12 • We go back to the original text with greater flexibility, and therefore fairness.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 13 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-67

To amend the qualifications for membership on the nominating committee for director

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Pachuca Plata, District 4170, Mexico

Endorsed by: District 4170 through an annual district conference, Playa del Carmen, Quintana Roo, Mexico, 16 May 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 167 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 12 Nominations and Elections for Directors**

4

5 **12.020. Selection of Director-nominee and Alternate by Nominating**
6 *Committee Procedure.*

7

8 **12.020.3. Membership on Nominating Committee.**

9 A nominating committee shall consist of one member from each district in the
10 zone or section elected by the clubs of such district as hereinafter provided. Each
11 member shall be a past governor at the time they are to serve, who is a member of
12 a club in the relevant zone or section. Such members also shall have attended at
13 least ~~two~~ one Rotary institutes of the zone from which the director is being
14 nominated ~~and one convention~~ in the three years prior to serving on the
15 committee, ~~provided that ; if there are no past governors who meet this~~
16 requirement, a district may by a resolution adopted at a district conference by a
17 majority of the votes of the electors of the clubs present and voting dispense with
18 ~~some or all of these requirements~~ this requirement, provided such resolution ~~to~~
19 apply applies only to the next nominating committee. Members shall be elected
20 for a term of one year. The president, president-elect, any past president,
21 director, or any past director shall not be eligible for membership on the
22 nominating committee. No Rotarian who has served twice as a member of such a
23 committee shall be eligible for service again. Each committee member shall have
24 one vote.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

25 This proposed enactment is to provide more past governors with the chance to be
26 members of the nominating committee for RI director. In low income countries
27 and regions, very few past governors can attend a convention and two zone
28 institutes in the three years prior to serving on the committee. It is quite difficult
29 to meet this requirement when those events take place in cities that are very far

- 1 from their districts. The right to serve on this committee should not be restricted
2 to past governors who are in a better financial situation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 3 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-68

To revise the procedures for selecting directors-nominee

Proposer(s): District 1640, France

Endorsed by: District 1640 through a district resolutions meeting, Rouen, France, 21 November 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 169 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 12 Nominations and Elections for Directors**

4

5 **12.020. Selection of Director-nominee and Alternate by Nominating**
6 **Committee Procedure.**

7

8 **12.020.15. Meeting of the Nominating Committee.**

9 The committee shall meet during the following September at a time and place
10 determined by the board. A majority of the members of the committee shall
11 constitute a quorum. The transaction of all business shall be by majority vote;
12 ~~except that in selecting the committee's nominee for director, the nominees for~~
13 ~~director and alternate must receive at least the same number of votes as the~~
14 ~~number which constitutes no less than a 60 percent majority of the committee.~~
15 The chairman of the nominating committee shall vote for nominees for director
16 and alternate; however, the chairman of the nominating committee shall not have
17 a vote in the transaction of the committee's other business, except that the
18 chairman may vote to break a tie vote. Where there are more than two
19 candidates, balloting shall be by a single transferable ballot.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

20 Rules for candidates for elective office are included in the 2013 *Manual of*
21 *Procedure* (pages 42-43). One of the fundamental principles is to select the best-
22 qualified candidate for each office. When there are more than two candidates,
23 balloting is conducted by means of the single transferable vote. To be elected, a
24 candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast, possibly after the transfer of
25 lower preference votes.

26

27 These provisions apply to nominations for all offices except those of director and
28 alternate, who need a majority of at least 60 percent (subsection 12.020.15 of the
29 RI Bylaws). This can be problematic if no candidate receives 60 percent of the
30 votes, which is a strong mathematical possibility.

1 Since the RI Bylaws do not provide for this type of situation, only two solutions
 2 are possible:
 3
 4 • either we remove the 60 percent requirement and apply the same rule as for
 5 the other offices;
 6
 7 • or we ask clubs to select a director-nominee in a ballot-by-mail with a simple
 8 majority.
 9
 10 How can we justify a 60 percent majority for a nominating committee and a 50
 11 percent majority for a ballot-by-mail?
 12
 13 The proposed amendment to subsection 12.020.15 aims to resolve this issue in a
 14 logical manner. According to the RI Bylaws, the selection of a director by a
 15 nominating committee is the recommended procedure, a ballot-by-mail being
 16 used only when there are challenging candidates.
 17
 18 This proposal reaffirms the fact that where there are more than two candidates,
 19 the mandatory election process is the single transferable ballot, and that the
 20 majority is determined through valid ballots.
 21
 22 If approved, this proposal would lead to more serene elections and peaceful
 23 relations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

24 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-69

To revise the qualifications for governor-nominee

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Tiruchirapalli Fort, District 3000, India

Endorsed by: District 3000 through a district resolutions meeting, Madurai,
Tamil Nadu, India, 28 December 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 182 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 15 Districts**

4

5 **15.080. Qualifications of a Governor.**

6 Unless specifically excused by the board, a governor at the time of taking office
7 must have attended the international assembly for its full duration, been a
8 member of one or more Rotary clubs for at least ~~seven~~ nine years, and must
9 continue to possess the qualifications in section 15.070.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

10 The district must select the governor-nominee not more than 36 months, but not
11 less than 24 months, prior to the day of taking office. The governor-nominee is
12 elected in the middle of the Rotary year (say January). When the governor-
13 nominee is elected, he has completed only four-and-a-half years as a Rotarian.
14 On the day of assuming office, he is required to have completed seven years of
15 membership in one or more Rotary clubs. This experience, in the broad canvas of
16 activities of Rotary and holding many responsible positions at the club and
17 district level, is barely sufficient and very thin. Meager experience yields to
18 dilated governance; hence, nine years' experience is absolutely essential as a
19 Rotarian at the club and district level at the time of assuming office as governor.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

20 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-70

To revise the club voting provisions when selecting a governor-nominee through a ballot-by-mail

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Indore, District 3040, India

Endorsed by: District 3040 through a ballot-by-mail, 15 November-15 December 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 175 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 13 Nominations and Elections for Governors**

4

5 **13.040. Ballot-by-Mail Specifications.**

6

7 **13.040.1. Club Voting.**

8 Each club with a minimum membership of ten members shall be entitled to at
9 least one vote and a club with fewer than ten members shall not be entitled to any
10 votes. Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one
11 additional vote for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members.
12 Such membership shall be determined by the number of members in the club as
13 of the date of the most recent semiannual payment preceding the date on which
14 the vote is to be held. However, any club whose membership in RI has been
15 suspended by the board shall not be entitled to participate in the voting. If a club
16 is entitled to cast more than one vote, the club shall cast all votes for the same
17 candidate. The name of the candidate for whom the club has cast its vote(s) shall
18 be verified by the secretary and president of the club and forwarded to the
19 governor in a sealed envelope provided therefor.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

20 This enactment would amend subsection 13.040.1. of the RI Bylaws to provide
21 that each club shall be entitled to at least one vote at a minimum membership of
22 10 members. This enactment will improve the retention rate of a club and will
23 not affect its other rights of management.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

24 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-71

To amend the provisions regarding concurrences to challenges

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Jaysingpur, District 3170, India

Endorsed by: District 3170 through a district resolutions meeting, Hubli,
Karnataka, India, 8 November 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 173-174*
2 *MOP)*

3 4 **Article 13 Nominations and Elections for Governors**

5 6 **13.020. Nominating Procedure for Governor.**

7 8 **13.020.9. Concurrence to Challenges.**

9 The governor shall inform all clubs through a form prescribed by RI of the name
10 of any challenging candidate who has been proposed as specified above. The
11 governor shall also inquire whether any club wishes to concur with the challenge.
12 A club must file a resolution of the club adopted at a regular meeting to concur
13 with a challenge. Such resolutions must be filed with the governor by the date
14 determined by the governor. Only challenges that have been concurred to by at
15 least ~~five~~ 10 other clubs which have been in existence for at least one year as of
16 the beginning of that year or ~~10~~ 20 percent of the total number of clubs as at the
17 beginning of that year in the district which have been in existence for at least one
18 year as of the beginning of that year, whichever is higher, and only when such
19 resolutions by the club were adopted at a regular meeting in accordance with the
20 club bylaws as determined by the governor shall be considered valid. A club shall
21 concur with only one challenging candidate.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

22 The aspiring candidates for the post of governor are increasing day by day in this
23 part of the world. The number of challenges for the nominating candidate is also
24 increasing in many districts. Any elections in a district divide Rotarians and
25 bring about a bad public image. Though it is a democratic process to allow
26 challenges, it should not be very easy to make challenges. RI Bylaws subsection
27 13.020.9. indicates the need of concurrence by only five clubs or 10 percent of the
28 total number of clubs in a district as of the beginning of that year, which are in
29 existence for at least one year. To get concurrence from at least five clubs or 10
30 percent of the clubs in a district is not difficult and thus the number of challenges
31 will keep on increasing. The change as proposed above will help to bring more

- 1 harmony and will elevate the image of Rotary amongst the Rotarians and public
2 in the district.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 3 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-72

To amend the provisions regarding special elections

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Kisarazu East, District 2790, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2790 through a ballot-by-mail, 9 December 2014

1 To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 177 MOP)

2

3 **Article 13 Nominations and Elections for Governors**

4

5 **13.070. Special Elections.**

6

7 13.070.1. Special Provision to Special Elections.

8 When a governor reinitiates the nominating committee procedure in accordance
9 with section 13.070., the governor shall not be required to repeat the procedure
10 required in subsection 13.020.4. if there were no suggestions from clubs to the
11 nominating committee during the previous nominating process.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

12 This enactment would amend the RI Bylaws by allowing districts to eliminate the
13 step of club suggested nominations, as described in subsection 13.020.4., during
14 a second nominating committee procedure, thus shortening the procedure by two
15 months.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

16 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-73

To eliminate the vice-governor position

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Indore, District 3040, India

Endorsed by: District 3040 through a ballot-by-mail, 15 November-15 December 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 141 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 6 Officers**

4

5 **6.120. Vacancy in the Office of Governor.**

6

7 ~~6.120.1. Vice Governor.~~

8 ~~The nominating committee for governor will select one available past governor to~~
9 ~~be named vice governor. The role of the vice governor will be to replace the~~
10 ~~governor in case of temporary or permanent inability to continue in the~~
11 ~~performance of the governor's duties.~~

12

13 ~~6.120.2. 6.120.1. Authority of Board and President.~~

14 ~~If there is no vice governor, the~~ The board is authorized to elect select a qualified
15 Rotarian to fill a vacancy in the office of governor for the unexpired term. The
16 president may appoint a qualified Rotarian as acting governor until such vacancy
17 is filled by the board.

18

19 ~~6.120.3. 6.120.2. Temporary Inability to Perform Duties of Governor.~~

20 ~~If there is no vice governor, the~~ The president may appoint a qualified Rotarian
21 as acting governor during a period of temporary inability of a governor to
22 perform the duties of governor.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

23 This enactment would remove subsection 6.120.1 of the RI Bylaws. This
24 enactment stops the formation of a parallel power center in any district. It would
25 also prevent the dilution of the status of the past governor.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

26 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-74

To amend the provisions for selecting the vice-governor

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Ankara-Ostim, District 2430, Turkey
Rotary Club of Ankara-Tandogan, District 2430, Turkey
Rotary Club of Ankara-Yildiz, District 2430, Turkey

Endorsed by: District 2430 through a ballot-by-mail, 20 October-20 December 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 141 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 6 Officers**

4

5 **6.120. Vacancy in the Office of Governor.**

6

7 **6.120.1. Vice-Governor.**

8 The nominating committee for governor will select one available past governor to
9 be named vice-governor who shall serve during the year following selection. The
10 role of the vice-governor will be to replace the governor in case of temporary or
11 permanent inability to continue in the performance of the governor's duties.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

12 The existing wording of RI Bylaws subsection 6.120.1. does not specify when the
13 vice-governor will be elected.

14

15 With the existing wording, it is possible to elect a vice-governor for a governor
16 either immediately after he/she has been selected as governor-designee, during
17 his/her year as governor-nominee, or during his/her year as governor-elect. This
18 needs to be specified.

19

20 Additionally, if the governor happens to be unable to serve for a temporary
21 period, the vice-governor who will replace him for a few months should be
22 someone who is in good contact and has close relations with the governor.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

23 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-75

To amend the provisions for selecting the vice-governor

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Libertad, District 4970, Uruguay

Endorsed by: District 4970 through a ballot-by-mail, 31 October 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 141 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 6 Officers**

4

5 **6.120. Vacancy in the Office of Governor.**

6

7 6.120.1. *Vice-Governor.*

8 The ~~nominating committee for governor~~ governor-nominee will select one
9 available past governor to be named vice-governor. The role of the vice-governor
10 will be to replace the governor in case of temporary or permanent inability to
11 continue in the performance of the governor's duties.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

12 In order to align the goals, work style, and long and short-term policies between
13 the person selected as the governor-nominee and the past governor who would
14 eventually substitute for or replace him/her in case of temporary or permanent
15 absence, it is necessary that the former participate in the selection of the latter.

16

17 The governor-nominee is the best person to select the past governor who would
18 be nominated as vice-governor and to evaluate his/her qualifications to replace
19 him/her in case of temporary or permanent absence.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

20 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-76

To amend the provisions for selecting the vice-governor

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Capilla del Monte, District 4815, Argentina

Endorsed by: District 4815 through a ballot-by-mail, 24 December 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 141 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 6 Officers**

4

5 **6.120. Vacancy in the Office of Governor.**

6

7 6.120.1. *Vice-Governor.*

8 The nominating committee for governor will select one available past governor,
9 proposed by the governor-elect, to be named vice-governor. The role of the vice-
10 governor will be to replace the governor in case of temporary or permanent
11 inability to continue in the performance of the governor's duties.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

12 The 2013 Council on Legislation adopted Enactment 13-100, establishing the
13 position of vice-governor. The method of selecting the candidates for this
14 position is not determined in the RI Bylaws. District 4815 has already used the
15 method that is mentioned in this proposed enactment.

16

17 The vice-governor must be considered a member of the district team, and there
18 should be a close connection between the vice-governor and the governor. In
19 case the vice-governor has to replace the governor, he or she should have access
20 to the resources assigned to the governor in a manner that both agree upon.

21

22 The vice-governor should not hinder or work to the detriment of the office of the
23 governor.

24

25 It would be convenient for the governor-elect to participate in the selection of the
26 vice-governor. The selection of the vice-governor can be done in a way that is not
27 detrimental to the nominating committee, since the committee will accept or
28 reject the candidate or will select the best one if more than one is proposed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-77

To amend the provisions for selecting the vice-governor

Proposer(s): District 3010, India

Endorsed by: District 3010 through a ballot-by-mail, 11 December 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 141 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 6 Officers**

4

5 **6.120. Vacancy in the Office of Governor.**

6

7 6.120.1. *Vice-Governor.*

8 The nominating committee for governor will select one available past governor to
9 be named vice-governor. The role of the vice-governor will be to replace the
10 governor in case of temporary or permanent inability to continue in the
11 performance of the governor's duties. If no nomination is received, the governor-
12 elect will select a past governor as vice-governor.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

13 The purpose of this enactment is to ensure a prompt selection of the vice-
14 governor within the district without leaving the selection to be decided by RI,
15 should a vacancy arise temporarily due to the inability of the governor to perform
16 his duties.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

17 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-78

To amend the voting procedures at a district conference or district resolutions meeting

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Bislig, District 3860, Philippines

Endorsed by: District 3860 through a ballot-by-mail, 27 December 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 180 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 15 Districts**

4

5 **15.050. Conference and District Resolutions Meeting Voting.**

6

7 15.050.1. *Electors.*

8 Each club in a district shall select, certify, and send to its annual district
9 conference and district resolutions meeting (if one is held) at least one elector.

10 Each club in a district with a membership of not more than 25 shall automatically
11 make the president its elector. The president-elect shall serve as an additional
12 elector for any club with an additional membership of 25, or major fraction
13 thereof. The additional electors shall be elected by the membership of the clubs.

14 Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional
15 elector for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members. That is,
16 a club with a membership of up to 37 members is entitled to one elector, a club
17 with 38 to 62 members is entitled to two electors, a club with 63 to 87 members is
18 entitled to three electors and so on. Such membership shall be determined by the
19 number of members in the club as of the date of the most recent semiannual
20 payment preceding the date on which the vote is to be held. However, any club
21 whose membership in RI has been suspended by the board shall not be entitled to
22 any electors. Each elector shall be a member of the club. An elector must be
23 present at the district conference or a district resolutions meeting to vote.

24

25 15.050.3. *Proxies.*

26 A club may designate a proxy for its absent elector(s) (the president and his or
27 her alternate for clubs with a membership of not more than 25 and the president,
28 president-elect and their additional electors for clubs with a membership of 50 or
29 major fraction thereof). Such club must obtain the consent of the governor for
30 such proxy. The proxy may include a member of its own club or a member of any
31 club in the district in which the club is located. The proxy designation must be
32 certified by the president and secretary of such club. The proxy shall be entitled
33 to vote as proxy for the non-attending elector(s) represented, in addition to any
34 other vote the proxy may have.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 1 During district assemblies or district conferences, there is always the problem of
2 a lack of club electors to vote on district resolutions and the like.
3
4 Making the club president the first elector, the president-elect the second elector
5 and the club secretary the third elector, if need be, will address this perennial
6 issue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 7 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-79

To amend the procedures for selecting Council representatives and members of the nominating committee for director

Proposer(s): District 3010, India

Endorsed by: District 3010 through a ballot-by-mail, 11 December 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

2
3 *in article 8 (page 149 MOP)*

4
5 **Article 8 Council on Legislation**

6
7 **8.060. Election of Representatives at the District Conference.**

8
9 **8.060.3. Selection of Representatives and Alternates.**

10 The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be the representative to
11 the council. ~~All votes from clubs with more than one vote shall be cast for the~~
12 ~~same candidate, failing which the votes from such clubs shall be deemed to be~~
13 ~~spoiled votes.~~ If there are only two candidates, the candidate failing to receive a
14 majority of votes cast shall be the alternate representative, to serve only in the
15 event the representative is unable to serve. When there are more than two
16 candidates, the balloting shall be by single transferable ballot. At such point in
17 the balloting by the single transferable ballot system that one candidate receives a
18 majority of the votes cast, the candidate who has the second highest number of
19 votes shall be the alternate representative. Each club shall designate one elector
20 to cast all of its votes. All votes from a club with more than one vote shall be cast
21 for the same candidate. For votes requiring or utilizing a single transferable
22 ballot with three or more candidates, all votes from a club with more than one
23 vote shall be cast for the same-ordered choices of candidates.

24
25 *and in article 12 (page 167 MOP)*

26
27 **Article 12 Nominations and Elections for Directors**

28
29 **12.020. Selection of Director-nominee and Alternate by Nominating**
30 **Committee Procedure.**

31
32 **12.020.5. Nominations.**

33 Any club in a district may nominate a qualified member of the club for
34 membership on the nominating committee where such member has indicated a
35 willingness and ability to serve. The club shall certify such nomination in writing.
36 Such certification must include the signatures of the club president and secretary.
37 Such nomination shall be forwarded to the governor for presentation to the

1 electors of the clubs at the district conference. ~~Each elector at the district~~
2 ~~conference shall be entitled to cast one vote in the election of the member.~~
3 Each club shall designate one elector to cast all of its votes. All votes from a club
4 with more than one vote shall be cast for the same candidate. For votes requiring
5 or utilizing a single transferable ballot with three or more candidates, all votes
6 from a club with more than one vote shall be cast for the same-ordered choices of
7 candidates.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

8 The purpose of this enactment is to bring uniformity in district level voting
9 procedure for governor-nominee, Council representative and member selection
10 for the nominating committee for director. This will simplify elections at the
11 district conference and reduce avoidable complexities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

12 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-80

To revise the procedures for selecting Council representatives and members of the nominating committee for director

Proposer(s): District 3010, India

Endorsed by: District 3010 through a ballot-by-mail, 11 December 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

2
3 *in article 8 (page 149 MOP)*

4
5 **Article 8 Council on Legislation**

6
7 **8.060. Election of Representatives at the District Conference.**

8
9 **8.060.2. Nominations.**

10 ~~Any A~~ club in a district may nominate ~~a qualified member of any club in the~~
11 ~~district~~ one of its members as a candidate for representative where such member
12 has indicated a willingness and ability to serve. The club shall certify such
13 nomination in writing. Such certification must include the signatures of the club
14 president and secretary. Such nomination shall be forwarded to the governor for
15 presentation to the electors of the clubs at the district conference.

16
17 ~~8.060.5. Suggestions by Clubs for Representative.~~

18 ~~In the event the club nominating the candidate is not the candidate's club, for the~~
19 ~~nomination to be accepted, the candidate's club shall expressly agree in writing,~~
20 ~~and such document should be signed by both the club's president and secretary.~~

21
22 *and in article 12 (page 167 MOP)*

23
24 **Article 12 Nominations and Elections for Directors**

25
26 **12.020. Selection of Director-nominee and Alternate by Nominating**
27 **Committee Procedure.**

28
29 **12.020.5. Nominations.**

30 ~~Any A~~ club in a district may nominate ~~a qualified member of the club~~ one of its
31 members as a candidate for membership on the nominating committee where
32 such member has indicated a willingness and ability to serve. The club shall
33 certify such nomination in writing. Such certification must include the signatures
34 of the club president and secretary. Such nomination shall be forwarded to the
35 governor for presentation to the electors of the clubs at the district conference.

1 Each elector at the district conference shall be entitled to cast one vote in the
2 election of the member.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

3 As per Section 13.020.4. of the RI Bylaws, a club may suggest only one of its own
4 members as a candidate for governor-nominee. The proposed enactment is
5 intended to bring uniformity to corresponding provisions for Council
6 representative as well as member selection for the nominating committee for
7 director.

8

9 We believe this will reduce confusion and complexity in district level elections
10 and bring uniformity in the manner in which a candidate is suggested by clubs for
11 these three positions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

12 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-81

To authorize the RI Board to suspend or terminate a club for litigation-related actions and to amend the provisions for repeated election complaints from a district

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

2
3 *in article 3 (page 133 MOP)*

4
5 **Article 3 Resignation, Suspension or Termination of Membership in**
6 **RI**

7
8 **3.030. Board Authority to Discipline, Suspend, or Terminate a Club.**

9
10 3.030.4. Termination for Legal Action.

11 The board may suspend or terminate the membership of any club that initiates or
12 maintains, or retains in its membership an individual who initiates or maintains,
13 litigation against Rotary International or The Rotary Foundation, including their
14 directors, trustees, officers, and employees, prior to exhausting all remedies
15 provided for in the constitutional documents.

16
17 (Subsequent subsections will be renumbered as appropriate)

18
19 *and in article 10 (pages 158-159 MOP)*

20
21 **Article 10 Nominations and Elections for Officers – General**
22 **Provisions**

23
24 **10.070. Election Review Procedures.**

25
26 **10.070.3. Repeated Election Complaints from a District.**

27 Notwithstanding any other provision of these bylaws or the standard club
28 constitution:

- 29 (a) ~~If a district's selection of a governor nominee has resulted in~~ there are
30 two or more election complaints in a district under subsection 10.070.1
31 in the previous five-year period, and the board has upheld two or more
32 election complaints in the previous five-year period, the board may
33 take any or all of the following actions when it has reasonable cause to
34 believe that RI's bylaws or election complaint procedures have been
35 violated:

- 1 1. disqualify from the election the nominee and any or all
2 candidates and select a ~~past governor~~ qualified individual from a
3 club in the district to serve as governor;
4
5 2. remove from office any ~~governor, governor-elect or governor-~~
6 ~~nominee~~ individual who improperly influences or interferes in
7 the election process; and
8
9 3. declare that a current or past RI officer who improperly
10 influences or interferes in the election process shall no longer be
11 considered to be a current or past RI officer;
12
13 (b) If ~~a district's selection of a governor nominee has resulted in~~ there are
14 three or more election complaints in a district under subsection
15 10.070.1 in the previous five-year period, and the board has upheld
16 three or more election complaints in the previous five-year period, the
17 board may dissolve the district and assign the clubs to surrounding
18 districts. The provisions of section 15.010. shall not apply to this
19 section.
20

21 10.070.5. *Completion of Election Review Procedure.*

22 Rotarians and clubs are obligated to follow the election review procedure
23 established in the bylaws as the exclusive method of contesting the right to an
24 elective office or the result of an RI election. If a Rotarian candidate or a club
25 acting on behalf of such a candidate fails to follow and complete the election
26 review procedure, before seeking the intervention of any non-Rotary agency or
27 other dispute resolution system, the Rotarian candidate shall be disqualified from
28 the election in question and from contesting any elective office of RI in the future
29 for a period as determined by the board. ~~The board may deem a club that fails to~~
30 ~~follow and complete the election review process as failing to function and take~~
31 ~~such appropriate action as necessary. In the event that a club or a Rotarian fails~~
32 to follow and complete the election review procedure before seeking the
33 intervention of any non-Rotary agency or other dispute resolution system, the
34 board may take appropriate action pursuant to subsection 3.030.4.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

35 This proposed enactment allows the RI Board to take action when a club or
36 Rotarian sues RI or The Rotary Foundation prior to exhausting the remedies
37 provided for in the RI Bylaws for disputing elections. Rotarians and clubs are
38 obligated to follow the election review procedures provided for in the RI Bylaws
39 as the exclusive method of contesting the right to an elective office or the results
40 of an election. When a club or Rotarian bypasses the remedies provided for in
41 the RI Bylaws by initiating legal action prior to completing the election review

- 1 procedures, this proposed enactment would allow the RI Board to suspend or
2 terminate a club that either sues RI or The Rotary Foundation, or has a member
3 that sues RI or The Rotary Foundation including their directors, trustees, officers
4 and employees.
5
6 In addition, the proposal would remove the references to governor elections and
7 allow the RI Board to act for any repeated election complaints from a district.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 8 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

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|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted | <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended | <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-82

To remove the distinction between traditional clubs and e-clubs

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Kushiro, District 2500, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2500 through an annual district conference, Obihiro, Hokkaido, Japan, 10 October 2014

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

in article 1 (page 131 MOP)

Article 1 Definitions

As used in the bylaws, unless the context otherwise clearly requires, the words in this article shall have the following meanings:

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Board: | The Board of Directors of Rotary International. |
| 2. Club: | A Rotary club. |
| 3. Constitutional documents: | The Rotary International constitution and bylaws and the standard Rotary club constitution. |
| 4. E club: | A Rotary club that meets through electronic communications. |
| 5. 4. Governor: | The governor of a Rotary district. |
| 6. 5. Member: | A member, other than an honorary member, of a Rotary club. |
| 7. 6. RI: | Rotary International. |
| 8. 7. RIBI: | The administrative territorial unit of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. |
| 9. 8. Satellite club: | A potential club whose members shall also be members of the sponsor club. |
| 10. 9. Year: | The twelve-month period which begins on 1 July. |

and in article 2 (page 131 MOP)

Article 2 Membership in Rotary International

2.010. Application for Membership in RI.

A club seeking admission to membership in RI shall apply to the board. The application shall be accompanied by the admission fee as determined by the board. The fee shall be in US currency or equivalent currency of the country in which the club is located. Membership shall become effective on the date such application is approved by the board.

~~2.010.1. E Clubs.~~

~~The board shall assign each e club to a district.~~

1 **2.020. Locality of a Club.**

2 A club may be organized in a locality which contains the minimum number of
3 classifications for organizing a new club. A club may be organized in the same
4 locality as one or more existing clubs. The locality of a club that conducts
5 interactive activities on the club's website once each week or during the week(s)
6 chosen in advance shall be worldwide or as otherwise determined by the club
7 board.

8
9 ~~**2.030. Locality of an E Club.**~~

10 ~~The locality of an e club shall be worldwide or as otherwise determined by the~~
11 ~~club board.~~

12
13 (Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

14
15 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
16
17 *in article 2 (page 197 MOP)*

18
19 **Article 2 Name (select one)**

20 ☐ The name of this organization shall be Rotary Club of _____

21 _____
22 (Member of Rotary International)

23
24 ~~or~~

25
26 ☐ ~~The name of this organization shall be Rotary E Club of _____~~

27 _____
28 ~~(Member of Rotary International)~~

- 29
30 (a) The name of a satellite of this club (when applicable) shall be Rotary
31 Satellite Club of _____
32 (A satellite of Rotary Club of _____)

33
34 *and in article 3 (page 197 MOP)*

35
36 **Article 3 Locality of the Club (select one)**

37 ☐ The locality of this club is as follows: _____

38
39 _____
40
41 ~~or~~

42
43 ☐ ~~The locality of this e club is (worldwide) _____ and can be~~
44 ~~found on the web at: www. _____~~

45
46
47 *and in article 6 (pages 198-199 MOP)*

1 ~~(Select one Article 6)~~

2
3 ☐ **Article 6 Meetings**

4 **Section 1 — Regular Meetings.**

- 5 (a) *Day and Time.* This club shall hold a regular meeting once each week on
6 the day and at the time provided in the bylaws or hold a meeting once each
7 week or during the week(s) chosen in advance by posting an interactive
8 activity on the club's website. The latter type of meeting shall be considered
9 as held on the day that the interactive activity is to be posted on the
10 website.
- 11 (b) *Change of Meeting.* For good cause, the board may change a regular
12 meeting to any day during the period commencing with the day following
13 the preceding regular meeting and ending with the day preceding the next
14 regular meeting, or to a different hour of the regular day, or to a different
15 place.
- 16 (c) *Cancellation.* The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal
17 holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or in case of the death of
18 a club member, or of an epidemic or of a disaster affecting the whole
19 community, or of an armed conflict in the community which endangers the
20 lives of the club members. The board may cancel not more than four
21 regular meetings in a year for causes not otherwise specified herein
22 provided that this club does not fail to meet for more than three
23 consecutive meetings.
- 24 (d) *Satellite Club Meeting (When Applicable).* If provided in the bylaws, a
25 satellite club shall hold regular weekly meetings at a place and at a time and
26 day decided by its members. The day, time and place of the meeting may be
27 changed in a similar way to that provided for the club's regular meetings in
28 section 1(b) of this article. A satellite club meeting may be cancelled for any
29 of the reasons enumerated in section 1(c) of this article. Voting procedures
30 shall be as provided in the bylaws.

31 **Section 2 — Annual Meeting.**

- 32 (e) An annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held not later than 31
33 December as provided in the bylaws.
- 34 (f) A satellite club (when applicable) shall hold an annual meeting of its
35 members before 31 December to elect officers for the general governance of
36 the satellite club.

37
38 or

39
40 ☐ ~~**Article 6 Meetings (for e Clubs)**~~

41 ~~**Section 1 — Regular Meetings.**~~

- 42 ~~(a) *Day.* This club shall hold a regular meeting once each week by posting an~~
43 ~~interactive activity on the club's website on the day provided in the bylaws.~~
44 ~~The meeting shall be considered as held on the day that the interactive~~
45 ~~activity is to be posted on the website.~~
- 46 ~~(b) *Change of Meeting.* For good cause, the board may change a regular~~
47 ~~meeting to any day during the period commencing with the day following~~

1 the preceding regular meeting and ending with the day preceding the next
2 regular meeting.
3 ~~(e) Cancellation.~~ The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal
4 holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or in case of the death
5 of a club member, or of an epidemic or of a disaster affecting the whole
6 community, or of an armed conflict in the community which endangers the
7 lives of the club members.
8 The board may cancel not more than four regular meetings in a year for
9 causes not otherwise specified herein provided that this club does not fail to
10 meet for more than three consecutive meetings.

11 **Section 2 — Annual Meeting.** An annual meeting for the election of officers
12 shall be held not later than 31 December as provided in the bylaws.

13
14 and in article 9 (page 202 MOP)

15
16 **Article 9 Attendance**

17
18 ~~(Select one introductory paragraph to Section 1)~~

19
20 ☐ **Section 1 — General Provisions.** Each member should attend this club's
21 regular meetings, or satellite club's regular meetings if provided in the bylaws,
22 and engage in this club's service projects, other events and activities. A member
23 shall be counted as attending a regular meeting if the member is present for at
24 least 60 percent of the meeting, or is present and is called away unexpectedly
25 and subsequently produces evidence to the satisfaction of the board that such
26 action was reasonable, or participates in the regular meeting posted on the
27 club's website within one week following its posting, or makes up for an absence
28 in any of the following ways:

29
30 or

31
32 ☐ ~~**Section 1 (for e Clubs) — General Provisions.** Each member should attend~~
33 ~~this club's regular meetings. A member shall be counted as attending a regular~~
34 ~~meeting if the member participates in the regular meeting posted on the club's~~
35 ~~website within one week following its posting, or makes up a missed meeting in~~
36 ~~any of the following ways:~~

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

37 This enactment would allow traditional clubs to have weekly meetings online
38 occasionally and e-clubs to have weekly meetings in person as well as online.

1 Traditional clubs could have more flexibility in managing weekly meetings, while
2 e-clubs could have opportunities to meet face-to-face, furthering fellowship,
3 which can lead to strengthening clubs.

4
5 This amendment will eliminate the distinction between traditional clubs and
6 e-clubs. Therefore, the references to e-clubs should be removed from the RI
7 Bylaws and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Adopting this new way to
8 structure weekly meetings will offer new possibilities for Rotary clubs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

9 This enactment could potentially result in an increase in revenues for RI if there
10 is an increase in membership or membership retention due to greater flexibility
11 for current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-83

To provide for a minimum number of charter members for new clubs

Proposer(s): District 2840, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2840 through a district resolutions meeting, Maebashi, Gunma, Japan, 26 October 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 131 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 2 Membership in Rotary International**

4

5 **2.010. Application for Membership in RI.**

6 A club seeking admission to membership in RI shall apply to the board. The
7 application shall be accompanied by the admission fee as determined by the
8 board. The fee shall be in US currency or equivalent currency of the country in
9 which the club is located. Membership shall become effective on the date such
10 application is approved by the board.

11

12 2.010.2. New Clubs.

13 The minimum number of charter members for a new club shall be 20.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

14 The purpose of this enactment is to amend the RI Bylaws to set forth the
15 minimum number of charter members for a new club. Article 18.040.5. of the
16 Rotary Code of Policies states: "The minimum number of charter members for a
17 new club shall be 20 ..." This enactment seeks to reflect this provision in the RI
18 Bylaws and clearly indicate the charter member requirement for establishing a
19 new club.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

20 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI. The current
21 Rotary Code of Policies Article 18.040.5. states: "The minimum number of charter
22 members for a new club shall be 20 unless there are special and sufficient reasons
23 for the Board to waive this requirement." This enactment would incorporate this
24 requirement into the RI Bylaws.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-84

To revise the Board's authority to change district boundaries

Proposer(s): District 6040, USA

Endorsed by: District 6040 through an annual district conference, Kansas City, Missouri, USA, 8 November 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 178 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 15 Districts**

4

5 **15.010. How Established.**

6 The board is authorized to group the clubs into districts. The president shall
7 promulgate a list of such districts and their boundaries. Such action shall be at
8 the direction of the board. The board may assign an e-club to any district without
9 regard to the boundaries of such district.

10

11 15.010.1. Eliminating and Changing Boundaries.

12 The board may eliminate or change the boundaries of any district with fewer than
13 ~~33 clubs~~ more than 100 clubs or fewer than 1,100 Rotarians, and in conjunction
14 with any such change, the board may move the clubs from such districts into
15 adjacent districts. The board also may merge such districts with other districts or
16 divide the districts. ~~No~~ Otherwise, no change shall be made to the boundaries of
17 any district with ~~33 or more clubs and 1,100 or more Rotarians~~ over the objection
18 of a majority of the total number of clubs in the district. The board may eliminate
19 or change the boundaries of a district only after consulting with and providing
20 reasonable opportunity for the governors and clubs of the districts involved to
21 provide a recommendation on the proposed change. The board shall take into
22 account geographical boundaries, potential for district growth, and cultural,
23 economic, language, and other relevant factors. The board shall establish
24 procedures as to administration, leadership and representation for future or
25 merged districts.

(Subsequent subsections will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

26 This enactment seeks to facilitate the realignment of clubs in undersized and
27 oversized districts. Currently, the RI Board may eliminate or change the
28 boundaries of undersized districts, but it cannot relocate the clubs from the
29 undersized districts into adjacent districts. This proposal will enable the RI

1 Board to move the clubs in undersized districts into adjoining districts. It also
2 will permit the board to merge the undersized districts with other districts and to
3 divide the oversized districts.
4
5 The proposal also will eliminate the minimum number of clubs now used to
6 determine undersized districts, and it will rely solely on the minimum number of
7 1,100 members as now provided in the RI Bylaws to determine undersized
8 districts.
9
10 The proposal also will add a maximum number of 100 clubs to determine
11 oversized districts. It does not mandate that such oversized districts be divided
12 or reduced in size, but it will give the RI Board the authority to reduce the
13 districts in size whenever practical.
14
15 Districts below the prescribed minimum size of 1,100 members are often not
16 efficient or effective, but they require almost as much financial support as large
17 districts. As a result, the RI Board usually refrains from splitting oversized
18 districts unless two smaller districts can be merged due to the high cost of an
19 increase in the total number of districts.
20
21 Similarly, very large districts are often difficult to operate effectively due to the
22 large number of clubs to be visited and counseled by the governors. They are
23 daunting challenges to the governors, and many Rotarians are unable to accept
24 the task of serving as the governors in such oversized districts.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

25 This enactment could have a financial impact on RI which cannot be determined
26 at this time. The estimated average RI cost per district is US\$40,000, which is
27 primarily driven by the district governor training at the International Assembly,
28 district governor funding and administrative support. Currently, there are 29
29 districts with more than 100 clubs and 21 districts with fewer than 1,100
30 members that could be impacted. An increase or decrease in expenses would be
31 contingent upon the change in the number of districts.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-85

To revise the Board's authority to change district boundaries

Proposer(s): District 6190, USA

Endorsed by: District 6190 through an annual district conference, Vidalia, Louisiana, USA, 14-16 November 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 178 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 15 Districts**

4

5 **15.010. How Established.**

6 The board is authorized to group the clubs into districts. The president shall
7 promulgate a list of such districts and their boundaries. Such action shall be at
8 the direction of the board. The board may assign an e-club to any district without
9 regard to the boundaries of such district. The board may eliminate or change the
10 boundaries of any district with fewer than ~~33~~ 30 clubs ~~or fewer than~~ and 1,100
11 Rotarians. No change shall be made to the boundaries of any district with ~~33~~ 30
12 or more clubs and 1,100 or more Rotarians over the objection of a majority of the
13 total number of clubs in the district. The board may eliminate or change the
14 boundaries of a district only after consulting with and providing reasonable
15 opportunity for the governors and clubs of the districts involved to provide a
16 recommendation on the proposed change. The board shall take into account
17 geographical boundaries, potential for district growth, and cultural, economic,
18 language, and other relevant factors. The board shall establish procedures as to
19 administration, leadership and representation for future or merged districts.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

20 The current policies of RI favor larger districts with more clubs and members for
21 easier administration. Mandating that a district could lose its status by falling
22 below 33 clubs seems to be the wrong focus given the trend by RI. Fewer clubs
23 would also provide easier administration, as long as the number of Rotarians in a
24 district remains at the proper level. The proposed enactment by District 6190
25 allows for fewer clubs in a district as long as the level of Rotarians is 1,100 or
26 higher. This proposed change would allow more rural areas to keep districts with
27 fewer than 33 clubs as long as the individual membership remains at the proper
28 levels. The proposed enactment merely goes back to the number of clubs that
29 used to be required to keep a district intact so that the change has minimal
30 impact and meets the purpose of RI in easing administration of districts and
31 clubs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 This enactment could result in an increase in expenses for RI which cannot be
2 determined at this time. Expenses for RI could increase as a few of the smaller
3 districts would not be eligible to be merged under this proposal. As of April 2015,
4 there are three districts with fewer than 30 clubs and 21 districts with fewer than
5 1,100 members; however, there is only one district with fewer than 30 clubs and
6 1,100 members.
7
8 The estimated average RI cost per district is US\$40,000, primarily driven by the
9 district governor training at the International Assembly, district governor
10 funding and administrative support.

VOTE TOTALS

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_____ no

RESULT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted | <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended | <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-86

To provide when districts and their boundaries are established

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Santiago del Estero, District 4849, Argentina

Endorsed by: District 4849 through an annual district conference, Tucumán, Tucumán, Argentina, 24 May 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 178 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 15 Districts**

4

5 **15.010. How Established.**

6 The board is authorized to group the clubs into districts. The president shall
7 promulgate a list of such districts and their boundaries. Such action shall be at
8 the direction of the board. The board may assign an e-club to any district without
9 regard to the boundaries of such district. The board may eliminate or change the
10 boundaries of any district with fewer than 33 clubs or fewer than 1,100 Rotarians.
11 No change shall be made to the boundaries of any district with 33 or more clubs
12 and 1,100 or more Rotarians over the objection of a majority of the total number
13 of clubs in the district. The board may eliminate or change the boundaries of a
14 district only after consulting with and providing reasonable opportunity for the
15 governors and clubs of the districts involved to provide a recommendation on the
16 proposed change. The board shall take into account geographical boundaries,
17 potential for district growth, and cultural, economic, language, and other relevant
18 factors. Any decision by the board to eliminate or change district boundaries
19 shall not be effective for at least two years. The board shall establish procedures
20 as to administration, leadership and representation for future or merged districts.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

21 The purpose of this enactment is for the RI Board to complete all redistricting
22 processes at least 24 months before they go into effect. This would give the new
23 districts enough time to elect their leaders and strengthen their leadership in
24 order to avoid unexpected and unwelcome situations that could impact clubs and
25 Rotarians alike.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

26 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-87

To allow districts to add a geographical name to their district number

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Kushiro, District 2500, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2500 through an annual district conference, Obihiro, Hokkaido, Japan, 10 October 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 178 MOP)*

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3 **Article 15 Districts**

4

5 **15.010. How Established.**

6

7 15.010.2. District Identifier.

8 Each district is identified with a district number assigned by the board. A district
9 may add a geographical name, such as a country, state, prefecture, or region, as
10 an identifier to the assigned district number upon approval by a majority of the
11 clubs in the district at the district conference or the district resolutions meeting.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

12 This enactment would add a district identifier which would be included as an
13 additional subsection of section 15.010. of the RI Bylaws. Oftentimes, it is
14 difficult to find the locality of other districts using only district numbers. Adding
15 a geographical identifier to the district number will help promote interaction and
16 better understanding among the districts. RI can continue to use only district
17 numbers for its internal administrative processes and should experience no
18 complication or confusion as a result of this amendment.

19

20 This should not be mandatory; it is up to the clubs in a district, which may cover
21 several countries or geographical areas, whether to include the identifier or not.
22 It can also be modified annually.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

23 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI assuming RI is
24 not required to include and maintain the district identifier in publications and
25 systems.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-88

To revise the provisions for a district to adopt its annual statement

Proposer(s): District 3010, India

Endorsed by: District 3010 through a ballot-by-mail, 11 December 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 181-182*
2 *MOP)*

3 4 **Article 15 Districts**

5 6 **15.060. District Finances.**

7 8 **15.060.4. Annual Statement and Report of District Finances.**

9 The governor must provide an annual statement and report of the district
10 finances that has been independently reviewed to each club in the district within
11 three months of the completion of the governor's year in office. It may be
12 reviewed either by a qualified accountant or by a district audit committee as may
13 be decided by the district conference. If an audit committee approach is selected,
14 then it must:

- 15 (a) be composed of at least three members;
- 16 (b) have all the members be active Rotarians;
- 17 (c) have at least one member who is a past governor or a person with audit
18 experience;
- 19 (d) not allow the following to serve on the audit committee for the year in
20 which they serve in these positions: governor, treasurer, signatories of
21 district bank accounts, and members of the finance committee; and
- 22 (e) have the members selected by the district in accordance with the
23 procedures established by the district.

24
25 This annual statement and report shall include but not be limited to details of:

- 26 (a) all sources of the district's funds (RI, The Rotary Foundation, district and
27 club);
- 28 (b) all funds received by or on behalf of the district from fundraising activities;
- 29 (c) grants received from The Rotary Foundation or funds of The Rotary
30 Foundation designated by the district for use;
- 31 (d) all financial transactions of district committees;
- 32 (e) all financial transactions of the governor by or on behalf of the district;
- 33 (f) all expenditures of the district's funds; and
- 34 (g) all funds received by the governor from RI.

35 The annual statement and report shall be presented for discussion and adoption
36 at the next district meeting to which all clubs are entitled to send a representative
37 and for which 30 days notice has been given that the statement and report of
38 district finances will be presented. If no such district meeting is held, the

1 statement and report shall be presented for discussion and adoption at the next
2 district conference. If the statement is not adopted after presentation, it shall be
3 discussed and adopted within three months of the conclusion of the district
4 conference at the next district meeting to which all clubs are entitled to send a
5 representative and for which 30 days notice has been given that the statement
6 and report of district finances will be presented. If a district meeting does not
7 take place, the governor shall conduct a ballot-by-mail within 60 days thereafter.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

8 The purpose of this enactment is to bring stewardship into district finances and
9 have the annual statement actually adopted, in case of questions on it, at the
10 conference.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

11 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-89

To sanction those who improperly administer the district fund

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Mangalore North, District 3180, India

Endorsed by: District 3180 through a ballot-by-mail, 27 December 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 180 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 15 Districts**

4

5 **15.060. District Finances.**

6

7 15.060.1. *District Fund.*

8 Each district may establish a fund to be called "The District Fund" for financing
9 district-sponsored projects and the administration and development of Rotary in
10 the district. The District Fund shall be established by resolution of the district
11 conference. Any person who fails to fulfill financial requirements, including
12 improperly administering the district fund or failing to comply with subsection
13 15.060.4., shall be prohibited from holding any office until financial irregularities
14 are resolved within the district.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

15 RI provides clear guidance on how district finances should be managed by district
16 leaders. In recent years, however, it has been observed that district leaders are
17 not properly following financial procedures. Nor is there any transparency in the
18 maintenance of financial information so as to ensure that it is in compliance with
19 local and national financial laws. The fact is that, in District 3180, the annual
20 statement and report of district finances, such as the district fund account and
21 the fund received by the governor from RI for the year 2011-2012, have not been
22 presented for discussion in any of the district forums, and were passed even after
23 the lapse of three years. Further, Rotary leaders have failed to comply with the
24 rules prescribed for forming the finance committee to date. The Rotary Code of
25 Ethics requires governors and other district leaders to adhere to financial
26 discipline as prescribed in the *Manual of Procedure* and Rotary Code of Policies
27 in order to promote transparency of financial management and also in providing
28 financial information. Further, they are expected to ensure compliance with all
29 local and national laws relating to financial management, and when they fail to
30 do so, no disciplinary action is prescribed in the *Manual of Procedure*. But in the
31 case of clubs, if there is any financial irregularity, such as untimely payment of
32 district, magazine, or membership dues to RI, the club is suspended or

- 1 terminated and is not allowed to participate in the governor selection process.
- 2 This enactment would bring such discipline to district leaders as well.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 3 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

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RESULT

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NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-90

To provide for a membership committee of RI

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 185-186*
2 *MOP)*

3 4 **Article 16 Committees**

5 6 **16.040. Special Committees.**

7 The provisions of sections 16.010.-16.030. do not apply to any nominating
8 committee or any committee formed under sections 16.100. - ~~16.120~~ 16.130.

9 10 **16.100. Membership Committee.**

11 The board shall appoint a membership committee to be composed of at least
12 eight members, appointed for at least three-year terms, on a staggered basis, with
13 the ability for reappointment.

14 15 **Interim Provision Relating to Section 16.100.**

16 Amendments to section 16.100. adopted at the 2016 Council on Legislation
17 pursuant to council enactment 16-90 shall be implemented by the board in a
18 manner it deems appropriate.

(Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

19 This enactment seeks to establish a special committee for membership to provide
20 continuity of leadership, guidance, and strategic responsibility over all
21 membership development, retention, and education. In light of the
22 organization's annual change of leadership and goals, a special committee for
23 membership with staggered, multi-year terms will help institutionalize a
24 commitment to long-term membership sustainability and growth.

25
26 With the proclamation by the RI Board in October 2013 that membership growth
27 is the organization's first priority after the eradication of polio, the RI Board
28 submits this legislation to strengthen the role of the membership committee and
29 ensure continuity in its composition.

- 1 A special committee for membership shall provide guidance and advice to the RI
2 Board on matters related to developing programs to attract new members,
3 educating, engaging, and retaining existing members, and encouraging the
4 creation and support of new Rotary clubs in current Rotary countries.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 5 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI. A Membership
6 Committee has been frequently appointed since 1997-1998. Expenses for this
7 committee in 2013-2014 were US\$52,000.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended | <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-91

To amend the terms of reference for the Audit Committee

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 186-187*
2 *MOP)*

3 4 **Article 16 Committees**

5 6 **16.110. Audit Committee.**

7 The board shall appoint an audit committee to be composed of seven members,
8 each of whom shall be independent and financially literate. The members of the
9 committee shall include ~~three~~ two current members of the board appointed
10 annually by the board and ~~two current trustees~~ one current trustee of The Rotary
11 Foundation appointed annually by the trustees. In addition, the committee shall
12 include ~~two~~ four members appointed by the board who shall be neither members
13 of the board nor trustees of The Rotary Foundation, and who shall serve single
14 terms of six years ~~with one member appointed every third year~~. The audit
15 committee shall review and report to the board as appropriate on RI and The
16 Rotary Foundation financial reports, the external audit, the system of internal
17 control, internal audit, and other matters connected therewith. The committee
18 shall meet up to three times per year at such times and places and upon such
19 notice as may be determined by the president, the board, or the chairman of the
20 committee, and, if deemed necessary by the president or the chairman of the
21 committee, additional times during the year at such times and places and upon
22 such notice as may be determined by the president or the chairman of the
23 committee. The chairman of the operations review committee or the chairman's
24 designee shall serve as a liaison to the committee. The committee, which shall act
25 only in an advisory capacity to the board and trustees, shall function under such
26 terms of reference not in conflict with the provisions of this section, as may be
27 prescribed by the board and trustees.

28 29 Interim Provision Relating to Section 16.110.

30 From the effective date of 1 July 2016, one additional non-director/non-trustee
31 member shall serve a six-year term beginning 1 July 2017 and one additional
32 non-director/non-trustee member shall serve a six-year term beginning 1 July
33 2018.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 This proposed enactment seeks to modify the composition of the Audit
2 Committee as designed in the RI Bylaws. Approval of this enactment will result
3 in an increase in the number of non-director, non-Trustee members from two to
4 four. This will enhance the continuity of the committee from year to year by the
5 non-director, non-Trustee serving a single term of six years with no more than
6 two members appointed in any year and provide greater opportunity for
7 members with special expertise. In an effort to minimize any increase in
8 expenses of the committee due to the change in terms of reference, this proposal
9 also includes decreasing the number of director members from three to two and
10 decreasing the number of Trustee members from two to one.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

11 This enactment could potentially result in a decrease in expenses for RI and The
12 Rotary Foundation. If the Audit Committee includes four non-director, non-
13 Trustee members instead of two non-director, non-Trustee members, there could
14 potentially be savings in airfare expenses estimated at US\$24,000 if non-
15 directors, non-Trustees travel in economy class.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-92

To amend the terms of reference for the Audit Committee and to eliminate the Operations Review Committee

Proposer(s): District 6080, USA

Endorsed by: District 6080 through an annual district conference, Jefferson City, Missouri, USA, 1 November 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 185-187*
2 *MOP)*

3 4 **Article 16 Committees**

5 6 **16.040. Special Committees.**

7 The provisions of sections 16.010.-16.030. do not apply to any nominating
8 committee or any committee formed under sections 16.100.- ~~16.120.~~ 16.110.
9

10 **16.110. Audit and Operations Review Committee.**

11 The board shall appoint an audit and operations review committee to be
12 composed of seven members, each of whom shall be independent and financially
13 literate. The members of the committee shall include three current members of
14 the board appointed annually by the board and two current trustees of The
15 Rotary Foundation appointed annually by the trustees. In addition, the
16 committee shall include two members appointed by the board who shall be
17 neither members of the board nor trustees of The Rotary Foundation, and who
18 shall serve single terms of six years with one member appointed every third year.
19 The audit committee shall review and report to the board as appropriate on RI
20 and Rotary Foundation financial reports, the external audit, the system of
21 internal control, internal audit, operational matters, and other matters connected
22 therewith. The committee shall meet up to three times per year at such times and
23 places and upon such notice as may be determined by the president, the board, or
24 the chairman of the committee, and, if deemed necessary by the president or the
25 chairman of the committee, additional times during the year at such times and
26 places and upon such notice as may be determined by the president or the
27 chairman of the committee. ~~The chairman of the operations review committee or~~
28 ~~the chairman's designee shall serve as a liaison to the committee.~~ The committee,
29 which shall act only in an advisory capacity to the board and trustees, shall
30 function under such terms of reference not in conflict with the provisions of this
31 section, as may be prescribed by the board and trustees.
32

33 ~~**16.120. Operations Review Committee.**~~

34 ~~The board shall appoint an operations review committee to be composed of six~~
35 ~~members, each of whom shall serve a single term not exceeding six years with one~~
36 ~~member appointed every year as appropriate to maintain a committee of six~~

1 ~~members. No member of the committee shall be a past president or current~~
2 ~~member of the board or The Rotary Foundation trustees. Membership shall be~~
3 ~~selected so that qualifications provide a balance in membership with Rotarians~~
4 ~~experienced in management, leadership development, or financial management.~~
5 ~~The committee shall meet at such times and places and upon such notice as may~~
6 ~~be determined by the president or the board. As deemed necessary by the board~~
7 ~~or the president, the operations review committee may review operational~~
8 ~~matters, including but not limited to the effectiveness and efficiency of~~
9 ~~operations, administrative procedures, standards of conduct, and other~~
10 ~~operational matters as necessary. The committee, which shall act only in an~~
11 ~~advisory capacity to the board, shall function under such terms of reference not~~
12 ~~in conflict with the provisions of this section, as may be prescribed by the board.~~
13 ~~The operations review committee shall report directly to the full board.~~

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

14 This proposal seeks to merge together the Audit Committee and the Operations
15 Review Committee. The functions of the committees are similar and in today's
16 modern world it is common for audit committees to review not only financial
17 matters for an organization, but also the methods of operation for an
18 organization. This move makes sense in order to better conform our committee
19 structure with the modern business world and to avoid duplication of effort. Just
20 as important is the significant cost savings arrived at by merging the two
21 committees into one.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

22 This enactment could potentially result in a decrease in expenses for RI if there is
23 a merged Audit and Operations review committee consisting of seven members.
24 The decrease in expenses would depend on the number of meetings per year and
25 duration of those meetings.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-93

To amend the terms of reference for the Strategic Planning Committee

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 186 MOP)*

2 3 **Article 16 Committees**

4 5 **16.100. Strategic Planning Committee.**

6 The board and trustees of The Rotary Foundation shall appoint a strategic
7 planning committee to be composed of ~~six members, four of whom shall serve a~~
8 ~~single term for a six year period with two members appointed every third year~~
9 ~~and two of whom shall be members of the board appointed annually~~ eight
10 members who shall be neither members of the board nor trustees of The Rotary
11 Foundation and who shall serve four-year terms with two members appointed
12 each year. Four of the members shall be appointed by the board and four of the
13 members shall be appointed by the trustees of The Rotary Foundation. One
14 member shall be appointed annually by the board and one member shall be
15 appointed annually by the trustees. No member of the committee shall be a past
16 president. Membership shall be selected so that qualifications provide a balance
17 in membership with Rotarians experienced in long-term planning, RI and/or The
18 Rotary Foundation programs and activities, and financial management. The
19 committee shall meet at such times and places and upon such notice as may be
20 determined by the president, ~~or the board,~~ the chair of The Rotary Foundation or
21 the trustees of The Rotary Foundation. The strategic planning committee shall
22 develop, recommend and update a strategic plan for consideration by the board
23 and trustees, survey Rotarians and clubs not less than every three years in
24 discharge of its duties to review and make recommendations to the board and
25 trustees pertaining to the strategic plan and undertake other duties assigned by
26 the board and trustees; ~~it shall take into account studies of the change in the~~
27 ~~number of potential Rotarians on each continent, including in countries that may~~
28 ~~open soon to expansion, in order to predict the impact of such change on the~~
29 ~~membership in each zone.~~ The chair and vice chair of the committee shall be
30 jointly appointed by the president and chair of The Rotary Foundation. Members
31 may be reappointed.

32 33 Interim Provision Relating to Section 16.100.

34 Amendments to section 16.100. adopted at the 2016 Council on Legislation
35 pursuant to council enactment 16-93 shall be implemented by the board in a
36 manner it deems appropriate.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 This proposed enactment seeks to modify the composition of the Strategic
2 Planning Committee. Approval of this enactment will result in the formalization
3 of a joint RI and Rotary Foundation committee of eight members and a reduction
4 in the term length of non-board members from six years to four years with two
5 members appointed annually instead of triennially. This proposal will ensure
6 equal representation of RI and Rotary Foundation programs and activities in the
7 strategic planning function of the organization without establishing a separate
8 Foundation planning committee. This proposal will also allow for each incoming
9 RI president and Rotary Foundation chair to have at least one appointment to
10 this committee while maintaining continuity. This proposal would also allow
11 subgroups of the committee to meet separately to plan and discuss issues specific
12 to RI or The Rotary Foundation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

13 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI or The Rotary
14 Foundation.
15
16 In 2014-2015, the Strategic Planning Committee operated with eight members:
17 four members-at-large, two members from the RI Board, and two Trustee
18 liaisons. Average meeting expenses will not be impacted by this enactment
19 because the committee will continue to have eight members.
20
21 Expenses for this committee in 2014-2015 were US\$36,000. Total expenses
22 would depend on the number of meetings per year, the duration of the meetings,
23 and committee appointments.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-94

To amend the terms of reference for the Strategic Planning Committee

Proposer(s): District 6080, USA

Endorsed by: District 6080 through an annual district conference, Jefferson City, Missouri, USA, 1 November 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 186 MOP)*

2 3 **Article 16 Committees**

4 5 **16.100. Strategic Planning Committee.**

6 The board shall appoint a strategic planning committee to be composed of six
7 members, ~~four of whom shall serve a single term for a six year period with two~~
8 ~~members appointed every third year and two of whom shall be members of the~~
9 ~~board appointed annually. No member of the committee shall be a past president~~
10 ~~with staggered four-year terms.~~ Membership shall be selected so that
11 qualifications provide a balance in membership with Rotarians and others
12 experienced in long-term planning, RI and/or Rotary Foundation programs and
13 activities, and financial management. The committee shall meet at such times
14 and places and upon such notice as may be determined by the president or the
15 board. The strategic planning committee shall develop, recommend and update a
16 strategic plan for consideration by the board, survey Rotarians and clubs not less
17 than every three years in discharge of its duties to review and make
18 recommendations to the board pertaining to the strategic plan and undertake
19 other duties assigned by the board; ~~it shall take into account studies of the change~~
20 ~~in the number of potential Rotarians on each continent, including in countries~~
21 ~~that may open soon to expansion, in order to predict the impact of such change~~
22 ~~on the membership in each zone.~~ The strategic planning committee shall
23 cooperate and collaborate with the strategic planning committee, or similar
24 planning committee, of The Rotary Foundation, and if the RI board and The
25 Rotary Foundation trustees concur, then a joint strategic planning committee
26 may be established to serve Rotary.

27 28 Interim Provision Relating to Section 16.100.

29 Amendments to section 16.100. adopted at the 2016 Council on Legislation
30 pursuant to council enactment 16-94 shall be implemented by the board in a
31 manner it deems appropriate.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 This proposal seeks to modify the make-up of the Strategic Planning Committee,
2 to define the qualification for membership on the committee and to encourage
3 cooperation and collaboration between any strategic planning committee for The
4 Rotary Foundation and this committee. Our organization must have a true vision
5 of how we move forward. In order to plan properly, we need qualified candidates
6 on the Strategic Planning Committee. Finally, we need the two entities more and
7 more to move forward with a unified vision and to work together to shape the
8 future of our organization.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

9 This enactment is unlikely to have a substantial financial impact on RI or The
10 Rotary Foundation.

11
12 In 2014-2015, the Strategic Planning Committee operated with eight members:
13 four members-at-large, two members from the RI Board, and two Trustee
14 liaisons.

15
16 Expenses for this committee in 2014-2015 were US\$36,000. Total expenses
17 would depend on the number of meetings per year, the duration of the meetings,
18 and committee appointments. Expenses could increase if there are additional
19 meetings required to facilitate cooperation and collaboration with a committee of
20 The Rotary Foundation.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-95

To amend the terms of reference for the Strategic Planning Committee

Proposer(s): District 9520, Australia

Endorsed by: District 9520 through a ballot-by-mail, 13 November 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 186 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 16 Committees**

4

5 **16.100. Strategic Planning Committee.**

6 The board shall appoint a strategic planning committee to be composed of ~~six~~
7 eight members, four of whom shall serve a single term for a six-year period with
8 two members appointed every third year and two of whom shall be members of
9 the board appointed annually. In addition to the six members appointed by the
10 board, two members will be appointed annually by the board of trustees of The
11 Rotary Foundation. No member of the committee shall be a past president.
12 Membership shall be selected so that qualifications provide a balance in
13 membership with Rotarians experienced in long-term planning, RI programs and
14 activities, and financial management. The committee shall meet at such times
15 and places and upon such notice as may be determined by the president or the
16 board. The strategic planning committee shall develop, recommend and update a
17 strategic plan for consideration by the board, survey Rotarians and clubs not less
18 than every three years in discharge of its duties to review and make
19 recommendations to the board pertaining to the strategic plan and undertake
20 other duties assigned by the board; it shall take into account studies of the change
21 in the number of potential Rotarians on each continent, including in countries
22 that may open soon to expansion, in order to predict the impact of such change
23 on the membership in each zone.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

24 This proposal seeks to modify the make-up of the Strategic Planning Committee
25 to add two trustees as members of the committee. This will assure that the board
26 and the trustees work together to shape the future of our organization and that
27 we have a unified strategy for the entire organization.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI or The Rotary
2 Foundation.
3
4 In 2014-2015, the Strategic Planning Committee operated with eight members:
5 four members-at-large, two members from the RI Board, and two Trustee
6 liaisons. This enactment would make the two Trustee liaisons voting members
7 on this committee. Average meeting expenses will not be impacted because the
8 committee will continue to have eight members.
9
10 Expenses for this committee in 2014-2015 were US\$36,000. Total expenses
11 would depend on the number of meetings per year, the duration of the meetings,
12 and committee appointments.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted | <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended | <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-96

To amend the subscription requirements for the Rotary magazine and regional magazines

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 193 MOP)*

2 3 **Article 20 Official Magazine**

4 5 **20.030. Subscription to Magazines.**

6 7 **20.030.1. Required Subscription.**

8 Each member of a club not located in the United States or Canada and each
9 member of an e-club shall become a paid subscriber to the official magazine of RI
10 or to a Rotary magazine approved and prescribed for that club by the board. Two
11 Rotarians residing at the same address have the option to subscribe jointly to the
12 official magazine or the Rotary magazine approved and prescribed by the board
13 for their club or clubs. The members shall maintain such subscriptions for the
14 duration of their membership. Each member shall have the option to choose to
15 receive either a printed copy by mail or an electronic copy via the internet where
16 available.

17 18 **20.030.2. Exceptions to Subscription Requirement.**

19 ~~A club may be excused by the board from complying with the provisions of this~~
20 ~~section if its members are not literate in any of the languages of the official~~
21 ~~magazine or the Rotary magazine approved by the board for such club. The board~~
22 may excuse clubs from the subscription requirement as it deems necessary.

23
24 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
25 *(page 209 MOP)*

26 27 **Article 14 Rotary Magazines**

28 **Section 1 — Mandatory Subscription.** Unless, in accordance with the bylaws of
29 RI, this club is excused by the board of directors of RI from complying with the
30 provisions of this article, each member shall, for the duration of membership,
31 subscribe to the official magazine or to the magazine approved and prescribed
32 for this club by the board of directors of RI. Two Rotarians residing at the same
33 address have the option to subscribe jointly to the official magazine or the
34 Rotary magazine approved and prescribed by the board for their club or clubs.

1 The subscription shall be paid in six (6) month periods for the duration of
2 membership in this club and to the end of any six (6) month period during
3 which membership may terminate.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

4 This proposed enactment will allow two Rotarians residing at the same address to
5 subscribe jointly to a regional Rotary magazine. Currently, joint subscriptions
6 are only available to subscribers to *The Rotarian* magazine. This change will
7 treat all Rotarians fairly with regard to magazine subscriptions. The proposed
8 changes will also simplify the process by which clubs may be excused from the
9 subscription requirement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

10 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI. RI receives
11 revenue only from *The Rotarian* magazine where joint subscribers are already
12 permitted.

13
14 This enactment extends joint subscriptions to other approved Rotary magazines,
15 which could have a financial impact on regional magazine publishers.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-97

To amend the subscription requirements for the Rotary magazine

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Helsingborg-Kärnan, District 2390, Sweden

Endorsed by: District 2390 through a ballot-by-mail, 16 December 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 193 MOP)*

2 3 **Article 20 Official Magazine**

4 5 **20.020. Subscription Prices.**

6 7 **20.020.2. Required Subscription.**

8 Each member of a club in the United States and Canada ~~shall become a paid~~
9 ~~subscriber~~ may choose to subscribe to the official magazine for the duration of
10 such membership. Two Rotarians residing at the same address have the option
11 to subscribe jointly to the official magazine. Such subscription shall be collected
12 by the club from its members and forwarded to RI on behalf of the member.
13 Each member shall have the option ~~to choose to receive either whether or not to~~
14 receive a magazine, be it as a printed copy by mail or as an electronic copy via the
15 internet.

16 17 **20.030. Subscription to Magazines.**

18 19 **20.030.1. Required Subscription.**

20 Each member of a club not located in the United States or Canada and each
21 member of an e-club ~~shall become a paid subscriber~~ may choose to subscribe to
22 the official magazine of RI or to a Rotary magazine approved ~~and prescribed~~ for
23 that club by the board. Two Rotarians residing at the same address have the
24 option to subscribe jointly to ~~the such an~~ official magazine. ~~The members shall~~
25 ~~maintain such subscriptions for the duration of their membership. Each member~~
26 ~~shall have the option to choose to receive either a~~ Each member shall have the
27 option to choose whether or not to receive a magazine, be it as a printed copy by
28 mail or as an electronic copy via the internet where available.

29
30 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
31 *(page 209 MOP)*

32 33 **Article 14 Rotary Magazines**

34 **Section 1 — Mandatory Subscription to Rotary Magazines.** ~~Unless, in~~
35 ~~accordance with the bylaws of RI, this club is excused by the board of directors~~
36 ~~of RI from complying with the provisions of this article, each~~ Each member shall
37 may, for the duration of membership, choose to subscribe to the official
38 magazine or to the magazine approved ~~and prescribed~~ for this club by the board

1 of directors of RI. Two Rotarians residing at the same address have the option
2 to subscribe jointly ~~to the official magazine~~. The subscription shall be paid in
3 six (6) month periods for the duration of membership in this club and to the end
4 of any six (6) month period during which membership may terminate.
5 **Section 2 — *Subscription Collection*.** The subscription shall be collected by this
6 club from ~~each member~~ those members that have chosen to subscribe to a
7 magazine semiannually in advance and remitted to the Secretariat of RI or to
8 the office of such regional publications as may be determined by the board of
9 directors of RI.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

10 Traditionally, official Rotary magazines have been an important way for the RI
11 president and the RI Board to reach all Rotary members all over the world to give
12 information and to spread ideas in an ever-changing world. This holds true also
13 for Rotarians all over the world to exchange ideas and information.

14
15 Information and ideas from RI nowadays use new, much faster channels of
16 communication, and most of the material in the magazines is more or less out of
17 date and of low interest when it reaches the Rotarians.

18
19 Lately, the RI homepage has been changed and now turns much more to the
20 general public. Many countries follow and modernize their homepages in the
21 same way. This will help to increase interest for Rotary in the general public as
22 well as among Rotarians.

23
24 Hence, there has been an ongoing discussion for many years about the magazines
25 every Rotarian has to subscribe to. The magazines are of diminishing interest, as
26 the material is too old. Instead of Rotarians not reading the magazine, we could
27 get more Rotarians to gain experience with and get accustomed to the RI
28 homepage and the national Rotary homepages. Through those channels, we have
29 all possibilities to spread important information within seconds. Younger
30 Rotarians get their information from the Internet and Rotary should adapt the
31 modes of information to the new generations, to their way of gathering
32 information in general and about Rotary.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

33 This enactment could result in a substantial decrease in net revenues for RI
34 dependent upon the number of Rotarians who choose to subscribe to *The*
35 *Rotarian*.

1 Based on 2011-2012 through 2013-14:
2 • the number of subscribers to *The Rotarian* is approximately 435,000
3 • subscription revenues are approximately US\$6 million
4 • advertising revenues are approximately US\$400,000
5 • direct expenses are approximately US\$5.2 million (primarily for paper,
6 printing, postage and editorial staff expenses)
7
8 A reduced circulation will decrease subscription and advertising revenues, but
9 will increase the cost per copy of each magazine as a result of a smaller print run.
10 Expenses would also increase due to process and technology modifications
11 required to maintain subscriber data and invoice clubs appropriately.
12
13 Revenues and expenses for regional magazines are not recorded by RI. However,
14 the publishers of regional magazines would experience a similar unfavorable
15 impact on their circulation, revenues and expenses.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-98

To support the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Madison, District 6250, USA

Endorsed by: District 6250 through a ballot-by-mail, 15 December 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 195 MOP)*

2
3 **Article 25 Global Warming Humanitarian Crisis**

4 RI supports the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the global
5 warming humanitarian crisis.

6
7 (Subsequent articles will be renumbered as appropriate)

8
9 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
10 *(page 208 MOP)*

11
12 **Article 13 Community, National, and International Affairs**

13 **Section 1 — Proper Subjects.** The merits of any public question involving the
14 general welfare of the community, the nation, and the world are of concern to
15 the members of this club and shall be proper subjects of fair and informed study
16 and discussion at a club meeting for the enlightenment of its members in
17 forming their individual opinions. This club, through its club service projects,
18 may support environmental concerns. However, this club shall not express an
19 opinion on any pending controversial public measure.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

20 The global warming humanitarian crisis threatens to undo much of Rotary's good
21 work. Polio eradication is being impeded by flooding, sewage contamination of
22 water, and migration caused by climate change. Notwithstanding the urgency
23 and importance of eradicating polio, this looming catastrophe dwarfs polio,
24 having already created climate refugees and contributed to war, food shortages
25 and drought. The Millennium Project deems global warming the biggest problem
26 facing humanity.

27
28 Average CO2 concentrations in 2014 were a historical high of 399 parts per
29 million (ppm), a 43 percent increase over the pre-industrial level of 280 ppm.
30 The 11 warmest years since 1880 have occurred after 1997 – and 2014 was the
31 hottest year on record.

1 The vast majority of scientists worldwide believe that it is almost certain that
2 global warming is caused by human greenhouse gas emissions (GGEs). The
3 longer we wait to reduce GGEs, especially CO2, the greater the human suffering,
4 the higher the cost to slow the warming, and the greater the damage to world
5 economies. Prudent risk management dictates that we reduce GGEs rapidly.
6 Climate disruption is an unprecedented global crisis, and therefore compels an
7 unprecedented response from Rotarians worldwide.
8
9 “Service Above Self” dictates that we work to reduce GGEs and proactively share
10 information. We cannot ‘adapt’ to global warming; temperatures will continue to
11 rise unless GGEs are significantly reduced. Individuals need to reduce their
12 emissions and clubs need to undertake projects to reduce GGEs and share
13 information.
14
15 Supporting the reduction of GGEs to mitigate global warming will help people
16 worldwide and is consistent with the Object of Rotary. Working to stop the
17 global warming humanitarian crisis is resonating with the next generation of
18 Rotarians and will strengthen Rotary for the challenges ahead.
19
20 We do this for our children, our grandchildren and future generations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

21 This enactment could have a financial impact on RI which cannot be determined
22 at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of support
23 provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-99

To increase per capita dues

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 187-188*
2 *MOP)*

3

4 **Article 17 Fiscal Matters**

5

6 **17.030. Dues.**

7

8 17.030.1. *Per Capita Dues.*

9 Each club shall pay to RI per capita dues for each of its members as follows:

10 ~~US\$26.50 per half year in 2013-2014, US\$27.00 per half year in 2014-2015,~~

11 ~~US\$27.50 per half year in 2015-2016, and US\$28.00 per half year in 2016-2017,~~

12 US\$28.50 per half year in 2017-2018, US\$29.00 per half year in 2018-2019, and

13 US\$29.50 per half year in 2019-2020 and thereafter. Such dues shall remain

14 constant until changed by the council on legislation.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

15 This enactment would amend the RI Bylaws to provide for a dues increase of
16 US\$1 per year beginning in 2017-2018 and continuing through 2019-2020. Per
17 capita dues would be \$28.50 per half year in 2017-2018, \$29.00 per half year in
18 2018-2019, and \$29.50 per half year in 2019-2020 and thereafter. This
19 enactment aligns membership dues at levels necessary to sustain RI's current
20 operations and programs, and to support RI's financial sustainability for the
21 future.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

22 This enactment would result in an increase in per capita dues revenue for RI. At
23 current membership levels, RI revenues from per capita dues would increase by
24 approximately US\$1.2 million each year beginning in 2017-2018 and continue
25 through 2019-2020.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-100

To increase per capita dues

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Runaway Bay, District 9640, Australia

Endorsed by: District 9640 through a ballot-by-mail, 28 November 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 187-188*
2 *MOP)*

3
4 **Article 17 Fiscal Matters**

5
6 **17.030. Dues.**

7
8 17.030.1. *Per Capita Dues.*

9 Each club shall pay to RI per capita dues for each of its members as follows:
10 US\$26.50 per half year in 2013-2014, US\$27.00 per half year in 2014-2015,
11 US\$27.50 per half year in 2015-2016, and ~~US\$28.00~~ US\$30.00 per half year in
12 2016-2017 and thereafter. Such dues shall remain constant until changed by the
13 council on legislation.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

14 This enactment requests significant funding to allow for international promotion
15 and worldwide public awareness of Rotary and its programs to ensure every man,
16 woman and child knows the answer to the question "What is Rotary?"

17
18 Rotary is an organization of professional men and women throughout the world.
19 Like all such organizations, Rotary must invest heavily in self-promotion.

20
21 Most multinational companies budget a huge percentage of their income to
22 marketing, yet last year Rotary spent only a very small proportion of its budget in
23 this area.

24
25 We are an organization made up of business men and women, and what astute
26 business person would not invest US\$2.00 per annum in promoting their
27 product. We cannot continue to provide lip service to our promotion. Yes, we do
28 spend money on our public image and marketing our product, but it's a drop in
29 the ocean in comparison to what we need.

1 Travel on an airplane and one sees the small UNICEF envelope placed in the seat
2 pocket stating that for 17 cents they will vaccinate a child against polio (no
3 mention of Rotary).
4
5 Air travel alone carries many thousands of passengers worldwide each and every
6 day. The airline inflight magazines reach this same number, and what's more,
7 most of the passengers read them from front to back.
8
9 Advertising is not free. If we want public awareness, we must pay for it, via
10 advertising, international documentaries, national and international
11 commercials.
12
13 Since we are business professionals, let's think like the major business icons of
14 our world.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

15 This enactment would result in an increase in per capita dues revenue for RI.
16
17 The 2013 Council on Legislation approved annual per capita dues for 2016-2017
18 of US\$56. This enactment would increase per capita dues from US\$56 to US\$60
19 per year for 2016-2017 and thereafter. At current membership levels, this would
20 increase RI revenues by approximately US\$4.8 million for 2016-2017 and
21 thereafter.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-101

To adjust per capita dues based on the Consumer Price Index

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle, District 5340, USA

Endorsed by: District 5340 through an annual district conference, Palm Springs, California, USA, 25 October 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 187-188*
2 *MOP)*

3 4 **Article 17 Fiscal Matters**

5 6 **17.030. Dues.**

7 8 **17.030.1. Per Capita Dues.**

9 Each club shall pay to RI per capita dues for each of its members as follows:

10 ~~US\$26.50 per half year in 2013-2014, US\$27.00 per half year in 2014-2015,~~

11 ~~US\$27.50 per half year in 2015-2016, and US\$28.00 per half year in 2016-2017~~

12 ~~and thereafter. Such dues shall remain constant until changed by the council on~~

13 ~~legislation. US\$28.00 per half year in 2016-2017 and US\$29.00 per half year in~~

14 ~~2017-2018. Commencing in 2018-2019, the board shall have the discretion to~~

15 ~~adjust the dues annually based upon changes in the Consumer Price Index for All~~

16 ~~Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI area or, if~~

17 ~~such index is no longer available, a similar index for the Chicago area selected by~~

18 ~~the board ("the index"). Any such adjustment in the dues shall be effective as of 1~~

19 ~~July ("the effective date") for such year and thereafter and shall remain constant~~

20 ~~until changed by the board. For any year, the board may adjust the dues by a~~

21 ~~percentage that does not exceed the percentage change in the index from 1 July~~

22 ~~two years prior to the effective date to 1 July one year prior to the effective date.~~

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

23 This enactment seeks to provide the RI Board discretion to increase dues when

24 needed to keep up with the cost of living index for the Chicago metropolitan area.

25 The majority of RI expenses are incurred in the United States and the majority of

26 those are incurred in Evanston with a large amount being personnel expense.

27 Projections indicate that annual single dollar dues increases will not likely cover

28 RI expenses that increase with inflation in the Chicago metropolitan area. Note,

29 the enactment allows for dues increases but also places a limit on the amount the

30 RI Board can increase dues. With prudent fiscal management, it may not be

31 necessary to annually increase the dues to the extent allowed by this enactment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This enactment would have a financial impact on RI's future revenues which cannot be determined at this time.

If a similar approach had been enacted at the 2010 Council on Legislation, effective 1 July 2011, by 2013-2014 per capita dues would have been assessed at US\$51.39 instead of US\$53. RI revenues would be lower by approximately US\$1.9 million in 2013-2014.

Fiscal Year	Dues Effective from	Per Capita Dues in US\$ (COL 2010)	CPI % Change	Projected Dues based on CPI-U for Chicago (US\$)
2010-2011	01-Jul-10	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
2011-2012	01-Jul-11	\$ 51.00	-3.01%	\$ 50.00
2012-2013	01-Jul-12	\$ 52.00	0.77%	\$ 50.53
2013-2014	01-Jul-13	\$ 53.00	3.17%	\$ 51.39

Year	1 July CPI-U Chicago	Percent Change CPI-U Chicago
2009	217.459	
2010	210.906	-3.01%
2011	212.535	0.77%
2012	219.277	3.17%
2013	221.611	1.06%
2014	225.375	1.70%

Consumer price indices, such as the one specified for Chicago, do not accurately reflect several aspects of Rotary's global expenses:

- The majority of Rotary expenses are staff compensation, and travel and hotel expenses for volunteers, and these expenses are not proportionately reflected in the calculation of a consumer price index
- 10 percent of Rotary's expenses are incurred outside the US and are impacted to varying degrees by local inflation rates and the status of the employment market locally, which would also not be reflected in any single consumer price index

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-102

To waive per capita dues for one of the members when two married people are both members of the same club

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Tupanciretã, District 4660, Brazil

Endorsed by: District 4660 through a district resolutions meeting, Cruz Alta, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, 9 August 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 187-188*
2 *MOP)*

3
4 **Article 17 Fiscal Matters**

5
6 **17.030. Dues.**

7
8 17.030.1. *Per Capita Dues.*

9 Each club shall pay to RI per capita dues for each of its members as follows:
10 US\$26.50 per half year in 2013-2014, US\$27.00 per half year in 2014-2015,
11 US\$27.50 per half year in 2015-2016, and US\$28.00 per half year in 2016-2017
12 and thereafter. When two individuals, who are lawfully married to each other,
13 are members of the same club, the club shall pay per capita dues for only one of
14 the members. The club must notify RI in the semiannual report. Such dues shall
15 remain constant until changed by the council on legislation.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

16 The purpose of this enactment is to reduce the social cost represented by the
17 payment of per capita dues in those cases where both spouses belong to the same
18 club. The immediate effect is the possibility of significantly increasing Rotary's
19 membership by encouraging spouses of Rotarians to join the club. As per capita
20 dues are paid by clubs, clubs will also administer and control such payments and
21 record them in the semiannual report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

22 This enactment would result in a decrease in revenues and an increase in
23 expenses for RI.

1 Revenues would decrease if there is a decrease in paying membership. The
2 impact would be contingent upon the number of members in clubs whose
3 spouses belong to the same club.
4
5 • Based on October 2014 data regarding club membership, there are
6 approximately 11,000 members whose spouses are reported as members
7 in Rotary's global database, with approximately 8,200 belonging to the
8 same club. If 8,200 members were not required to pay dues based on the
9 2014-2015 dues rate of US\$54, this would result in a decrease in revenues
10 of approximately US\$221,000.
11
12 • Membership data on spousal relationships is not consistently recorded
13 and updated currently. If the number of spouses reported as members at
14 the same club increased, there would be a greater impact on revenues.
15
16 Expenses would increase due to process and technology modifications required to
17 appropriately track spousal relationships and invoice clubs appropriately.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-103

To amend the provisions for additional dues

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Mumbai Borivali East, District 3140, India

Endorsed by: District 3140 through a ballot-by-mail, 9 December 2014

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 188 MOP)*

Article 17 Fiscal Matters

17.030. Dues.

17.030.2. Additional Dues.

Each club shall pay:

- (a) each year to RI for each of its members additional per capita dues of US\$1.00 or such other amount, as determined by the board, sufficient to pay for the projected expenses of the next scheduled council on legislation. There shall be no minimum amount payable to RI by any club. In the event an extraordinary meeting of the council is convened, additional per capita dues to pay for its expenses shall be paid as soon as practicable following the meeting. Such additional dues shall be held as a separate fund restricted to provide for the expenses of representatives in attending the council, as well as other administrative expenses of the council, in a manner to be determined by the board. The board shall furnish the clubs an accounting of receipts and expenditures; and
- (b) for each of its members US\$1.00 or such amount for each semiannual period, to be paid with semiannual dues, for the creation of a fund exclusively for public relations, which shall be expended in the same Rotary year as far as practicable. Such dues shall remain constant until changed by the council on legislation. Such additional dues shall be held as a separate fund restricted to provide for the expenses of public relations.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

It is a well-documented fact that Rotary is weak in public relations, in spite of being in the business of doing “good” in the world. The public efforts currently in vogue are not enough to improve the image of Rotary in the general public. In order to strengthen the efforts of Rotary and Rotarians, the proposed enactment will give RI an additional sum of US\$2.4 million annually, going by the current membership figures. This fund will be used exclusively to support public

1 relations activities by RI, districts and clubs. This fund will not be used for any
2 other purpose. This will have a positive effect on membership as well.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

3 This enactment would result in an increase in per capita dues revenue for RI.
4

5 This enactment would provide additional per capita dues of US\$2 per year for
6 2016-2017 and thereafter. At current membership levels, this would increase RI
7 revenues by approximately US\$2.4 million for 2016-2017 and thereafter.
8

9 The impact of this enactment on total expenses will depend on the extent to
10 which the RI Board approves additional expenditures for public image and
11 marketing activities each year compared to current levels. From 2011-2012,
12 public image and marketing expenses have been partly funded by Board-
13 approved funding from the General Surplus Fund (RI's reserve fund), in addition
14 to funding from per capita dues.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-104

To provide that each club pays dues for a minimum of 10 members

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

Rotary Club of Indore Uptown, District 3040, India

Endorsed by: District 3040 through a ballot-by-mail, 15 November-15 December 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 187-188*
2 *MOP)*

3 4 **Article 17 Fiscal Matters**

5 6 **17.030. Dues.**

7 8 **17.030.1. Per Capita Dues.**

9 Each club shall pay to RI per capita dues for each of its members as follows:
10 US\$26.50 per half year in 2013-2014, US\$27.00 per half year in 2014-2015,
11 US\$27.50 per half year in 2015-2016, and US\$28.00 per half year in 2016-2017
12 and thereafter; provided that each club shall pay semiannually to RI a minimum
13 of US\$280.00 in 2016-2017 and thereafter. Such dues shall remain constant
14 until changed by the council on legislation.

15 16 **17.030.2. Additional Dues.**

17 Each club shall pay each year to RI for each of its members additional per capita
18 dues of US\$1.00 or such other amount, as determined by the board, sufficient to
19 pay for the projected expenses of the next scheduled council on legislation. ~~There~~
20 ~~shall be no minimum amount payable to RI by any club. If a club has fewer than~~
21 ten members, it shall pay additional per capita dues of an amount equal to the
22 amount it would have paid if it had ten members. In the event an extraordinary
23 meeting of the council is convened, additional per capita dues to pay for its
24 expenses shall be paid as soon as practicable following the meeting. Such
25 additional dues shall be held as a separate fund restricted to provide for the
26 expenses of representatives in attending the council, as well as other
27 administrative expenses of the council, in a manner to be determined by the
28 board. The board shall furnish the clubs an accounting of receipts and
29 expenditures.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 This enactment would amend the RI Bylaws to provide that each club pays dues
2 for a minimum of 10 members. New clubs are required to have a minimum of 20
3 charter members; however, there are approximately 9,000 clubs worldwide that
4 are currently below the charter level of 20 members, and over 1,100 clubs with
5 less than 10 members. This enactment seeks to reestablish the requirement that
6 each club pays an amount equivalent to 10 members. Smaller clubs may be
7 motivated to grow their membership.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

8 This enactment would result in an increase in per capita dues revenue for RI.
9 Based on October 2014 data regarding club membership, there are approximately
10 1,100 clubs with fewer than 10 members. This proposed enactment would impact
11 clubs with nine members or fewer. If these clubs were charged for 10 members at
12 US\$27 per member semiannually, this would provide an annual increase of
13 approximately US\$200,000 in dues revenue for RI. However, it is possible that
14 clubs with nine or fewer members may merge with other clubs in their vicinity or
15 close by, instead of paying dues for 10 members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-105

To provide that the RI Board shall establish the dates for club reports and RI per capita dues

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Grass Valley, District 5190, USA
Rotary Club of Carson City, District 5190, USA

Endorsed by: District 5190 through a ballot-by-mail, 5-25 December 2014

1 *To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 127*
2 *MOP)*

4 **Article 11 Dues**

5 Every club shall pay to RI per capita dues semiannually ~~to RI, or on such other~~
6 date or dates as established by the board ~~per capita dues as provided in the~~
7 ~~bylaws.~~

8
9 *And to amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*
10
11 *in article 3 (page 133 MOP)*

13 **Article 3 Resignation, Suspension, or Termination of Membership in** 14 **RI**

16 **3.030. Board Authority to Discipline, Suspend, or Terminate a Club**

17
18 **3.030.1. Suspension or Termination for Failure to Pay Dues or Report Members**
19 The board may suspend or terminate the membership of any club which fails to
20 pay its dues or other financial obligations to RI or approved contributions to the
21 district fund. The board may suspend the membership of any club which fails to
22 report changes to its membership on a timely basis.

23
24 *and in article 8 (pages 149-152 MOP)*

26 **Article 8 Council on Legislation**

28 **8.070. Election of Representatives Through Ballot-by-Mail.**

30 **8.070.1. Board Authorization for Ballot-by-Mail.**

31 In certain circumstances, the board may authorize a district to select the repre-
32 sentative and the alternate representative to the council in a ballot-by-mail. In
33 such case, the governor shall prepare and cause to be mailed to the secretary of
34 every club in the district an official call for nominations for representative. All
35 nominations must be made in writing and signed by the president and the
36 secretary of the club. The nominations must be received by the governor on or

1 before a date to be fixed by the governor. The governor shall cause to be pre-
2 pared and mailed to each club a ballot naming in alphabetical order the qualified
3 nominees so offered and shall conduct the ballot-by-mail. Those candidates
4 whose written requests for exclusion from the ballot are received no later than
5 the date fixed by the governor shall be excluded from such ballot. Each club shall
6 be entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of more than 25
7 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or major fraction
8 thereof, of its members. Such membership shall be determined by the number of
9 members in the club as of the date of the most recent ~~semiannual payment~~ club
10 invoice preceding the date on which the vote is to be held. However, any club
11 whose membership in RI has been suspended by the board shall not be entitled to
12 participate in the voting. The governor may appoint a committee for the purpose
13 of conducting the ballot-by-mail procedure as provided herein.

14

15 **8.140. Action of the Council.**

16

17 **8.140.5. Vote by Clubs Through Ballot-by-Mail.**

18 If one or more items of approved legislation are suspended due to opposition by
19 clubs, the general secretary shall prepare and distribute a ballot to the secretary
20 of each club within one month following such suspension. The ballot shall
21 submit the question of whether the action of the council should be sustained in
22 regard to the suspended item of legislation. Each club shall be entitled to at least
23 one vote. Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one
24 additional vote for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members.
25 Such membership shall be determined by the number of members in the club as
26 of the date of the most recent ~~semiannual payment~~ club invoice preceding the
27 adjournment of the council. However, any club whose membership in RI has
28 been suspended by the board shall not be entitled to participate in the voting.
29 The ballots by clubs must be certified by the club presidents and received by the
30 general secretary no later than the date stated on the ballots, which shall be at
31 least two months after the mailing of such ballots.

32

33 *and in article 11 (pages 161-165 MOP)*

34

35 **Article 11 Nominations and Elections for President**

36

37 **11.030. Election of Members to the Nominating Committee for President.**

38

39 **11.030.4. Club Voting.**

40 Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of
41 more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or
42 major fraction thereof, of its members. Such membership shall be determined by
43 the number of members in the club as of the date of the most recent ~~semiannual~~
44 ~~payment~~ club invoice preceding the date on which the vote is to be held.
45 However, any club whose membership in RI has been suspended by the board
46 shall not be entitled to participate in the voting.

1 **11.070. Additional Nomination by Clubs.**

2 In addition to the nomination made by the committee, challenges may be made
3 in the following manner.

4
5 **11.070.4. Endorsement of Challenging Candidate.**

6 If on 15 November, any such challenging candidate has been endorsed by 1
7 percent of the clubs comprising the membership of RI as of the ~~preceding 1 July~~
8 most recent club invoice, with at least half of the endorsements originating from
9 clubs in zones other than that of the challenging candidate(s), such challenging
10 candidate(s) and the nominee of the committee shall be balloted upon as
11 provided in section 11.100. Where the challenging candidate fails to receive the
12 prescribed endorsements by 15 November, the president shall declare the
13 nominee of the committee to be the president-nominee.

14
15 **11.100. Ballot-by-Mail.**

16 The procedure for electing a president pursuant to a ballot-by-mail as provided in
17 section 11.070. shall be by the following procedures.

18
19 **11.100.4. Club Voting.**

20 Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of
21 more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or
22 major fraction thereof, of its members. Such membership shall be determined by
23 the number of members in the club as of the date of the most recent ~~semiannual~~
24 payment club invoice preceding the date on which the vote is to be held.
25 However, any club whose membership in RI has been suspended by the board
26 shall not be entitled to participate in the voting.

27
28 *and in article 12 (pages 168-171 MOP)*

29
30 **Article 12 Nominations and Elections for Directors**

31
32 **12.020. Selection of Director-nominee and Alternate by Nominating**
33 **Committee Procedure.**

34
35 **12.020.9. Election of Member of the Nominating Committee Through Ballot-by-**
36 **Mail.**

37 In certain circumstances, the board may authorize a district to select the member
38 of the nominating committee and the alternate member of the nominating
39 committee in a ballot-by-mail. In such cases, the governor shall prepare and
40 cause to be mailed to the secretary of every club in the district an official call for
41 nominations for member. All nominations must be made in writing and signed
42 by the president and the secretary of the club. The nominations must be received
43 by the governor on or before a date to be fixed by the governor. The governor
44 shall cause to be prepared and mailed to each club a ballot naming in alphabetical
45 order the qualified nominees so offered and shall conduct the ballot-by-mail.
46 Those candidates whose written requests for exclusion from the ballot are
47 received no later than the date fixed by the governor shall be excluded from such

1 ballot. Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a
2 membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each
3 additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members. Such membership shall
4 be determined by the number of members in the club as of the date of the most
5 recent ~~semiannual payment~~ club invoice preceding the date on which the vote is
6 to be held. However, any club whose membership in RI has been suspended by
7 the board shall not be entitled to participate in the voting. The governor may
8 appoint a committee for the purpose of conducting the ballot-by-mail procedure
9 as provided herein.

10
11 **12.030. Ballot-by-Mail Procedure.**

12 The procedure for selecting a director-nominee in a ballot-by-mail pursuant to
13 section 12.020. shall be as provided below.

14
15 **12.030.5. Club Voting.**

16 Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of
17 more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or
18 major fraction thereof, of its members. Such membership shall be determined by
19 the number of members in the club as of the date of the most recent ~~semiannual~~
20 ~~payment~~ club invoice preceding the date on which the vote is to be held.

21 However, any club whose membership in RI has been suspended by the board
22 shall not be entitled to participate in the voting.

23
24 *and in article 13 (page 175 MOP)*

25
26 **Article 13 Nominations and Elections for Governor**

27
28 **13.040. Ballot-by-Mail Specifications.**

29
30 **13.040.1. Club Voting.**

31 Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of
32 more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or
33 major fraction thereof, of its members. Such membership shall be determined by
34 the number of members in the club as of the date of the most recent ~~semiannual~~
35 ~~payment~~ club invoice preceding the date on which the vote is to be held.

36 However, any club whose membership in RI has been suspended by the board
37 shall not be entitled to participate in the voting. If a club is entitled to cast more
38 than one vote, the club shall cast all votes for the same candidate. The name of
39 the candidate for whom the club has cast its vote(s) shall be verified by the
40 secretary and president of the club and forwarded to the governor in a sealed
41 envelope provided therefor.

42
43 *and in article 15 (page 180 MOP)*

44
45 **Article 15 Districts**

46
47 **15.050. Conference and District Resolutions Meeting Voting.**

1 15.050.1. *Electors.*
2 Each club in a district shall select, certify, and send to its annual district
3 conference and district resolutions meeting (if one is held) at least one elector.
4 Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional
5 elector for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members. That is,
6 a club with a membership of up to 37 members is entitled to one elector, a club
7 with 38 to 62 members is entitled to two electors, a club with 63 to 87 members is
8 entitled to three electors and so on. Such membership shall be determined by the
9 number of members in the club as of the date of the most recent ~~semiannual~~
10 ~~payment~~ club invoice preceding the date on which the vote is to be held.
11 However, any club whose membership in RI has been suspended by the board
12 shall not be entitled to any electors. Each elector shall be a member of the club.
13 An elector must be present at the district conference or a district resolutions
14 meeting to vote.

15
16 *and in article 17 (pages 187-189 MOP)*

17 **Article 17 Fiscal Matters**

18 **17.020. Club Reports.**

19
20 Each club shall certify to the board in any manner prescribed by the board the
21 number of its members on 1 July and on 1 January in each year or on such other
22 date or dates as established by the board. ~~This certificate shall be signed by the~~
23 ~~club president and secretary and shall be transmitted to the general secretary.~~
24 ~~The certified club report shall be circulated to the club members.~~

25 **17.030. Dues.**

26 27 17.030.1. *Per Capita Dues.*

28
29 Each club shall pay to RI annual per capita dues for each of its members as
30 follows: ~~US\$26.50 per half year in 2013-2014, US\$27.00 per half year in 2014-~~
31 ~~2015, US\$27.50 per half year in 2015-2016, and US\$28.00 per half year~~
32 US\$56.00 per year in 2016-2017 and thereafter. Such dues shall remain constant
33 until changed by the council on legislation.

34 35 36 **17.040. Date of Payment.**

37 38 17.040.1. *Due Date of Per Capita Dues.*

39 Per capita dues shall be due and payable pursuant to subsection 17.030.1. on 1
40 July and 1 January of each year or such other date or dates as established by the
41 board. Dues payable pursuant to subsection 17.030.2. shall be due and payable
42 on 1 July or such other date or dates as established by the board.

43 44 17.040.2. *Prorated Dues.*

45 For each member who is elected into membership of a club, the club shall pay per
46 capita dues in prorated amounts until the beginning of the next ~~semiannual~~
47 for which dues are payable. The amount payable for each full month of

1 membership shall be one-twelfth of the per capita dues. However, no prorated per
2 capita dues shall be payable by a club for a transferring member or former member
3 of another club, as described in section 4.030. The prorated per capita dues are
4 due and payable on 1 July and 1 January or on such other dates as established by
5 the board. Such dues shall be changed only by the council on legislation.

6
7 17.040.4. *New Clubs*.

8 No club shall be liable for payment of dues until the ~~semiannual period date next~~
9 following its date of admission on which a per capita dues payment is due
10 pursuant to subsection 17.040.1.

11
12 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
13 *(page 209 MOP)*

14
15 **Article 14 Rotary Magazines**

16 **Section 1 — Mandatory Subscription.** Unless, in accordance with the bylaws of
17 RI, this club is excused by the board of directors of RI from complying with the
18 provisions of this article, each member shall, for the duration of membership,
19 subscribe to the official magazine or to the magazine approved and prescribed
20 for this club by the board of directors of RI. Two Rotarians residing at the same
21 address have the option to subscribe jointly to the official magazine. The
22 subscription shall be paid ~~in six (6) month periods on such date or dates as~~
23 established by the board for the duration of membership in this club ~~and to the~~
24 ~~end of any six (6) month period during which membership may terminate.~~

25 **Section 2 — Subscription Collection.** The subscription shall be collected by this
26 club from each member ~~semiannually~~ in advance and remitted to the Secretariat
27 of RI or to the office of such regional publications as may be determined by the
28 board of directors of RI.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

29 This enactment would replace “semiannual payment” with “club invoice,” thereby
30 reflecting the new dues payment plan that replaces the semiannual report with a
31 club invoice. This enactment would also allow the clubs to work with the RI
32 Board to change the payment dates for club per capita dues and membership
33 reporting. This would give the organization the flexibility to better respond to
34 club needs and worldwide economic trends and establish the most efficient
35 schedule for per capita dues payment. This enactment will also allow the RI
36 Board to determine the best way for clubs to report their membership
37 information and allow the RI Board to suspend those clubs that fail to report
38 membership information in a timely manner.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI if the current
2 frequency of club invoices remains the same. If the RI Board decreases the
3 frequency of the club invoices, this enactment could result in a decrease in RI
4 expenses. Conversely, if the RI Board increases the frequency of the club
5 invoices, this enactment could result in an increase in RI expenses.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-106

To revise the publication requirement for legislation

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 145 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 7 Legislative Procedure**

4

5 **7.050. Board Examination of Proposed Legislation.**

6

7 **7.050.5. Publication of Proposed Legislation.**

8 The general secretary ~~shall mail ten (10) copies~~ will provide a copy of all duly
9 proposed legislation together with the proposer's statement of purpose and effect,
10 as reviewed and approved by the constitution and bylaws committee, to each
11 governor, ~~one copy~~ to all members of the council on legislation ~~and all past~~
12 ~~directors~~, and ~~one copy~~ to the secretary of any club that requests it, no later than
13 30 September in the year the council shall be convened. The proposed legislation
14 also will be made available via Rotary's website.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

15 This enactment seeks to simplify the publication and distribution of proposed
16 legislation. The current requirement of mailing ten copies of the book of
17 legislation was enacted when electronic versions of the book of legislation were
18 not easily accessible. However, electronic versions of the legislation book are
19 readily available and published on rotary.org. This will reduce the possibility of
20 postal delay. This enactment does not preclude RI from mailing copies of
21 legislation, but rather gives RI flexibility in how it provides copies of the
22 legislation to the Rotary world.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

23 This enactment would have no net financial impact on RI because revenues from
24 additional dues to fund the Council on Legislation will be reduced by an amount
25 equivalent to a change in expenses.

26

27 This enactment could result in a decrease in expenses for RI contingent upon the
28 format of the copy the general secretary provides. In 2012-2013, the total cost
29 was approximately US\$28,000 (combination of printed copies and CDs). If

- 1 electronic versions replaced print versions, this would decrease printing and
2 shipping expenses related to publication required for legislation.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-107

To provide for a second vice-chairman of the Council on Legislation

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 146-151*
2 *MOP)*

3 4 **Article 8 Council on Legislation**

5 6 **8.010. Members of the Council.**

7 The council shall be composed of the following voting and non-voting members:

8
9 8.010.2. *Chairman, First Vice-Chairman, Second Vice-Chairman, and*
10 *Parliamentarian.*

11 A The chairman, first vice-chairman, second vice-chairman, and parliamentarian
12 of the council shall be selected by the incoming president in the year immediately
13 prior to the council. The second vice-chairman shall be selected from among the
14 members of the constitution and bylaws committee. The chairman and, first
15 vice-chairman, and second vice-chairman shall be non-voting members except
16 that, when presiding, either they may cast the deciding vote in the case of a tie
17 vote.

18 19 **8.040. Designation and Duties of Officers.**

20 The council officers shall consist of the chairman, first vice-chairman, second
21 vice-chairman, parliamentarian, and secretary.

22
23 8.040.2. *First and Second Vice-Chairmen.*

24 ~~The~~ Either the first or second vice-chairman shall serve as presiding officer as the
25 chairman may determine or as circumstances may otherwise require. The vice-
26 chairman first and second vice-chairmen shall also assist the chairman as
27 determined by the chairman.

28 29 **8.080. Notice.**

30
31 8.080.3. *Publication of Names of Chairman, ~~Vice-Chairman~~ First Vice-*
32 *Chairman, Second Vice-Chairman, and Parliamentarian.*

33 The names of the chairman, ~~vice-chairman~~ first vice chairman, second vice-
34 chairman, and parliamentarian shall be published by the general secretary to all
35 clubs.

1 **8.130. Council Operations Committee; Duties of the Constitution and Bylaws**
2 **Committee.**

3 There shall be a council operations committee composed of the chairman, the
4 first vice-chairman, the second vice-chairman, and the other members of the
5 constitution and bylaws committee. The chairman of the council shall be the
6 chairman of the council operations committee.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

7 The Council on Legislation is a long and challenging meeting and presiding over
8 the Council on Legislation can be a demanding job. At times the need arises for
9 an extra designated role that may assist with the proceedings of the Council. It is
10 recommended that there be a Chair and two Vice-Chairmen, named First and
11 Second Vice-Chairmen.

12
13 The Second Vice-Chairman would be a member of the Constitution and Bylaws
14 Committee, who may preside over the Council at the request of the Chair or First
15 Vice-Chair. The benefit of using someone from the Constitution and Bylaws
16 Committee is that they are in attendance at the Council, are very familiar with the
17 legislation, and serve on the Council Operations Committee with the Council
18 Chair and Vice-Chairman.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

19 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI as the second
20 vice-chairman will be selected from among the members of the Constitution and
21 Bylaws Committee.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-108

To revise the process for consideration of legislation

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Dunoon, District 1230, Scotland
Rotary Club of Arlington, District 5790, USA

Endorsed by: District 1230 through a district resolutions meeting, Erskine,
Scotland, 12 November 2014
District 5790 through a ballot-by-mail, 21 November 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 151 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 8 Council on Legislation**

4

5 **8.120. Procedures of the Council.**

6

7 8.120.2. Council Consideration of Legislation Prior to Meeting.

8 The rules of procedure adopted by the council pursuant to section 8.120.1. may
9 provide for the council to consider and act upon duly proposed legislation prior to
10 any of its meetings and determine which items of such legislation it shall consider
11 at the meeting.

(Subsequent subsections will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

12 In Rotary Year 2013-2014, the Council on Legislation Review Committee met to
13 review the efficiency and effectiveness of the Council. All committee members
14 served as their district's representative at the 2013 Council on Legislation. One of
15 the topics they discussed was recommending a way for items to be considered
16 prior to the Council on Legislation meeting.

17

18 Since 1995, Council representatives have considered between 196 and 631 items
19 of legislation during the Council week. This makes for a mentally and physically
20 challenging week. One of the common complaints from previous Councils has
21 been that there are too many items of similar legislation. In 2013, there were 38
22 items of similar legislation out of 200 items. In addition, there were 31 items of
23 legislation that received less than 100 votes in favor of or against it. The
24 committee believes there is a better way to handle these items, rather than
25 spending the Council's limited time on them.

1 This proposal would allow for the possibility that the Rules of Procedure for the
2 Council could put forth a method for representatives to consider and act upon
3 legislation prior to the in-person meeting. All duly proposed legislation would
4 still be considered and acted on by the representatives. However, this item would
5 allow the meeting to focus on those items that representatives felt were most
6 important.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

7 This enactment would have no net financial impact on RI because revenues from
8 additional dues to fund the Council on Legislation will be reduced by an amount
9 equivalent to a change in expenses.

10
11 The expenses for the Council on Legislation in fiscal year 2013 were US\$3
12 million. The impact on expenses would be contingent upon the requirements and
13 format of the new process for considering duly proposed legislation and the
14 number of days of the meeting.

15
16 The in-person meeting could be shorter if there are fewer items to be considered.

- 17
18 • If the meeting were one day shorter, expense savings are estimated at
19 US\$340,000 due to lower expenses for hotel, meals, and equipment

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-109

To provide for the distribution of minutes for the Council on Legislation

Proposer(s): District 2840, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2840 through a district resolutions meeting, Maebashi, Gunma, Japan, 26 October 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 153 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 8 Council on Legislation**

4

5 **8.170. Disclosure of Minutes.**

6 There shall be minutes kept of each council. The form and content of the minutes
7 shall be determined by the council chair. The general secretary shall provide a
8 copy of such minutes to anyone who shall request them.

(Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

9 The purpose of this enactment is to amend the RI Bylaws to require that minutes
10 of Council deliberations written in English be provided to representatives at their
11 request. The Council on Legislation is the sole legislative body of RI, and the
12 disclosure of the minutes will improve the quality of legislation proposed for
13 future Councils.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

14 This enactment could potentially result in an increase in expenses for RI which
15 cannot be determined at this time. Additional expenses would be dependent on
16 the format and level of detail of the minutes, as well as the method of distribution.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-110

To provide for the Council on Legislation to meet every four years

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Lens-Liévin, District 1520, France
Rotary Club of Blanquefort en Médoc, District 1690, France
Rotary Club of Hendaye, District 1690, France
Rotary Club of Saint Jean de Luz-Urrugne-Ciboure Côte
Basque, District 1690, France
Rotary Club of Yeongcheon, District 3630, Korea

Endorsed by: District 1520 through a district resolutions meeting, Arras,
France, 5 December 2014
District 1690 through a ballot-by-mail, 25 November-12
December 2014
District 3630 through a district resolutions meeting, Pohang,
Gyeongsang, Korea, 9 May 2014

1 *To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (pages 126-*
2 *127 MOP)*

3 4 **Article 10 Council on Legislation**

5
6 **Section 2 — Time and Place.** The council on legislation shall convene
7 ~~triennially~~ once every four years in April, May, or June, but preferably in April.
8 The board will determine the date and place of the meeting, provided that,
9 except for compelling financial or other reasons as determined by a two-thirds
10 vote of the entire board, the meeting shall be held in the vicinity of the RI world
11 headquarters.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

12 This enactment would amend the RI Constitution to convene the Council on
13 Legislation every four years in order to extend the planning period for such
14 meeting.

15
16 The proposed enactment is intended:

- 17
18 1) To spread the expenses incurred for a Council on Legislation while
19 maintaining the current additional annual dues of US\$1.50 per Rotarian;
20
21 2) To allow enough time to reflect upon club proposals before a district

- 1 conference, to provide more time in which to produce a revised *Manual of*
2 *Procedure* after each Council, and to take into account the period during
3 which district conferences are held;
4
5 3) To encourage clubs and districts to consolidate similar proposals in order to
6 reduce the number of proposals submitted to the Council;
7
8 4) To increase the possibility of facilitating online debate between Councils on
9 proposals whose significance and impact are to be defined.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

10 This enactment would have no net financial impact on RI because revenues from
11 additional dues to fund the Council on Legislation will be reduced by an amount
12 equivalent to the reduction in expenses.
13

14 The Council on Legislation had fiscal year 2013 actual expenses of US\$3 million.
15 If the Council on Legislation were held every four years, there would be a
16 reduction of approximately 25 percent in expenses.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-111

To hold the Council on Legislation in August, September, or October and to revise the timetable for submitting proposed legislation

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Sumoto, District 2680, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2680 through an annual district conference, Kobe, Hyogo, Japan, 2 March 2014

1 *To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (pages 126-*
2 *127 MOP)*

3 4 **Article 10 Council on Legislation**

5
6 **Section 2 — Time and Place.** The council on legislation shall convene
7 triennially in ~~April, May, or June, but preferably in April~~ August, September, or
8 October, but preferably in October. The board will determine the date and place
9 of the meeting, provided that, except for compelling financial or other reasons
10 as determined by a two-thirds vote of the entire board, the meeting shall be held
11 in the vicinity of the RI world headquarters.

12
13 *And to amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 143-145*
14 *MOP)*

15 16 **Article 7 Legislative Procedure**

17 18 **7.035. Deadline for Proposed Enactments and Resolutions.**

19 Proposed enactments and resolutions shall be delivered to the general secretary
20 in writing no later than ~~31 December in the year preceding~~ 30 June of the year
21 two years prior to the council. The board may propose and deliver to the general
22 secretary enactments it determines to be of an urgent nature no later than ~~31~~
23 ~~December in the year of~~ 30 June of the year preceding the council. Resolutions
24 also may be offered by the council or the board and acted upon by the council at
25 any time prior to the adjournment of the council.

26 27 **7.050. Board Examination of Proposed Legislation.**

28 The board (by the constitution and bylaws committee acting on its behalf) shall
29 examine the text of all proposed legislation and shall advise the proposers of any
30 defects in the proposed legislation and recommend, where feasible, corrective
31 action.

32 33 **7.050.4. Amendments to the Council and Transmittal of Legislation.**

34 All amendments to legislation must be submitted by the proposers to the general
35 secretary not later than ~~31 March~~ 30 September of the year preceding the council
36 unless the deadline is extended by the board (the constitution and bylaws

1 committee acting on its behalf). Subject to the provisions of sections 7.050.2.
2 and 7.050.3., the general secretary shall transmit to the council all duly proposed
3 legislation, including all timely amendments.

4
5 *7.050.5. Publication of Proposed Legislation.*

6 The general secretary shall mail ten (10) copies of all duly proposed legislation
7 together with the proposer's statement of purpose and effect, as reviewed and
8 approved by the constitution and bylaws committee, to each governor, one copy
9 to all members of the council on legislation and all past directors, and one copy to
10 the secretary of any club that requests it, no later than ~~30 September~~ 31 March in
11 the year ~~the council shall be convened~~ preceding the council. The proposed
12 legislation also will be made available via Rotary's website.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

13 It takes approximately nine months to translate the adopted enactments into all
14 approved Rotary languages. This proposed enactment seeks to hold the Council
15 on Legislation six months earlier, so that it takes place at least nine months prior
16 to the beginning of the Rotary year when the adopted enactments take effect.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

17 This enactment could have a financial impact on RI which cannot be determined
18 at this time. An increase or decrease in expenses would be contingent upon the
19 month in which the Council is held. The expenses for the Council on Legislation
20 in fiscal year 2013 were US\$3 million, which included US\$1.8 million for 532
21 representatives to travel to the meeting in April. Travel and hotel expenses for a
22 Chicago-based meeting are expected to be higher in peak rate periods of June to
23 August.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-112

To restrict legislation to enactments

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Taipei Ta-an, District 3480, Taiwan

Endorsed by: District 3480 through a ballot-by-mail, 18 December 2014

1 *To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 127*
2 *MOP)*

3 4 **Article 10 Council on Legislation**

5 6 **Section 5 — Extraordinary Meeting to Adopt Enactments ~~and Resolutions~~.**

7 The board, by a 90 percent vote of the entire board, may determine that an
8 emergency exists, such that an extraordinary meeting of the council on
9 legislation is required in order to adopt legislation. The board will determine
10 the time and place for such a meeting and specify its purpose. Such a meeting
11 may consider and act only upon legislation proposed by the board related to the
12 emergency for which the meeting is called. Legislation to be considered at such
13 meetings is not subject to the submission deadlines and procedures specified
14 elsewhere in the constitutional documents of RI, except that those procedures
15 shall be followed to the extent that time permits. Any action of such a meeting
16 of the council shall be subject thereafter to action by the clubs as provided in
17 section 3 of this article.

18 ~~**Section 6 — Adopted Resolution.** Within one year of the conclusion of the~~
19 ~~council on legislation, the board shall notify all governors of any board action~~
20 ~~taken in regard to resolutions adopted by the council.~~

21
22 *And to amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 142-145*
23 *MOP)*

24 25 **Article 7 Legislative Procedure**

26 27 **7.010. Types of Legislation.**

28 Legislation seeking to amend the constitutional documents shall be known as
29 proposed enactments. ~~Legislation which does not seek to amend the~~
30 ~~constitutional documents shall be known as proposed resolutions.~~

31 32 **7.035. Deadline for Proposed Enactments ~~and Resolutions~~.**

33 Proposed enactments ~~and resolutions~~ shall be delivered to the general secretary
34 in writing no later than 31 December in the year preceding the council. The
35 board may propose and deliver to the general secretary enactments it determines
36 to be of an urgent nature no later than 31 December in the year of the council.
37 ~~Resolutions also may be offered by the council or the board and acted upon by~~
38 ~~the council at any time prior to the adjournment of the council.~~

1 **7.037. Duly Proposed Legislation; Defective Proposed Legislation.**

2
3 **7.037.2. Defective Legislation.**

4 Legislation is defective if:

- 5 (a) it is subject to two or more inconsistent meanings;
6 (b) it fails to amend all affected parts of the constitutional documents;
7 (c) its adoption would violate governing law;
8 ~~(d) it is in the form of a resolution, but it would require an action, or express an~~
9 ~~opinion, that is in conflict with the letter or spirit of the constitutional~~
10 ~~documents;~~
11 (d) it would amend the standard Rotary club constitution in a way that
12 would conflict with the RI bylaws or the RI constitution or it would amend
13 the RI bylaws in a way that would conflict with the RI constitution; or
14 ~~(f)~~ (e) it would be impossible to administer or enforce.

15
16 **7.050. Board Examination of Proposed Legislation.**

17 The board (by the constitution and bylaws committee acting on its behalf) shall
18 examine the text of all proposed legislation and shall advise the proposers of any
19 defects in the proposed legislation and recommend, where feasible, corrective
20 action.

21
22 ~~7.050.3. Resolutions Not Within the Framework.~~

23 ~~The board (by the constitution and bylaws committee acting on its behalf) shall~~
24 ~~examine the text of all proposed resolutions and the board, on the advice of the~~
25 ~~constitution and bylaws committee, shall direct the general secretary to transmit~~
26 ~~to the council such proposed resolutions as the board determines to be within the~~
27 ~~framework of the program of RI. In the event the board, on the advice of the~~
28 ~~constitution and bylaws committee, determines that a proposed resolution is not~~
29 ~~within the framework of the program of RI, the board may direct that the~~
30 ~~proposed resolution not be transmitted to the council for consideration. In the~~
31 ~~event of such action by the board, the proposer shall be so advised before the~~
32 ~~council convenes. In such instance, the proposer must secure the consent of two-~~
33 ~~thirds of the members of the council to have the proposed resolution considered~~
34 ~~by the council.~~

35
36 ~~7.050.4.~~ **7.050.3. Amendments to the Council and Transmittal of Legislation.**

37 All amendments to legislation must be submitted by the proposers to the general
38 secretary not later than 31 March of the year preceding the council unless the
39 deadline is extended by the board (the constitution and bylaws committee acting
40 on its behalf). Subject to the provisions of sections 7.050.2. and 7.050.3., the
41 general secretary shall transmit to the council all duly proposed legislation,
42 including all timely amendments.

43
44 ~~7.050.5.~~ **7.050.4. Publication of Proposed Legislation.**

45 The general secretary shall mail ten (10) copies of all duly proposed legislation
46 together with the proposer's statement of purpose and effect, as reviewed and
47 approved by the constitution and bylaws committee, to each governor, one copy

1 to all members of the council on legislation and all past directors, and one copy to
2 the secretary of any club that requests it, no later than 30 September in the year
3 the council shall be convened. The proposed legislation also will be made
4 available via Rotary's website.

5
6 ~~7.050.6.~~ 7.050.5. *Council Consideration of Legislation.*

7 The council shall consider and act upon such duly proposed legislation and any
8 proffered amendments.

9
10 ~~7.050.7.~~ *Adoption of Resolutions.*

11 ~~Legislation in the form of resolutions may be adopted by the affirmative vote of at~~
12 ~~least a majority of those present and voting at the council.~~

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

13 According to Section 28.005. of the Rotary Code of Policies, it is more efficient
14 and effective to propose specific issues to the RI Board by submitting a petition
15 directly, year-round, instead of proposing a resolution only once every three years
16 to the Council. Furthermore, it has been noticed that the number of proposed
17 resolutions to the Council has declined tremendously from 2007 - 183 proposals,
18 2010 - 96 proposals, to 2013 - 49 proposals, which clearly indicates that the clubs
19 and districts around the world have found that proposing resolutions to the
20 Council has not been working well. In fact, more than 90 percent of the proposed
21 resolutions favorably voted upon and passed by the Council were eventually
22 rejected during the RI Board's further review. All the time, effort and cost
23 devoted to it have been spent in vain. Without holding meetings and voting for
24 resolutions but only for proposed enactments at the Council, it will certainly
25 reduce a considerable amount of such tangible and intangible resources and time
26 for RI as well as the representatives. In turn, it will be beneficial to the logistic
27 work of the RI administration for the Council as a whole.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

28 This enactment could have no net financial impact on RI because revenues from
29 additional dues to fund the Council would be reduced by an amount equivalent to
30 a reduction in expenses.

31
32 The expenses for the Council on Legislation in fiscal year 2013 were US\$3 million.

33
34 For the 2013 Council on Legislation, approximately 37 percent of proposals (132
35 of 358 proposals) received by the Secretariat were resolutions, 49 of which were
36 submitted to the Council.

1 For the 2010 Council on Legislation, approximately 50 percent of proposals (166
2 of 345 proposals) received by the Secretariat were resolutions, 92 of which were
3 submitted to the Council.
4
5 Expenses would be lower for the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Council
6 Operations Committee, and staff if they did not have to process and review
7 resolutions; the number of days of the Council on Legislation could decrease;
8 printing and postage expenses could be lower. However, additional staff time
9 and resources could be required if there is an increase in the number of petitions
10 to the Board, and this expense cannot be determined at this time.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

Compromise Legislation

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-113

To provide for a Council on Resolutions

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Dunoon, District 1230, Scotland
District 2060, Italy
District 5490, USA
Rotary Club of Arlington, District 5790, USA
District 9710, Australia

Endorsed by: District 1230 through a district resolutions meeting, Erskine, Scotland, 12 November 2014
District 2060 through a district resolutions meeting, Venezia-Mestre, Italy, 15 November 2014
District 5490 through a district resolutions meeting, Parker, Arizona, USA, 29 September 2014
District 5790 through a ballot-by-mail, 21 November 2014
District 9710 through an annual district conference, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, Australia, 15 November 2014

1 *To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 127*
2 *MOP)*

3

4 **Article 10 Council on Legislation**

5

6 **Section 5 — Extraordinary Meeting to Adopt ~~Enactments and Resolutions~~**
7 **Legislation.** The board, by a 90 percent vote of the entire board, may determine
8 that an emergency exists, such that an extraordinary meeting of the council on
9 legislation is required in order to adopt legislation. The board will determine
10 the time and place for such a meeting and specify its purpose. Such a meeting
11 may consider and act only upon legislation proposed by the board related to the
12 emergency for which the meeting is called. Legislation to be considered at such
13 meetings is not subject to the submission deadlines and procedures specified
14 elsewhere in the constitutional documents of RI, except that those procedures
15 shall be followed to the extent that time permits. Any action of such a meeting
16 of the council shall be subject thereafter to action by the clubs as provided in
17 section 3 of this article.

18 **~~Section 6 — Adopted Resolution.~~** ~~Within one year of the conclusion of the~~
19 ~~council on legislation, the board shall notify all governors of any board action~~
20 ~~taken in regard to resolutions adopted by the council.~~

21

22 *And to amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

23

24 *in article 5 (page 136 MOP)*

1 **Article 5 Board of Directors**

2
3 **5.030. Appeals of Board Action.**

4 Action by the board shall be subject only to appeal through a ballot-by-mail
5 submitted to the district representatives of the ~~most recent~~ council on legislation
6 under rules to be established by the board. An appeal shall be duly filed with the
7 general secretary by any club with the concurrence of at least 24 other clubs. At
8 least half of the concurring clubs must be located in districts other than that of
9 the appealing club. The appeal and concurrences must be received no later than
10 four months after the action of the board is taken and the general secretary shall
11 conduct said ballot-by-mail within ninety (90) days thereafter. Such appeal shall
12 be in the form of a resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the club and
13 certified by the president and secretary. The only question to be considered by
14 the district representatives in acting upon the appeal is whether the action of the
15 board should be sustained. Provided, however, if such appeal is received by the
16 general secretary within three months before the next regularly scheduled
17 meeting of the council on legislation, then the appeal of the board action shall be
18 submitted to the council on legislation to decide if the action of the board should
19 be sustained.

20
21 *and in article 7 (pages 142-145 MOP)*

22
23 **Article 7 ~~Legislative Procedure~~ Council on Legislation**

24
25 **7.010. Types of Legislation.**

26 Legislation to be considered by the council on legislation shall be limited to
27 proposed enactments and proposed position statements. Legislation seeking to
28 amend the constitutional documents shall be known as proposed enactments.
29 ~~Legislation which does not seek to amend the constitutional documents shall be~~
30 ~~known as proposed resolutions.~~ Legislation seeking to state a position of RI shall
31 be known as proposed position statements.

32
33 **7.020. Who May Propose Legislation.**

34 ~~Legislation~~ Proposed enactments may be proposed by a club, a district
35 conference, the general council or conference of RIBI, the council on legislation,
36 and the board. Proposed position statements may only be proposed by the board.
37 The board shall not propose legislation relating to The Rotary Foundation
38 without the prior agreement of the trustees.

39
40 **7.030. District Endorsement of Club Legislation.**

41 ~~Legislation~~ Proposed enactments from a club must be endorsed by the clubs of
42 the district at a district conference, a district ~~resolutions~~ legislation meeting or
43 RIBI district council. Where time does not allow ~~legislation~~ proposed enactments
44 to be submitted to the district conference, a district ~~resolutions~~ legislation
45 meeting or RIBI district council, the ~~legislation~~ proposed enactments may be
46 submitted to the clubs of the district through a ballot-by-mail conducted by the
47 governor. Such ballot-by-mail shall follow the procedures in section 13.040. as

1 closely as possible. ~~All legislation~~ A proposed enactment delivered to the general
2 secretary shall be accompanied by a certificate from the governor stating that it
3 has been considered by the district conference, a district ~~resolutions~~ legislation
4 meeting, RIBI district council, or in a ballot-by-mail and has been endorsed. No
5 district should propose or endorse more than a total of five ~~items of legislation~~
6 proposed enactments per council on legislation.

7
8 **7.035. Deadline for Proposed Enactments and ~~Resolutions~~ Position Statements.**
9 Proposed enactments ~~and resolutions~~ shall be delivered to the general secretary
10 in writing no later than 31 December in the year preceding the council. The
11 board may propose and deliver to the general secretary enactments it determines
12 to be of an urgent nature no later than 31 December in the year of the council on
13 legislation. ~~Resolutions~~ Position statements also may be offered by ~~the council or~~
14 the board and acted upon by the council on legislation at any time prior to the
15 adjournment of the council on legislation.

16
17 **7.037. Duly Proposed Legislation; Defective Proposed Legislation.**

18
19 **7.037.2. Defective Legislation.**

20 ~~Legislation~~ A proposed enactment is defective if:

- 21 (a) it is subject to two or more inconsistent meanings;
- 22 (b) it fails to amend all affected parts of the constitutional documents;
- 23 (c) its adoption would violate governing law;
- 24 ~~(d) it is in the form of a resolution, but it would require an action, or express an~~
25 ~~opinion, that is in conflict with the letter or spirit of the constitutional~~
26 ~~documents;~~
- 27 ~~(e) (d)~~ it would amend the standard Rotary club constitution in a way that
28 would conflict with the RI bylaws or the RI constitution or it would amend
29 the RI bylaws in a way that would conflict with the RI constitution; ~~or~~
30 ~~(f) (e)~~ it would be impossible to administer or enforce; or
- 31 (f) it is in the form of a position statement, but it fails to state a proposed
32 position of RI.

33
34 **7.040. Review of Proposed Legislation.**

35 The constitution and bylaws committee shall review all legislation submitted to
36 the general secretary for transmittal to the council on legislation and may:

37
38 7.040.5. recommend to the board that the general secretary not transmit to the
39 council on legislation legislation determined by the committee to be defective;
40 and

41
42 7.040.6. carry out other duties defined in subsection ~~8.130.2~~ 9.140.2.

43
44 **7.050. Board Examination of Proposed Legislation.**

45 The board (by the constitution and bylaws committee acting on its behalf) shall
46 examine the text of all proposed legislation and shall advise the proposers of any

1 defects in the proposed legislation and recommend, where feasible, corrective
2 action.

3
4 *7.050.1. Similar Legislation.*

5 Where substantially similar legislation is proposed, the board (by the constitution
6 and bylaws committee acting on its behalf) may recommend compromise
7 legislation to the proposers. Where the proposers do not agree to such
8 compromise legislation, the board, on the advice of the constitution and bylaws
9 committee, may direct the general secretary to transmit to the council on
10 legislation alternate legislation which best expresses the objective of the similar
11 proposals. Such compromise and alternate legislation shall be designated as such
12 and shall not be subject to the established deadline.

13
14 *7.050.2. Legislation Not Transmitted to the Council on Legislation.*

15 Where the board, on the advice of the constitution and bylaws committee, acting
16 in accordance with section 7.040.4., determines that proposed legislation is not
17 duly proposed, the board shall direct that the legislation not be transmitted to the
18 council on legislation for consideration, and where it determines that proposed
19 legislation is defective, the board may direct that the proposed legislation not be
20 transmitted to the council on legislation for consideration. In the event of any
21 such action by the board, the proposer shall thereupon be notified by the general
22 secretary. In either such event, the proposer must secure the consent of two-
23 thirds of the members of the council to have the proposed legislation considered
24 by the council on legislation.

25
26 ~~*7.050.3. Resolutions Not Within the Framework.*~~

27 ~~The board (by the constitution and bylaws committee acting on its behalf) shall~~
28 ~~examine the text of all proposed resolutions and the board, on the advice of the~~
29 ~~constitution and bylaws committee, shall direct the general secretary to transmit~~
30 ~~to the council such proposed resolutions as the board determines to be within the~~
31 ~~framework of the program of RI. In the event the board, on the advice of the~~
32 ~~constitution and bylaws committee, determines that a proposed resolution is not~~
33 ~~within the framework of the program of RI, the board may direct that the~~
34 ~~proposed resolution not be transmitted to the council for consideration. In the~~
35 ~~event of such action by the board, the proposer shall be so advised before the~~
36 ~~council convenes. In such instance, the proposer must secure the consent of two-~~
37 ~~thirds of the members of the council to have the proposed resolution considered~~
38 ~~by the council.~~

39
40 ~~7.050.4.~~ *7.050.3. Amendments to the Council and Transmittal of Legislation.*

41 All amendments to legislation must be submitted by the proposers to the general
42 secretary not later than 31 March of the year preceding the council on legislation
43 unless the deadline is extended by the board (the constitution and bylaws
44 committee acting on its behalf). Subject to the provisions of sections 7.050.2.
45 ~~and 7.050.3.~~, the general secretary shall transmit to the council on legislation all
46 duly proposed legislation, including all timely amendments.

~~7.050.5.~~ 7.050.4. Publication of Proposed Legislation.

The general secretary shall mail ten (10) copies of all duly proposed legislation together with the proposer's statement of purpose and effect, as reviewed and approved by the constitution and bylaws committee, to each governor, one copy to all members of the council on legislation and all past directors, and one copy to the secretary of any club that requests it, no later than 30 September in the year the council on legislation shall be convened. The proposed legislation also will be made available via Rotary's website.

~~7.050.6.~~ 7.050.5. Council Consideration of Legislation.

The council on legislation shall consider and act upon such duly proposed legislation and any proffered amendments.

~~7.050.7.~~ Adoption of Resolutions.

~~Legislation in the form of resolutions may be adopted by the affirmative vote of at least a majority of those present and voting at the council.~~

and in article 8 (pages 146-153 MOP)

Article 8 Council on Resolutions

8.010. Meeting of the Council on Resolutions.

There shall be a council on resolutions conducted annually. The council on resolutions shall be convened through electronic communications.

8.020. Resolutions.

Proposals that are expressions of opinions of the council on resolutions shall be known as resolutions.

8.030. Who May Propose Resolutions.

Resolutions may be proposed by a club, a district conference, the general council or conference of RIBI, and the board.

8.040. District Endorsement of Club Resolutions.

Proposed resolutions from a club must be endorsed by the clubs of the district at a district conference, a district legislation meeting or RIBI district council. A proposed resolution delivered to the general secretary shall be accompanied by a certificate from the governor stating that it has been considered by the district conference, a district legislation meeting, RIBI district council, or in a ballot-by-mail and has been endorsed.

8.050. Deadline for Proposed Resolutions.

Proposed resolutions shall be delivered to the general secretary in writing no later than 30 June in the year prior to the year in which they are to be considered by the council on resolutions. Resolutions also may be offered by the board and acted upon by the council on resolutions at any time prior to the adjournment of the council.

1 **8.060. Duly Proposed Resolutions; Defective Proposed Resolutions.**

2
3 **8.060.1. Duly Proposed Resolutions.**

4 **A proposed resolution is duly proposed if:**

5 **(a) it is delivered to the general secretary under the deadlines contained in**
6 **section 8.050. of the bylaws;**

7 **(b) it complies with the requirements of section 8.030. of the bylaws regarding**
8 **who may propose a resolution; and**

9 **(c) when it is proposed by a club, the requirements of section 8.040. of the**
10 **bylaws regarding district endorsement have been met.**

11
12 **8.060.2. Defective Resolution.**

13 **A proposed resolution is defective if:**

14 **(a) it would require an action, or express an opinion, that is in conflict with the**
15 **letter or spirit of the constitutional documents; or**

16 **(b) it is not within the framework of the program of RI.**

17
18 **8.070. Review of Proposed Resolutions.**

19 **The constitution and bylaws committee shall review all proposed resolutions**
20 **submitted to the general secretary for transmittal to the council on resolutions**
21 **and may:**

22
23 **8.070.1. recommend to the board whether a proposed resolution is duly proposed**
24 **and whether it is defective; and**

25
26 **8.070.2. recommend to the board that the general secretary not transmit to the**
27 **council on resolutions proposed resolutions determined by the committee to be**
28 **defective.**

29
30 **8.080. Board Examination of Proposed Resolutions.**

31 **The board (by the constitution and bylaws committee acting on its behalf) shall**
32 **examine the text of all proposed resolutions and shall advise the proposers of any**
33 **defects in the proposed resolutions.**

34
35 **8.080.1. Resolutions Not Transmitted to the Council.**

36 **Where the board, on the advice of the constitution and bylaws committee, acting**
37 **in accordance with section 8.070.1., determines that proposed resolutions are not**
38 **duly proposed or defective, the board shall direct that the proposed resolutions**
39 **not be transmitted to the council for consideration. In the event of any such**
40 **action by the board, the proposer shall thereupon be notified by the general**
41 **secretary.**

42
43 **8.080.2. Council Consideration of Resolutions.**

44 **The council on resolutions shall consider and act upon such duly proposed**
45 **resolutions.**

1 8.080.3. Adoption of Resolutions.

2 Resolutions may be adopted by the affirmative vote of at least a majority of those
3 voting at the council on resolutions.

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5 **Article 8 9 Council on Legislation Members of the Council on**
6 **Legislation and Council on Resolutions**

7
8 ~~8.010.~~ **9.010.** *Members of the Council on Legislation and Council on*
9 *Resolutions.*

10 The council on legislation and the council on resolutions shall be composed of the
11 following voting and non-voting members:

12
13 ~~8.010.1.~~ **9.010.1.** *Representatives.*

14 There shall be one representative elected by the clubs of each district as provided
15 in sections ~~8.050., 8.060., and 8.070.~~ 9.060., 9.070., and 9.080. Each non-
16 districted club shall designate a convenient district whose representative shall
17 represent the club. The representative shall be a voting member. ~~No Rotarian~~
18 ~~shall attend more than three meetings of the council as a representative.~~

19
20 ~~8.010.2.~~ **9.010.2.** *Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Parliamentarian.*

21 A chairman, vice-chairman, and parliamentarian of the councils shall be selected
22 by the incoming president in the year immediately prior to the council on
23 legislation and shall serve for three years or until a successor has been selected.

24 The chairman and vice-chairman shall be non-voting members except that, when
25 presiding, either may cast the deciding vote in the case of a tie vote.

26
27 ~~8.010.3.~~ **9.010.3.** *Constitution and Bylaws Committee.*

28 The members of the constitution and bylaws committee of RI shall be non-voting
29 members of the councils and shall serve on the council operations committee.
30 They shall have the duties and responsibilities as provided in subsections ~~8.130.1.~~
31 9.140.1. and ~~8.130.2.~~ 9.140.2.

32
33 ~~8.010.4.~~ **9.010.4.** *President, President-elect, Directors, and General Secretary.*

34 The president, president-elect, other members of the board, and general secretary
35 shall be non-voting members of the councils.

36
37 ~~8.010.5.~~ **9.010.5.** *Past Presidents.*

38 All past presidents of RI shall be non-voting members of the councils.

39
40 ~~8.010.6.~~ **9.010.6.** *Trustees.*

41 A trustee of The Rotary Foundation, elected by the trustees, shall be a non-voting
42 member of the councils.

43
44 ~~8.010.7.~~ **9.010.7.** *Members-at-Large.*

45 There may be as many as three members-at-large who shall be non-voting
46 members of the councils on legislation if appointed by the president. Such
47 members-at-large shall have the duties and responsibilities as hereinafter

provided in section ~~8.100.~~ 9.110. and shall serve under the direction of the chairman of the council.

~~8.020.~~ 9.020. *Qualifications of Voting Members of the Council.*

~~8.020.1.~~ 9.020.1. *Club Member.*

Each member of ~~the~~ a council shall be a member of a club.

~~8.020.3.~~ 9.020.3. *Qualifications.*

To qualify for service at ~~the~~ a council, ~~the~~ a representative must be informed of the qualifications and submit to the general secretary a signed statement that the Rotarian understands the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of a representative; is qualified, willing, and able to assume and perform faithfully such duties and responsibilities; and shall attend the meeting of the council on legislation for its full duration and actively participate in the council on resolutions.

~~8.020.4.~~ 9.020.4. *Not Eligible.*

~~Non-voting members~~ A non-voting member of ~~the~~ a council ~~and~~ or a full-time, salaried employees of RI, or of any district or any club(s) shall not be eligible to serve as a voting members of ~~the~~ a council.

~~8.030.~~ 9.030. *Duties of District Representatives to the Councils.*

It shall be the duty of a representative to:

- (a) assist clubs in preparing their proposals for ~~the~~ each council;
- (b) discuss proposed legislation and resolutions at the district conference and/or other district meetings;
- (c) be knowledgeable of the existing attitudes of Rotarians within the district;
- (d) give critical consideration to all legislation and proposed resolutions presented to the councils and effectively communicate those views to the councils;
- (e) act as an objective legislator of RI;
- (f) attend the meeting of the council on legislation for its full duration;
- (g) participate in the council on resolutions;
- ~~(g)~~ (h) report on the deliberations of the councils to the clubs of the district following the meetings of the councils; and
- ~~(h)~~ (i) be accessible to clubs in the district to assist in their preparation of proposals for future councils.

9.040. *Terms of Representatives.*

The term of each representative shall begin on 1 July in the year following the year in which they are to be selected. Each representative shall serve for three years or until a successor has been selected and certified.

~~8.040.~~ 9.050. *Designation and Duties of Officers.*

The council officers shall consist of the chairman, vice-chairman, parliamentarian, and secretary.

1 ~~8.040.1.~~ 9.050.1. *Chairman.*
2 The chairman shall be the presiding officer of the councils and shall have such
3 other duties as may be specified in the bylaws and in the applicable rules of
4 procedure and as generally pertain to such office.
5
6 ~~8.040.3.~~ 9.050.3. *Parliamentarian.*
7 The parliamentarian shall advise and counsel the chairman and the councils on
8 matters of parliamentary procedure.
9
10 ~~8.040.4.~~ 9.050.4. *Secretary.*
11 The general secretary shall be the secretary of the councils or, with the approval
12 of the president, may appoint another person to serve as secretary.
13
14 ~~8.050.~~ 9.060. *Selection of Representatives by Nominating Committee*
15 *Procedure.*
16
17 ~~8.050.1.~~ 9.060.1. *Selection.*
18 The representative and the alternate representative should be selected by a
19 nominating committee procedure. The nominating committee procedure,
20 including any challenges and a resulting election, shall be conducted and
21 completed in the year two years preceding the council on legislation. The
22 nominating committee procedure shall be based on the nominating committee
23 procedure for district governors set forth in section 13.020. to the extent it is not
24 in conflict with this section. A candidate for representative shall not be eligible to
25 serve on the committee.
26
27 ~~8.050.3.~~ 9.060.3. *Representative and Alternate Unable to Serve.*
28 Where neither the representative nor the alternate representative is able to serve,
29 the governor may designate some other duly qualified member of a club in the
30 district to be the representative to the councils.
31
32 ~~8.060.~~ 9.070. *Election of Representatives at the District Conference.*
33
34 ~~8.060.1.~~ 9.070.1. *Election.*
35 If the district chooses not to utilize the nominating committee procedure, the
36 representative and the alternate representative may be elected at the annual
37 conference of the district or, in the case of a district in RIBI, at the district
38 council. The election shall take place in the year two years preceding the council
39 on legislation or, in the case of a district in RIBI, at the meeting of the district
40 council after 1 October in the year two years preceding the council on legislation.
41
42 ~~8.060.3.~~ 9.070.3. *Selection of Representatives and Alternates.*
43 The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be the representative to
44 the council on legislation and the council on resolutions. All votes from clubs
45 with more than one vote shall be cast for the same candidate, failing which the
46 votes from such clubs shall be deemed to be spoiled votes. If there are only two
47 candidates, the candidate failing to receive a majority of votes cast shall be the

1 alternate representative, to serve only in the event the representative is unable to
2 serve. When there are more than two candidates, the balloting shall be by single
3 transferable ballot. At such point in the balloting by the single transferable ballot
4 system that one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the candidate who
5 has the second highest number of votes shall be the alternate representative.

6
7 ~~8.060.4.~~ 9.070.4. *One Candidate for Representative.*

8 No ballot shall be required where there is only one nominee in a district. In such
9 cases, the governor shall declare such nominee the representative to the councils.
10 The governor shall also appoint a qualified Rotarian who is a member of a club in
11 the district as the alternate representative.

12
13 ~~8.070.~~ 9.080. *Election of Representatives Through Ballot-by-Mail.*

14
15 ~~8.070.1.~~ 9.080.1. *Board Authorization for Ballot-by-Mail.*

16 In certain circumstances, the board may authorize a district to select the repre-
17 sentative and the alternate representative to the councils in a ballot-by-mail. In
18 such case, the governor shall prepare and cause to be mailed to the secretary of
19 every club in the district an official call for nominations for representative. All
20 nominations must be made in writing and signed by the president and the
21 secretary of the club. The nominations must be received by the governor on or
22 before a date to be fixed by the governor. The governor shall cause to be pre-
23 pared and mailed to each club a ballot naming in alphabetical order the qualified
24 nominees so offered and shall conduct the ballot-by-mail. Those candidates
25 whose written requests for exclusion from the ballot are received no later than
26 the date fixed by the governor shall be excluded from such ballot. Each club shall
27 be entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of more than 25
28 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or major fraction
29 thereof, of its members. Such membership shall be determined by the number of
30 members in the club as of the date of the most recent semiannual payment
31 preceding the date on which the vote is to be held. However, any club whose
32 membership in RI has been suspended by the board shall not be entitled to
33 participate in the voting. The governor may appoint a committee for the purpose
34 of conducting the ballot-by-mail procedure as provided herein.

35
36 ~~8.070.2.~~ 9.080.2. *Election Through Ballot-by-Mail.*

37 A majority vote of electors present and voting at a district conference may vote to
38 have the selection of the representative and the alternate representative to the
39 councils pursuant to a ballot-by-mail. The ballot-by-mail shall be conducted in
40 the month immediately following such annual district conference. Such ballot-
41 by-mail shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions set forth in
42 subsection ~~8.070.1.~~ 9.080.1.

43
44 ~~8.080.~~ 9.090. *Notice.*

1 ~~8.080.1.~~ 9.090.1. *Report of Representative to General Secretary.*

2 The names of the representative and the alternate representative to the councils
3 shall be reported by the governor to the general secretary immediately following
4 their selection.

6 ~~8.080.2.~~ 9.090.2. *Publication of Representatives to Council Meeting.*

7 At least 30 days prior to the ~~meeting of the~~ convening of each council, the general
8 secretary shall publish to each representative the names of representatives as
9 reported by the governors ~~and notice of the time and place of the meetings of the~~
10 ~~council.~~

12 ~~8.090.~~ 9.100. *Credentials Committee.*

13 The president shall appoint a credentials committee which shall meet in advance
14 of the council on legislation ~~at the site~~. The committee shall examine and certify
15 credentials. Any action of the committee may be reviewed by the council on
16 legislation.

18 ~~8.100.~~ 9.110. *Members-at-Large.*

19 Immediately following the publication of the proposed legislation, the chairman
20 of the council on legislation shall assign each member-at-large items of proposed
21 legislation. Each member-at-large shall study all proposed legislation so assigned
22 and be prepared to facilitate consideration of and inform the council on
23 legislation with respect to comments for or against adoption of the respective
24 items of legislation which have not been covered adequately in debate.

26 ~~8.110.~~ 9.120. *Quorum for the Council on Legislation and Council on*
27 *Resolutions.*

28 A quorum shall consist of one half of the voting members of ~~the~~ each council.
29 Each voting member shall be entitled to cast one vote on each question submitted
30 to vote. There shall be no proxy voting in the councils.

32 ~~8.120.~~ 9.130. *Procedures of the Councils.*

34 ~~8.120.1.~~ 9.130.1. *Rules of Procedure.*

35 Subject to section ~~8.130.~~ 9.140., each council on legislation may adopt such rules
36 of procedure as it deems necessary to govern the conduct of its deliberations.
37 Such rules shall be in harmony with the bylaws and shall remain in effect until
38 changed by a subsequent council on legislation. Each council on resolutions shall
39 be conducted according to rules of procedure adopted by the council operations
40 committee.

42 ~~8.120.2.~~ 9.130.2. *Appeal.*

43 An appeal may be made to the council on legislation from any decision of the
44 chair. A majority vote of the council on legislation shall be required to overrule
45 the decision of the chair.

1 **~~8.130.~~ 9.140.** *Council Operations Committee; Duties of the Constitution and*
2 *Bylaws Committee.*

3 There shall be a council operations committee composed of the chairman, the
4 vice-chairman, and the members of the constitution and bylaws committee. The
5 chairman of the council shall be the chairman of the council operations
6 committee.

7
8 **~~8.130.1.~~ 9.140.1.** *Duties of the Council Operations Committee.*

9 The council operations committee shall recommend rules of procedure ~~for the~~
10 ~~council~~ and the order of consideration for proposed legislation for the council on
11 legislation and shall adopt rules of procedure and the order of consideration for
12 the council on resolutions. The committee shall also draft and revise for the
13 council on legislation, where feasible, amendments to correct defects identified
14 by the committee or council in any proposed legislation or amendments thereof.
15 The committee shall further make correlative amendments to the bylaws and the
16 standard club constitution to give full effect to enactments adopted by the council
17 and prepare the report to the council on legislation which shall note any
18 correlative amendments.

19
20 **~~8.130.2.~~ 9.140.2.** *Further Duties of the Members of the Constitution and Bylaws*
21 *Committee.*

22 The constitution and bylaws committee shall review and approve the purpose and
23 effect statements for all legislation prior to publication. Immediately following
24 the publication of the proposed legislation, the chairman of the council shall
25 assign each member of the constitution and bylaws committee items of proposed
26 legislation. Each constitution and bylaws committee member shall study all
27 proposed legislation so assigned and be prepared to inform the council on
28 legislation with respect to the purpose, background, and effect of the respective
29 items of legislation and of any defects in such items.

30
31 **~~8.140.~~ 9.150.** *Action of the Council.*

32
33 **~~8.140.1.~~ 9.150.1.** *Report of the Chairman.*

34 The chairman ~~of the council~~ shall transmit to the general secretary a
35 comprehensive report of action by the council on legislation and council on
36 resolutions within ten days following adjournment of the council.

37
38 **~~8.140.2.~~ 9.150.2.** *Report of the General Secretary.*

39 The general secretary shall transmit to the secretary of each club a report of
40 action by the council on legislation or council on resolutions on all legislation or
41 resolutions adopted by the councils within two months of the adjournment of ~~the~~
42 each council. The report shall be accompanied by a form for use by any club
43 desiring to record its opposition to legislation adopted by the council on
44 legislation.

1 ~~8.140.3.~~ 9.150.3. *Opposition to Council Action.*

2 Forms from clubs recording opposition to action by ~~the~~ a council on legislation in
3 adopting any legislation must be certified by the club presidents and received by
4 the general secretary no later than the date stated in the report by the general
5 secretary, which shall be at least two months after the mailing of such report.
6 The general secretary shall examine and tabulate all forms duly received from
7 clubs recording opposition to action by ~~the~~ a council on legislation.
8

9 ~~8.140.4.~~ 9.150.4. *Suspension of Council Action.*

10 The action of ~~the~~ a council on such legislation shall be suspended where clubs
11 representing at least 5 percent of the votes entitled to be cast by the clubs file
12 forms recording their opposition.
13

14 ~~8.140.7.~~ 9.150.7. *Results of Balloting.*

15 If a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by clubs are to reject the action of ~~the~~
16 a council on legislation, the action of the council in regard to such item shall be
17 nullified from the date of the suspension. Otherwise, the suspended action shall
18 be reinstated as if no suspension occurred.
19

20 ~~8.140.8.~~ 9.150.8. *Effective Date of Council Action.*

21 Action by ~~the~~ a council regarding legislation or resolutions shall become effective
22 on 1 July immediately following adjournment of the council unless suspended by
23 action of clubs under the provisions of subsection ~~8.140.4~~ 9.150.4.
24

25 ~~8.150.~~ 9.160. *Site Selection.*

26 Pursuant to article 10, section 2 of the RI constitution, the board shall make every
27 effort to ensure that no Rotarian will be excluded solely on the basis of national
28 citizenship when selecting a site for the council on legislation.
29

30 ~~8.160.~~ 9.170. *Extraordinary Meeting of the Council.*

31
32 ~~8.160.1.~~ 9.170.1. *Notice.*

33 An extraordinary meeting of the council on legislation may be called by the board
34 in accordance with article 10, section 5 of the RI constitution. Notice of an
35 extraordinary meeting and the legislation it will consider shall be mailed to
36 governors no later than 60 days before the meeting is scheduled to convene. The
37 governors shall forthwith notify the clubs in their districts and as soon as possible
38 inform the general secretary of the names of the Rotarians who will represent
39 their respective districts at such a meeting.
40

41 ~~8.160.2.~~ Representation.

42 ~~The clubs in a district will be represented at such extraordinary meeting by the~~
43 ~~representative most recently elected to represent them at the council. Where the~~
44 ~~representative is not able and willing to serve, the district shall be represented by~~
45 ~~the most recently elected alternate representative to the council. If neither is able~~
46 ~~and willing to serve, the governor or another person appointed by the governor~~
47 ~~who is qualified under the bylaws shall represent the clubs in the district.~~

~~8.160.3.~~ 9.170.2. *Adoption of Enactments.*

A two-thirds affirmative vote of those present and voting shall be required for the adoption of legislation at an extraordinary meeting of the council on legislation.

~~8.160.4.~~ 9.170.3. *Procedures.*

The procedures applicable at the regular meeting of the council on legislation shall apply at an extraordinary meeting with the following two exceptions:

~~8.160.4.2.~~ 9.170.3.2. *Opposition to Action.*

The clubs shall have two months from the time the report is transmitted to the clubs to record their opposition to any action of an extraordinary meeting of the council on legislation.

~~8.160.5.~~ 9.170.4. *Effective Date of Action.*

Actions of an extraordinary meeting of the council on legislation shall become effective two months after the general secretary has transmitted the report of that council so long as the requisite number of opposition votes has not been filed by clubs. If the requisite number of clubs have recorded their opposition, the action will be subject to a ballot-by-mail following as closely as possible the provisions of section ~~8.140~~ 9.150.

and in article 15 (pages 179-180 MOP)

Article 15 Districts

15.040. *District Conference and District ~~Resolutions~~ Legislation Meeting.*

15.040.1. *Time and Place.*

A conference of Rotarians of each district shall be held annually at such time and place as agreed upon by the governor and the presidents of a majority of the clubs of the district. The conference dates shall not conflict with the district training assembly, the international assembly, or the international convention. The board may authorize two or more districts to hold their conferences together. Further, the district may hold a district ~~resolutions~~ legislation meeting at a time and place determined by the governor, provided 21 days notice is given to all clubs in the district.

15.040.3. *Conference and District ~~Resolutions~~ Legislation Meeting Actions.*

A district conference and district ~~resolutions~~ legislation meeting may adopt recommendations upon matters of importance in its district, provided such action shall be in accordance with the constitution and bylaws and in keeping with the spirit and principles of Rotary. Each district conference and district ~~resolutions~~ legislation meeting shall consider and act upon all matters submitted to it for consideration by the board and may adopt resolutions thereon.

15.050. *Conference and District ~~Resolutions~~ Legislation Meeting Voting.*

1 15.050.1. *Electors.*
2 Each club in a district shall select, certify, and send to its annual district
3 conference and district ~~resolutions~~ legislation meeting (if one is held) at least one
4 elector. Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one
5 additional elector for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its
6 members. That is, a club with a membership of up to 37 members is entitled to
7 one elector, a club with 38 to 62 members is entitled to two electors, a club with
8 63 to 87 members is entitled to three electors and so on. Such membership shall
9 be determined by the number of members in the club as of the date of the most
10 recent semiannual payment preceding the date on which the vote is to be held.
11 However, any club whose membership in RI has been suspended by the board
12 shall not be entitled to any electors. Each elector shall be a member of the club.
13 An elector must be present at the district conference or a district ~~resolutions~~
14 legislation meeting to vote.

15
16 15.050.2. *Conference and District ~~Resolutions~~ Legislation Meeting Voting*
17 *Procedures.*

18 Every member in good standing of a club in a district present at the district
19 conference or a district ~~resolutions~~ legislation meeting shall be entitled to vote on
20 all matters submitted to a vote at such conference or district ~~resolutions~~
21 legislation meeting except for the selection of a governor-nominee, election of a
22 member and alternate member of the nominating committee for director,
23 composition and terms of reference of the nominating committee for governor,
24 election of the club representative and alternate representative of the district to
25 the council on legislation and council on resolutions, and the decision as to the
26 amount of the per capita levy. However, any elector shall have the right to
27 demand a poll upon any matter presented to the conference or district
28 ~~resolutions~~ legislation meeting. In such cases, voting shall be restricted to
29 electors. When voting on the selection of the governor-nominee, election of a
30 member and alternate member of the nominating committee for director,
31 composition and terms of reference of the nominating committee for governor, or
32 election of the club representative and alternate representative of the district to
33 the council on legislation and council on resolutions, all votes from a club with
34 more than one vote shall be cast for the same candidate or proposition. For votes
35 requiring or utilizing a single transferable ballot with three or more candidates,
36 all votes from a club with more than one vote shall be cast for the same ordered
37 choices of candidates.

(Subsequent articles will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

38 In its current form, the Council on Legislation debates and votes on both
39 enactments and resolutions. In 2013, 49 of the 200 items transmitted to the

1 Council were resolutions. While resolutions can be submitted directly to the RI
2 Board of Directors as petitions at each of its meetings, proposers often wish to
3 have the support of Council representatives before the RI Board considers their
4 item. Of the 49 resolutions, 19 of those resolutions were withdrawn prior to the
5 2013 Council to be considered by the RI Board early. The remaining 30 items
6 sent to the Council took a half day to debate and vote on out of four full days of
7 the Council.

8
9 An annual Council on Resolutions meeting held online would allow for a more
10 timely response to resolutions and would still permit resolutions to be considered
11 and supported by the Council representatives. This would also increase the
12 frequency of the consideration of new ideas, without the production of a full
13 Council on Legislation. In addition, the in-person Council on Legislation would
14 then be able to focus its limited time solely on enactments and position
15 statements.

	Council on Legislation	Council on Resolutions
Frequency	Triennially	Annually
Date	April, May, or June	None specified
Location	Near world headquarters	Online forum
Who Votes	Representatives	Representatives
Legislation Considered	Enactments and position statements	Resolutions
Deadline for Legislation	31 December in the year preceding the Council	30 June in the year prior to the year they will be considered
Amendments	Yes	No
Deadline for Urgent Board Enactments	31 December in the year of the Council	n/a

Deadline for Board Position Statements	End of the Council on Legislation meeting	n/a
Deadline for Board Resolutions	n/a	End of the Council on Resolutions
Publication of Legislation	30 September in the year of the Council	None specified

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 This enactment would have no net financial impact on RI because revenues from
2 additional dues to fund the Council on Legislation will be adjusted by an amount
3 equivalent to any change in expenses. The expenses for the Council on
4 Legislation in fiscal year 2013 were US\$3 million.
5
- 6 The impact on expenses would be dependent on a potential decrease in the length
7 of the Council on Legislation meeting, offset by an increase in annual expenses
8 for online meetings.
9
- 10 • If the meeting were one day shorter, for example, expense savings are
11 estimated at US\$340,000 due to lower expenses in hotel, meals, and
12 equipment for each triennial meeting.
13
 - 14 • Expenses to conduct annual electronic meetings for the Council on
15 Resolutions would be contingent on the requirements and format of the
16 online meeting. Expenses would include the cost of developing and
17 implementing a new technology solution and annual operating expenses to
18 support the process, translation and interpretation, and committee and
19 staff support.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-114

To provide that representatives shall serve for a term of three years

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

2
3 *in article 5 (page 136 MOP)*

4
5 **Article 5 Board of Directors**

6
7 **5.030. Appeals of Board Action.**

8 Action by the board shall be subject only to appeal through a ballot-by-mail
9 submitted to the district representatives of the ~~most recent~~ council on legislation
10 under rules to be established by the board. An appeal shall be duly filed with the
11 general secretary by any club with the concurrence of at least 24 other clubs. At
12 least half of the concurring clubs must be located in districts other than that of
13 the appealing club. The appeal and concurrences must be received no later than
14 four months after the action of the board is taken and the general secretary shall
15 conduct said ballot-by-mail within ninety (90) days thereafter. Such appeal shall
16 be in the form of a resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the club and
17 certified by the president and secretary. The only question to be considered by
18 the district representatives in acting upon the appeal is whether the action of the
19 board should be sustained. Provided, however, if such appeal is received by the
20 general secretary within three months before the next regularly scheduled
21 meeting of the council on legislation, then the appeal of the board action shall be
22 submitted to the council on legislation to decide if the action of the board should
23 be sustained.

24
25 *and in article 8 (pages 148-153 MOP)*

26
27 **Article 8 Council on Legislation**

28
29 **8.040. Terms of Representatives.**

30 The term of each representative shall begin on 1 July in the year following the
31 year in which they are to be selected. Each representative shall serve for three
32 years or until a successor has been selected and certified.

33
34 (Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

35
36 **8.160. Extraordinary Meeting of the Council.**

1 ~~8.160.2. Representation.~~
2 ~~The clubs in a district will be represented at such extraordinary meeting by the~~
3 ~~representative most recently elected to represent them at the council. Where the~~
4 ~~representative is not able and willing to serve, the district shall be represented by~~
5 ~~the most recently elected alternate representative to the council. If neither is able~~
6 ~~and willing to serve, the governor or another person appointed by the governor~~
7 ~~who is qualified under the bylaws shall represent the clubs in the district.~~

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

8 While the RI Bylaws provide that the COL representative be selected in the year
9 two years preceding the COL, it does not state the term of the representative.
10 Adding the term of office would provide clarity to explicitly state that each
11 representative shall serve a three-year term (for example the 2019 COL
12 representative would take office on 1 July 2017 and serve until 30 June 2020).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

13 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-115

To provide that a Rotarian shall not attend more than two Councils on Legislation as a representative

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Ensenada, District 4100, Mexico
Rotary Club of Tepic, District 4150, Mexico

Endorsed by: District 4100 through an annual district conference, Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico, 29 March 2014
District 4150 through an annual district conference, Guanajuato, Guanajuato, Mexico, 3 May 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 146 MOP)*

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3 **Article 8 Council on Legislation**

4

5 **8.010. Members of the Council.**

6 The council shall be composed of the following voting and non-voting members:

7

8 8.010.1. *Representatives.*

9 There shall be one representative elected by the clubs of each district as provided
10 in sections 8.050., 8.060., and 8.070. Each non-districted club shall designate a
11 convenient district whose representative shall represent the club. The
12 representative shall be a voting member. No Rotarian shall attend more than
13 ~~three~~ two meetings of the council as a representative.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

14 This enactment would amend the RI Bylaws to establish that no Rotarian can
15 serve more than twice as a voting member at the Council on Legislation. This
16 would ensure that a greater number of district officers can represent their
17 districts at the Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

18 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

Compromise Legislation

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-116

To amend the process for selecting representatives to attend the Council on Legislation

Proposer(s): District 6040, USA
Rotary Club of Hamilton Place (Chattanooga), District 6780, USA

Endorsed by: District 6040 through an annual district conference, Kansas City, Missouri, USA, 8 November 2014
District 6780 through a district resolutions meeting, East Tennessee, USA, 8 October 2014

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 146-153*
2 *MOP)*

3
4 **8.010. Members of the Council.**

5 The council shall be composed of the following voting and non-voting members:

6
7 **8.010.1. Representatives**

8 There shall be one representative elected by the clubs of each district as provided
9 in sections 8.050., 8.060., and 8.070. Each non-districted club shall designate a
10 convenient district whose representative shall represent the club. For purposes
11 of determining attendance at a meeting of the council, each district shall be
12 paired with another district in a manner to be determined by the Board. Of the
13 two representatives from the paired districts, only one representative shall attend
14 each meeting of the council. The paired districts shall alternate sending
15 representatives to meetings of the council. The representative attending the
16 council shall be a voting member. No Rotarian shall attend more than three
17 meetings of the council as a representative.

18
19 **8.020. Qualifications of Voting Members of the Council.**

20
21 **8.020.3. Qualifications.**

22 To qualify for service at the council, the representative must be informed of the
23 qualifications and submit to the general secretary a signed statement that the
24 Rotarian understands the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of a repre-
25 sentative; is qualified, willing, and able to assume and perform faithfully such
26 duties and responsibilities; and shall attend the meeting for its full duration when
27 assigned to attend a meeting of the council.

28
29 **8.030. Duties of District Representatives to the Council.**

30 It shall be the duty of a representative to:

- 1 (a) assist clubs in preparing their proposals for the council;
2 (b) discuss proposed legislation at the district conference and/or other district
3 meetings;
4 (c) be knowledgeable of the existing attitudes of Rotarians within the district;
5 (d) when attending, give critical consideration to all legislation presented to the
6 council and effectively communicate those views to the council;
7 (e) act as an objective legislator of RI;
8 (f) when attending, attend the meeting of the council for its full duration;
9 (g) report on the deliberations of the council to the clubs of the district
10 following the meeting of the council; and
11 (h) be accessible to clubs in the district to assist in their preparation of
12 proposals for future councils.

13
14 **8.040. Terms of Representatives.**

15 The term of each representative shall begin on 1 July in the year following the
16 year in which they are to be selected. Each representative shall serve for six years
17 or until a successor has been selected and certified.
18

19 ~~8.040.~~ **8.050. Designation and Duties of Officers.**

20 The council officers shall consist of the chairman, vice-chairman,
21 parliamentarian, and secretary.
22

23 ~~8.040.1.~~ **8.050.1. Chairman.**

24 The chairman shall be the presiding officer of the council and shall have such
25 other duties as may be specified in the bylaws and in the applicable rules of
26 procedure and as generally pertain to such office.
27

28 ~~8.040.2.~~ **8.050.2. Vice-Chairman.**

29 The vice-chairman shall serve as presiding officer as the chairman may determine
30 or as circumstances may otherwise require. The vice-chairman shall also assist
31 the chairman as determined by the chairman.
32

33 ~~8.040.3.~~ **8.050.3. Parliamentarian.**

34 The parliamentarian shall advise and counsel the chairman and the council on
35 matters of parliamentary procedure.
36

37 ~~8.040.4.~~ **8.050.4. Secretary.**

38 The general secretary shall be the secretary of the council or, with the approval of
39 the president, may appoint another person to serve as secretary.
40

41 ~~8.050.~~ **8.060. Selection of Representatives by Nominating Committee**
42 **Procedure.**

43
44 ~~8.050.1.~~ **8.060.1. Selection.**

45 The representative and the alternate representative should be selected by a
46 nominating committee procedure. The nominating committee procedure,
47 including any challenges and a resulting election, shall be conducted and

1 completed every six years in the year two years preceding the council. The
2 nominating committee procedure shall be based on the nominating committee
3 procedure for district governors set forth in section 13.020. to the extent it is not
4 in conflict with this section. A candidate for representative shall not be eligible to
5 serve on the committee.

6
7 **~~8.060.~~ 8.070. *Election of Representatives at the District Conference.***

8
9 **~~8.060.1.~~ 8.070.1. *Election.***

10 If the district chooses not to utilize the nominating committee procedure, the
11 representative and the alternate representative may be elected at the annual
12 conference of the district or, in the case of a district in RIBI, at the district
13 council. The election shall take place every six years in the year two years
14 preceding the council or, in the case of a district in RIBI, at the meeting of the
15 district council after 1 October in the year two years preceding the council.

16
17 **~~8.080.~~ 8.090. *Notice.***

18
19 **~~8.080.2.~~ 8.090.2. *Publication of Representatives to Council Meeting.***

20 At least 30 days prior to the meeting of the council, the general secretary shall
21 publish to each representative the names of representatives as reported by the
22 governors and notice of the time and place of the meeting of the council.

23
24 **~~8.110.~~ 8.120. *Quorum for the Council.***

25 A quorum shall consist of one half of the voting members of the council. Each
26 voting member shall be entitled to cast one vote on each question submitted to
27 vote. There shall be no proxy voting in the council.

28
29 **~~8.160.~~ 8.170. *Extraordinary Meeting of the Council.***

30
31 **~~8.160.2.~~ 8.170.2. *Representation.***

32 ~~The clubs in a~~ Each paired district will be represented at such extraordinary
33 meeting by ~~the voting one of the two~~ representatives most recently elected to
34 represent them at the council in a manner to be determined by the board. Where
35 the representatives is are not able and willing to serve, the districts shall be
36 represented by ~~the one of the two~~ most recently elected alternate representatives
37 to the council. If neither is able and willing to serve, the governors or another
38 person appointed by the governors who is qualified under the bylaws shall
39 represent the clubs in the districts.

(Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 In Rotary Year 2013-2014, the Council on Legislation Review Committee met to
2 review the efficiency and effectiveness of the Council. All committee members
3 served as their district's representative at the 2013 Council. One of the topics
4 they discussed was recommending a way to decrease the number of
5 representatives.
6
7 One concern about the Council in its current format is that it is too large to
8 produce good debate and make real change. In this proposed enactment, each
9 district would still choose its own representative, who would then have a six-year
10 term, and the paired districts would then alternate sending their representative to
11 the Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

12 This enactment would have no net financial impact to RI because revenues from
13 additional dues to fund the Council on Legislation will be reduced by an amount
14 equivalent to the reduction in expenses.
15

16 The expenses for the Council on Legislation in fiscal year 2013 were US\$3
17 million, which included US\$1.8 million for 532 representatives to travel to the
18 meeting.
19

20 If each district paired with another district and only one representative attended
21 the Council on Legislation, versus one representative from each of the districts,
22 there would be 268 fewer delegates. Estimated cost savings of US\$1,150,000
23 could be realized as follows:
24

- 25 • US\$900,000 related to airfare, hotel and meals
- 26 • US\$250,000 related to venue, interpretation equipment, transportation,
27 printing, and other miscellaneous expenses

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

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NOTES

Compromise Legislation

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-117

To amend the process for selecting representatives to attend the Council on Legislation

Proposer(s): District 2060, Italy

Rotary Club of Peoria North, District 5490, USA

Endorsed by: District 2060 through a district resolutions meeting, Mestre-Venezia, Italy, 15 November 2014

District 5490 through a district resolutions meeting, Parker, Arizona, USA, 29 September 2014

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

in article 5 (page 136 MOP)

Article 5 Board of Directors

5.030. Appeals of Board Action.

Action by the board shall be subject only to appeal through a ballot-by-mail submitted to the ~~district representatives~~ voting members of the most recent council on legislation under rules to be established by the board. An appeal shall be duly filed with the general secretary by any club with the concurrence of at least 24 other clubs. At least half of the concurring clubs must be located in districts other than that of the appealing club. The appeal and concurrences must be received no later than four months after the action of the board is taken and the general secretary shall conduct said ballot-by-mail within ninety (90) days thereafter. Such appeal shall be in the form of a resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the club and certified by the president and secretary. The only question to be considered by the ~~district representatives~~ voting members in acting upon the appeal is whether the action of the board should be sustained. Provided, however, if such appeal is received by the general secretary within three months before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the council on legislation, then the appeal of the board action shall be submitted to the council on legislation to decide if the action of the board should be sustained.

and in article 8 (pages 146-153 MOP)

Article 8 Council on Legislation

8.010. Members of the Council.

The council shall be composed of ~~the following~~ voting and non-voting members:.

1 Each zone shall be represented by nine voting members to be selected from the
2 representatives elected by the districts in the zone.

3
4 **8.010.1. Representatives.**

5 There shall be one representative elected by the clubs of each district as provided
6 in sections 8.050., 8.060., and 8.070. Each non-districted club shall designate a
7 convenient district whose representative shall represent the club. ~~The~~
8 ~~representative shall be a voting member.~~ No Rotarian shall attend more than
9 three meetings of the council as a ~~representative~~ voting member.

10
11 **8.030. Duties of District Representatives to the Council.**

12 It shall be the duty of a representative to:

- 13 (a) assist clubs in preparing their proposals for the council;
- 14 (b) discuss proposed legislation at the district conference and/or other district
- 15 meetings;
- 16 (c) be knowledgeable of the existing attitudes of Rotarians within the district;
- 17 (d) give critical consideration to all legislation presented to the council and
- 18 effectively communicate those views to the council;
- 19 (e) act as an objective legislator of RI;
- 20 (f) if selected, attend the meeting of the council for its full duration;
- 21 (g) report on the deliberations of the council to the clubs of the district
- 22 following the meeting of the council; and
- 23 (h) be accessible to clubs in the district to assist in their preparation of
- 24 proposals for future councils.

25
26 **8.040. Terms of Representatives.**

27 The term of each representative shall begin on 1 July in the year following the
28 year in which they are to be selected. Each representative shall serve for three
29 years or until a successor has been selected and certified.

30
31 **~~8.040.~~ 8.050. Designation and Duties of Officers.**

32 The council officers shall consist of the chairman, vice-chairman,
33 parliamentarian, and secretary.

34
35 **~~8.040.1.~~ 8.050.1. Chairman.**

36 The chairman shall be the presiding officer of the council and shall have such
37 other duties as may be specified in the bylaws and in the applicable rules of
38 procedure and as generally pertain to such office.

39
40 **~~8.040.2.~~ 8.050.2. Vice-Chairman.**

41 The vice-chairman shall serve as presiding officer as the chairman may determine
42 or as circumstances may otherwise require. The vice-chairman shall also assist
43 the chairman as determined by the chairman.

44
45 **~~8.040.3.~~ 8.050.3. Parliamentarian.**

46 The parliamentarian shall advise and counsel the chairman and the council on
47 matters of parliamentary procedure.

1 ~~8.040.4.~~ 8.050.4. *Secretary.*

2 The general secretary shall be the secretary of the council or, with the approval of
3 the president, may appoint another person to serve as secretary.

4
5 ~~8.050.~~ 8.060. *Selection of Representatives by Nominating Committee*
6 *Procedure.*

7
8 ~~8.050.1.~~ 8.060.1. *Selection.*

9 The representative and the alternate representative should be selected by a
10 nominating committee procedure. The nominating committee procedure,
11 including any challenges and a resulting election, shall be conducted and
12 completed in the year two years preceding the council. The nominating
13 committee procedure shall be based on the nominating committee procedure for
14 district governors set forth in section 13.020. to the extent it is not in conflict with
15 this section. A candidate for representative shall not be eligible to serve on the
16 committee.

17
18 ~~8.050.2.~~ 8.060.2. *Failure to Adopt a Method for Selecting Members of a*
19 *Nominating Committee.*

20 Any district that fails to adopt a method for selecting members of a nominating
21 committee shall utilize as its nominating committee all past governors who are
22 members of a club in that district and are willing and able to serve. A candidate
23 for representative shall not be eligible to serve on the committee.

24
25 ~~8.050.3.~~ 8.060.3. *Representative and Alternate Unable to Serve.*

26 Where neither the representative nor the alternate representative is able to serve,
27 the governor may designate some other duly qualified member of a club in the
28 district to be the representative to the council.

29
30 ~~8.060.~~ 8.070. *Election of Representatives at the District Conference.*

31
32 ~~8.060.1.~~ 8.070.1. *Election.*

33 If the district chooses not to utilize the nominating committee procedure, the
34 representative and the alternate representative may be elected at the annual
35 conference of the district or, in the case of a district in RIBI, at the district
36 council. The election shall take place in the year two years preceding the council
37 or, in the case of a district in RIBI, at the meeting of the district council after 1
38 October in the year two years preceding the council.

39
40 ~~8.060.2.~~ 8.070.2. *Nominations.*

41 Any club in a district may nominate a qualified member of any club in the district
42 for representative where such member has indicated a willingness and ability to
43 serve. The club shall certify such nomination in writing. Such certification must
44 include the signatures of the club president and secretary. Such nomination shall
45 be forwarded to the governor for presentation to the electors of the clubs at the
46 district conference.

1 ~~8.060.3.~~ 8.070.3. *Selection of Representatives and Alternates.*
2 The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be the representative to
3 the council. All votes from clubs with more than one vote shall be cast for the
4 same candidate, failing which the votes from such clubs shall be deemed to be
5 spoiled votes. If there are only two candidates, the candidate failing to receive a
6 majority of votes cast shall be the alternate representative, to serve only in the
7 event the representative is unable to serve. When there are more than two
8 candidates, the balloting shall be by single transferable ballot. At such point in
9 the balloting by the single transferable ballot system that one candidate receives a
10 majority of the votes cast, the candidate who has the second highest number of
11 votes shall be the alternate representative.
12
13 ~~8.060.4.~~ 8.070.4. *One Candidate for Representative.*
14 No ballot shall be required where there is only one nominee in a district. In such
15 cases, the governor shall declare such nominee the representative to the council.
16 The governor shall also appoint a qualified Rotarian who is a member of a club in
17 the district as the alternate representative.
18
19 ~~8.060.5.~~ 8.070.5. *Suggestions by Clubs for Representative.*
20 In the event the club nominating the candidate is not the candidate's club, for the
21 nomination to be accepted, the candidate's club shall expressly agree in writing,
22 and such document should be signed by both the club's president and secretary.
23
24 **8.080. *Selection of Voting Members and Alternates by Nominating Committee***
25 **Procedure.**
26
27 **8.080.1. *General Provisions of Nominating Committee Procedure.***
28 **Voting members of the council on legislation and alternates shall be selected by**
29 **the nominating committee procedure. The nominating committee shall be**
30 **constituted from the entire zone.**
31
32 **8.080.2. *Membership on Nominating Committee.***
33 **A nominating committee shall consist of one member from each district in the**
34 **zone elected by the clubs of such district as hereinafter provided. Each member**
35 **shall be a past governor at the time they are to serve, who is a member of a club in**
36 **the relevant zone. Each member shall have one vote.**
37
38 **8.080.3. *Election.***
39 **Except as provided in subsections 8.080.8. and 8.080.9., the member and the**
40 **alternate member of the nominating committee shall be elected at the annual**
41 **conference of the district in the year preceding the scheduled nomination.**
42
43 **8.080.4. *Nominations.***
44 **Any club in a district may nominate a qualified member of the club for**
45 **membership on the nominating committee where such member has indicated a**
46 **willingness and ability to serve. The club shall certify such nomination in writing.**
47 **Such certification must include the signatures of the club president and secretary.**

1 Such nomination shall be forwarded to the governor for presentation to the
2 electors of the clubs at the district conference. Each elector at the district
3 conference shall be entitled to cast one vote in the election of the member.

4
5 8.080.5. *Members and Alternates.*

6 The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be the member of the
7 nominating committee. The candidate receiving the second highest number of
8 votes shall be declared the alternate member, to serve only in the event the
9 member is unable to serve.

10
11 8.080.6. *Candidate Declared as a Member of the Nominating Committee.*

12 No ballot shall be required where there is only one nominee in a district. In such
13 cases, the governor shall declare such nominee the member of the nominating
14 committee.

15
16 8.080.7. *Member and Alternate Member Unable to Serve.*

17 Where neither the member nor the alternate member is able to serve, the
18 governor may designate some other duly qualified member of a club in the
19 district to be the member of the nominating committee.

20
21 8.080.8. *Election of Member of the Nominating Committee Through Ballot-by-*
22 *Mail.*

23 In certain circumstances, the board may authorize a district to select the member
24 of the nominating committee and the alternate member of the nominating
25 committee in a ballot-by-mail. In such cases, the governor shall prepare and
26 cause to be mailed to the secretary of every club in the district an official call for
27 nominations for member. All nominations must be made in writing and signed
28 by the president and the secretary of the club. The nominations must be received
29 by the governor on or before a date to be fixed by the governor. The governor
30 shall cause to be prepared and mailed to each club a ballot naming in alphabetical
31 order the qualified nominees so offered and shall conduct the ballot-by-mail.
32 Those candidates whose written requests for exclusion from the ballot are
33 received no later than the date fixed by the governor shall be excluded from such
34 ballot. Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a
35 membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each
36 additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members. Such membership shall
37 be determined by the number of members in the club as of the date of the most
38 recent semiannual payment preceding the date on which the vote is to be held.
39 However, any club whose membership in RI has been suspended by the board
40 shall not be entitled to participate in the voting. The governor may appoint a
41 committee for the purpose of conducting the ballot-by-mail procedure as
42 provided herein.

43
44 8.080.9. *Election Through Ballot-by-Mail.*

45 A majority vote of electors present and voting at a district conference may vote to
46 have the selection of the member and the alternate member pursuant to a ballot-
47 by-mail. The ballot-by-mail shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions

1 set forth in subsection 8.080.8. and shall be concluded no later than 15 May of
2 the appropriate year.

3
4 8.080.10. Contingency Not Provided For in Section 8.080.

5 The board shall determine the procedure to be followed for any contingency that
6 arises regarding the determination of balloting which has not been provided for
7 in the foregoing provisions of this section.

8
9 8.080.11. Designation of Convener, Time and Place of Meeting, Election of
10 Chairman.

11 The board shall designate a convener from the members of the nominating
12 committee no later than 15 June in the year preceding the year in which the
13 voting members are to be elected. The board shall likewise designate the place of
14 its meeting. Such meeting must be held between 15 and 30 of the following
15 September. The committee shall elect a chairman from its members at the time
16 of its meeting.

17
18 8.080.12. Names to Be Considered.

19 The general secretary shall forward the names of representatives from each zone
20 no later than 1 July. The suggestions shall be submitted to the nominating
21 committee on a form prescribed by the board. Such suggestions must reach the
22 nominating committee at the address of the convener no later than 1 September.

23
24 8.080.13. Meeting of the Nominating Committee.

25 The committee shall meet during the following September at a time and place
26 determined by the board. A majority of the members of the committee shall
27 constitute a quorum. The transaction of all business shall be by majority vote,
28 except that in selecting the committee's nominees for voting members, the
29 nominees shall be selected using the single transferable ballot system. The
30 chairman of the nominating committee shall vote for nominees for voting
31 members and alternates; however, the chairman of the nominating committee
32 shall not have a vote in the transaction of the committee's other business, except
33 that the chairman may vote to break a tie vote. The nominations of voting
34 members and alternates by the committee shall be made from among the
35 members of clubs in the zone who have been elected as district representatives.

36
37 8.080.14. Committee Nominations.

38 The committee is responsible for selecting nine voting members and up to three
39 alternates to represent the zone.

40
41 8.080.15. Report of Selection of Committee.

42 The committee's nominations for the voting members from the zone shall be filed
43 with the general secretary within ten days following the adjournment of its
44 meeting. The general secretary shall inform all clubs in the zone or section of the
45 selections of the nominating committee by 15 October.

1 8.080.16. Nominee Unable to Serve.

2 Where a voting member selected by the committee is unable to serve, the
3 committee shall automatically nominate an alternate who was selected
4 previously. If no alternate was selected, one may be appointed by the nominating
5 committee.

7 8.080.17. Proposal of Challenging Candidates.

8 Any club in the zone may also propose a challenging candidate provided that the
9 candidate was selected as a district representative and the challenging candidate
10 must have been duly suggested to the nominating committee. The name of the
11 challenging candidate shall be submitted pursuant to a resolution of the club duly
12 adopted at a regular meeting. The resolution must be concurred to by a majority
13 of clubs in its district or, where its district is in more than one zone, a majority of
14 clubs in its district which are in the same zone from which the voting member is
15 to be selected. Such concurrence shall be obtained at a conference or through a
16 ballot-by-mail. The concurrence must be certified to the general secretary by the
17 district's governor. The resolution must be accompanied by a written statement
18 from the challenging candidate that such candidate is willing and able to serve.
19 The foregoing procedure must be completed by 1 December in the relevant year.

21 8.080.18. Declaration of Voting Members, Selection in Ballot-by-Mail.

22 Where the general secretary fails to receive the prescribed concurrences by 1
23 December, the president shall declare the nominees of the nominating committee
24 to be the voting members from the zone. Such announcement shall take place no
25 later than 15 December. Where the general secretary receives the prescribed
26 proposal and concurrences by 1 December, selection of the voting members from
27 among the challenging candidates and the nominees of the nominating
28 committee shall be made in a ballot-by-mail in accordance with section 8.090.

30 8.090. Ballot-by-Mail Procedure.

31 The procedure for selecting voting members in a ballot-by-mail pursuant to
32 section 8.080. shall be as provided below.

34 8.090.1. Voting.

35 All clubs within the zone shall participate in the balloting.

37 8.090.2. Balloting Committee.

38 The president shall appoint a balloting committee to examine and count ballots.

40 8.090.3. Ballot Specifications.

41 The general secretary shall prepare a ballot, single transferable where applicable.
42 Each ballot shall be accompanied by a summary of biographical data of each
43 candidate supplied by the proposing clubs. Such summary shall be in a form
44 prescribed by the board. The ballot shall include the names of the challenging
45 candidates duly proposed by clubs. Such names shall be in alphabetical order
46 following the name of the candidates selected by the nominating committee. The

1 name of the candidates selected by the nominating committee shall be clearly
2 indicated on the ballot as having been so selected.

3
4 8.090.4. *Deadline for Receipt of Ballots.*

5 The general secretary shall mail a copy of the ballot to each club in the zone no
6 later than the following 31 December. Such ballot shall be mailed with
7 instructions that the completed ballot must be returned to the general secretary
8 at the World Headquarters of the Secretariat no later than 1 March.

9
10 8.090.5. *Club Voting.*

11 Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of
12 more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or
13 major fraction thereof, of its members. Such membership shall be determined by
14 the number of members in the club as of the date of the most recent semiannual
15 payment preceding the date on which the vote is to be held. However, any club
16 whose membership in RI has been suspended by the board shall not be entitled to
17 participate in the voting.

18
19 8.090.6. *Balloting Committee Meeting and Report.*

20 The balloting committee shall meet at a time and place determined by the
21 president to examine and count the ballots. Such meeting shall take place no
22 later than 5 March. The balloting committee shall certify its report of the results
23 to the general secretary within five days thereafter.

24
25 8.090.7. *Counting Ballots.*

26 The nine candidates for voting members receiving the majority of the votes cast
27 shall be declared the nominees. The counting shall take into account the second
28 and subsequent preferences in order to select up to three alternates.

29
30 8.090.8. *Announcement of Voting Members.*

31 The president shall announce the name of the voting members selected by such
32 ballot-by-mail no later than 10 March.

33
34 8.090.9. *Tie Vote.*

35 Where a ballot-by-mail results in a tie, a second ballot-by-mail shall be
36 conducted. The general secretary shall supervise preparation and mailing of such
37 ballots. Such ballots shall contain the names of the candidates who received the
38 tie vote in the first ballot-by-mail. The ballots and other materials shall be mailed
39 to each club in the zone or section by 15 March. Such ballot shall be mailed with
40 instructions that the completed ballot must be returned to the general secretary
41 at the World Headquarters of the Secretariat no later than the following 1 May.
42 The balloting committee shall meet at a time and place determined by the
43 president to examine and count the ballots. Such meeting shall take place by 5
44 May. The balloting committee shall certify its report of the results to the general
45 secretary within five days thereafter. The president shall inform all clubs in the
46 zone of the voting member no later than 10 May.

1 8.090.10. Extension of Time.

2 The board shall have authority to alter the date(s) under this section as they may
3 apply to the clubs in any zone where exceptional circumstances exist.

4
5 (Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

6
7 **8.160. 8.180. Extraordinary Meeting of the Council.**

8
9 **8.160.2. 8.180.2. Representation.**

10 The ~~clubs in a district~~ zones will be represented at such extraordinary meeting by
11 the representative nine voting members most recently elected to represent them
12 at the council. Where ~~the representative~~ a voting member is not able and willing
13 to serve, the ~~district zone~~ shall be represented by one of the most recently elected
14 alternates ~~representative~~ to the council. If ~~neither~~ none is able and willing to
15 serve, the ~~governor or another person~~ zone shall appointed by the governor a
16 Rotarian who is qualified under the bylaws ~~shall~~ to represent the ~~clubs in the~~
17 district zone.

(Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

18 In Rotary year 2013-2014, the Council on Legislation Review Committee met to
19 review the efficiency and effectiveness of the Council. All committee members
20 served as their districts' representatives at the 2013 Council. One of the topics
21 they discussed was recommending a way to decrease the number of
22 representatives.

23
24 One concern that has been brought up with the Council is that district sizes are
25 disproportionate and, as such, a representative of a small district ends up having
26 a larger voice at the Council than those of large districts, because they each have
27 only one vote. Changing representation to nine representatives per zone would
28 minimize this disparity. Zones are designed to have similar numbers of
29 members, thus making a more even representation.

30
31 Districts would still select a representative and then the nine zone representatives
32 and up to three alternates would be selected from that pool by a nominating
33 committee.

34
35 Reducing the number of representatives from approximately 530 to 306 would
36 allow for more effective debate yet still adequately represent the districts in each
37 zone. Additionally, the 2013 Council costs about US\$3 million to convene, with
38 attendee travel, hotel, and expenses making up the largest portion of that cost at

1 about US\$1.8 million. Decreasing the number of representatives by 40 percent
2 would significantly decrease the cost of the Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

3 This enactment would have no net financial impact on RI because revenues from
4 additional dues to fund the Council on Legislation will be reduced by an amount
5 equivalent to the reduction in expenses.

6
7 The expenses for the Council on Legislation in fiscal year 2013 were US\$3
8 million, which included US\$1.8 million for 532 representatives to travel to the
9 meeting.

10
11 If nine voting members from each of the 34 zones attended the Council on
12 Legislation, versus one representative from each of the districts, there would be
13 226 fewer delegates. Estimated cost savings of US\$1,000,000 could be realized
14 as follows:

- 15
16
 - US\$800,000 related to airfare, hotel and meals
 - US\$200,000 related to venue, interpretation equipment, transportation,
17 printing, and other miscellaneous expenses

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VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-118

To endorse and affirm that the eradication of polio is a goal of the highest order of Rotary International

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

- 1 WHEREAS, the ultimate goal of the PolioPlus program of Rotary in cooperation
2 and consultation with international, national, and local organizations and
3 agencies is the certification of the worldwide eradication of all polioviruses
4
5 IT IS RESOLVED by the 2016 Council on Legislation that Rotary International
6
7 • affirms and endorses that the goal of certification of the worldwide
8 eradication of all polioviruses is of the highest priority for this association,
9
10 • affirms that no other corporate project should be adopted until the
11 certification of the eradication of all polioviruses, and
12
13 • confirms that, in accordance with 2004 Council on Legislation Resolution 04-
14 525, no other corporate program will be adopted until approved by a
15 subsequent Council.
- (End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 16 This resolution would endorse the goal of certification of the worldwide
17 eradication of all polioviruses as the highest priority of RI, affirm that no other
18 corporate project should be adopted until such certification is completed, and
19 confirm that no other corporate program will be adopted until approved by a
20 subsequent Council on Legislation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 21 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-119

To request the RI Board to consider designating May as Celebrate Women Month

Proposer(s): District 6890, USA

Endorsed by: District 6890 through a ballot-by-mail, 8-29 December 2014

1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
2 International consider designating the month of May as Celebrate Women Month
3 to recognize and honor women and female children worldwide and to enact
4 programs, projects and activities that support and celebrate efforts to further
5 benefit women and children in the areas of education, literacy, health care,
6 nutrition, enhancement of children's needs, housing, jobs and personal
7 protection and survival.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

8 In today's complex world, women and female children represent a vital element
9 in virtually all societies. With almost 50 percent of the world's population being
10 female, women are the bearers of children, as well as in many cultures, the
11 primary caregivers for infants, children and the elderly. And yet, at the very same
12 time, millions of women and children are denied access to basic education and
13 literacy, as well as to adequate medical care and attention. In fact, in many
14 cultures women are considered property to be bought, sold and traded. As many
15 as one billion females are victims of violence, inhumanity and for many, human
16 trafficking.

17
18 Since RI, being the world's oldest and largest service organization, opened its
19 membership to women in 1987, women's roles in Rotary have expanded at club,
20 district and international levels. Today, women represent over 15 percent of the
21 membership of RI, as well as significant numbers of participants in Interact,
22 Rotaract, Community Corps, international scholars, Rotary alumni and other
23 programs.

24
25 It is our belief that designating the month of May as Celebrate Women Month on
26 the Rotary calendar would provide an excellent opportunity to focus on
27 programs, projects and activities that would address the needs of women
28 worldwide. In this manner, Rotary clubs and districts could develop and execute
29 new and innovative ideas to meet and resolve many of the challenges facing
30 women throughout the world, whether in the areas of education, literacy, medical
31 care, personal safety, job education and training, leadership, peace and conflict
32 resolution or many of the thousands of other issues facing women today.

- 1 Our efforts today will help us assure a better future for the world's females and
2 children tomorrow.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 3 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
4 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
5 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-120

To request the RI Board to consider designating May as Public Image and Awareness Enhancement Month

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Los Álamos de Monterrico, District 4455, Peru
Endorsed by: District 4455 through an annual district conference, Ica, Peru, 23-25 May 2014

1 WHEREAS, one of the priorities in Rotary's Strategic Plan is to enhance public
2 image and awareness, and
3

4 WHEREAS, it is important that Rotary receive deserved credit for its work
5 through proper promotion among Rotary clubs and the community
6

7 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
8 International consider designating May as the month of Public Image and
9 Awareness Enhancement and including it as one of RI's special observances.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

10 The purpose of this resolution is to promote our public image as an essential part
11 of club and district activities. If we focus on our strategic priorities, we will have
12 strong clubs, provide action-oriented service and have a positive public image
13 that will pave the way for Rotary's future success.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

14 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
15 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
16 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-121

To request the RI Board to consider establishing an Environmental Preservation Awareness Day

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Salvador-Pituba, District 4550, Brazil

Endorsed by: District 4550 through an annual district conference, Ilhéus, Bahia, Brazil, 2 May 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, the main cause of species disappearance is the degradation of
2 natural environments caused by unorganized deforestation, expansion of
3 agriculture systems, urbanization and pollution, and
4
5 WHEREAS, the importance of this matter and the concern of every nation with
6 environmental preservation to ensure a better quality of life and prosperity for
7 current and future generations, and the fact that Rotary had, for a few years, the
8 “Preserve Planet Earth” program, created by Past President Paulo Viriato Correa
9 da Costa, and
10
11 WHEREAS, every Rotary club will be able to celebrate this environmental
12 awareness day in many places in their communities, including public squares,
13 schools, universities, residential and commercial buildings, shopping malls, and
14 beaches, by using promotional materials, distributing informational leaflets with
15 targeted messages (printed on recycled paper), and promoting the date with
16 information about environmental preservation on club and district official
17 websites, Rotary’s website, radio and TV stations, newspapers, magazines, and
18 social media
19
20 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
21 International consider establishing 5 June as Rotary’s Environmental
22 Preservation Awareness Day.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 23 On 15 December 1972, through Resolution XXVII, the United Nations General
24 Assembly declared 5 June as World Environment Day, marking the opening of
25 the Stockholm Conference, in Sweden, about Human Environment. The event
26 gathered 113 countries, in addition to 250 non-governmental organizations, and
27 the main themes were environmental degradation caused by men, the risks to
28 their survival, and the need to preserve biological diversity at all costs.

- 1 The importance of that date is related to the discussions on air, soil and water
2 pollution; deforestation; decrease of biodiversity and drinking water for human
3 consumption; ozone depletion; vegetation and forest destruction; animal
4 extinction; etc.
5
6 The official recognition of 5 June as Rotary's Environmental Preservation
7 Awareness Day would increase social responsibility opportunities for Rotary
8 clubs and districts through awareness, commitment and involvement of
9 Rotarians, youth, and communities in changing their attitudes in regard to the
10 use of resources and the environment in order to benefit humanity.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 11 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
12 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
13 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-122

To request the RI Board to consider including Preserve Planet Earth as an official program of RI

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Blanquefort en Médoc, District 1690, France
Rotary Club of Saint Jean de Luz-Urrugne-Ciboure Côte
Basque, District 1690, France

Endorsed by: District 1690 through a ballot-by-mail, 25 November-12
December 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, in past decades, many natural disasters of growing impact have
- 2 affected all continents, with massive destruction and a high human cost, leading
- 3 to a serious ecological crisis, and
- 4
- 5 WHEREAS, in light of the many studies carried out over the years by renowned
- 6 scientists showing indisputable results, we must begin a collective, constant, and
- 7 responsible mobilization, and
- 8
- 9 WHEREAS, the imbalance in natural cycles, the scarcity and depletion of
- 10 resources, as well as water and air pollution, are creating major risks, and
- 11
- 12 WHEREAS, RI had risen to the environmental challenge set by past RI President
- 13 Paulo V. C. Costa, which received recognition by international organizations such
- 14 as the United Nations, and
- 15
- 16 WHEREAS, fruitless international meetings can no longer be the response to this
- 17 emergency, and
- 18
- 19 WHEREAS, the earth has reached an unprecedented vulnerability threshold and
- 20 human activity has put both the earth and humanity in danger, and
- 21
- 22 WHEREAS, the first duty of Rotarians is to be an example to younger
- 23 generations, and
- 24
- 25 WHEREAS, RI's Strategic Plan directs our collective efforts towards genuine
- 26 awareness among members of the risks for the future of our planet and
- 27 humanity, and
- 28
- 29 WHEREAS, Rotary's mission is also to play a key role in fostering awareness and
- 30 mobilization about this ecological challenge, and about the respect we must have
- 31 for our planet

1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of
2 Rotary International consider adopting, promoting, and supporting on a long-
3 term basis the Preserve Planet Earth program as an official program of RI.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

4 As explained in the text of the proposed resolution.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

5 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for RI
6 which cannot be determined at this time.

7
8 To include Preserve Planet Earth as a structured program of RI, annual costs
9 could range between that of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program and
10 the Youth Exchange program, estimated between US\$100,000 and US\$400,000.

11
12 Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of support provided by the RI
13 Board.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-123

To request the RI Board to consider raising awareness of environmental issues

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Harrogate, District 1040, England
District 1080, England
Rotary Club of Loddon Vale, District 1090, England
Rotary Club of Sidmouth, District 1170, England
Rotary Club of Ruthin, District 1180, England
Rotary Club of Bretby, District 1220, England

Endorsed by: District 1040 through a district resolutions meeting, York, North Yorkshire, England, 27 September 2014
District 1080 through an annual district conference, Diss, Norfolk, England, 27 March 2014
District 1090 through an annual district conference, Henley, Oxon, England, 2 April 2014
District 1170 through a district resolutions meeting, Tiverton, Devon, England, 17 April 2014
District 1180 through a district resolutions meeting, Wrexham, Wales, 21 October 2014
District 1220 through a district resolutions meeting, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, England, 2 December 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, climate change, population growth and fresh water shortages are
2 some of the biggest challenges facing our global civilization and as one of the
3 leading international humanitarian organizations it is essential that Rotary
4 International implement policies to address the challenge, and
5
6 WHEREAS, Rotary values are to assist the poor and underprivileged who are the
7 people most adversely affected by environmental degradation and RI currently
8 accords environmental protection a relatively low profile which needs to be raised
9
10 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
11 International consider
12
13 1) raising awareness of key sustainable environmental issues and encouraging
14 Rotarians to reflect this awareness in both their humanitarian and community
15 programs and also in their personal lives
16
17 2) including Preserve Planet Earth as one of RI's structured programs.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 This resolution requests the RI Board to consider raising awareness of key
2 sustainable environmental issues and encouraging Rotarians to incorporate this
3 awareness in both their humanitarian and community programs and also in their
4 personal lives. It also requests the RI Board to consider including Preserve
5 Planet Earth, as originally launched by Past RI President Paulo Costa, as one of
6 RI's structured programs. Currently, clubs can conduct international service
7 projects on environmental issues under Preserve Planet Earth but it is considered
8 that this subject is of much greater importance to the Rotary world and should
9 become one of RI's structured programs.

10
11 Definition of "Preserve Planet Earth" in the context of this Resolution:
12 Rotary International's structured programs are aligned with seven of the eight
13 United Nations Millennium Development Goals. Unfortunately, the eighth,
14 Environmental Sustainability, is not included, thus Rotary is seen in respect of
15 Environmental Sustainability to be a reactive organization (dealing with the
16 effects rather than tackling the issue head on) and this resolution seeks to refocus
17 our policies to be proactive.

18
19 Protection of Planet Earth is defined as: Humankind living by meeting the needs
20 of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet
21 their own needs, improving the quality of human life while living within the
22 carrying capacity of the earth's supporting eco-systems, and seeking to stabilize
23 the currently disruptive relationship between earth's two most complex systems
24 – human culture and the living world.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

25 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses to RI
26 which cannot be determined at this time.

27
28 To include Preserve Planet Earth as an RI structured program, annual costs could
29 range between that of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program and the
30 Youth Exchange program, estimated between US\$100,000 and US\$400,000.

31
32 Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of support provided by the RI
33 Board.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-124

To request the RI Board to consider developing programming in the areas of water quality enhancement, sanitation and hygiene

Proposer(s): District 6890, USA

Endorsed by: District 6890 through a ballot-by-mail, 8-29 December 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, the positive economic impact of the cost to benefit ratio of these
2 projects is a return of four dollars for every dollar spent
3
4 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
5 International consider proactively working to develop additional programming in
6 the areas of water quality enhancement, sanitation, and hygiene-related
7 programs, projects and activities to benefit the world's population.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 8 As incredible as it may seem, it is estimated that 3.4 million people die annually
9 from water, sanitation and hygiene-related causes, with 99 percent of these
10 deaths occurring in the developing world. This statistic does not include millions
11 more that are debilitated by diseases spread through polluted water. In addition,
12 over 780 million people lack access to clean water, representing one in nine
13 people worldwide.
14
15 More than one child every minute dies from water-related diseases and women
16 and children spend an estimated 200 million hours daily collecting water. A
17 staggering 2.5 billion people have no access to adequate sanitation. This dire
18 situation is even more difficult to accept when one realizes that for every dollar
19 spent on water and sanitation projects, a four-dollar economic return is
20 produced.
21
22 Rotary's unique worldwide position with cooperation from governments, non-
23 governmental organizations, local, state, national and international groups makes
24 it the perfect vehicle to have a major impact on this issue. With over 1.2 million
25 volunteer members (as proven through Rotary's worldwide polio eradication
26 efforts), Rotary has the ability to coordinate and mobilize enhanced efforts to
27 meet this massive humanitarian need. Rotary can use its leadership to create a
28 more focused worldwide presence in this effort.
29
30 Therefore, we believe that the RI Board should develop additional programming
31 to coordinate projects in the area of water quality enhancement, sanitation, and
32 hygiene-related programs and activities to benefit the world's population. Each

- 1 step Rotary takes in this effort will result in a tremendous improvement in the
2 quality of life for today's and tomorrow's children.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 3 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI and The
4 Rotary Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be
5 dependent on the scope and extent of additional support provided to develop and
6 maintain programming. Water and sanitation is one of the six areas of focus for
7 The Rotary Foundation.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-125

To request the RI Board to consider including the fight against violence towards women among the goals and objectives of the RI Strategic Plan

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Chauny, District 1670, France

Endorsed by: District 1670 through a ballot-by-mail, 15 December 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, the Preamble to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reads
2 that the recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights
3 of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and
4 peace in the world and affirms the equal rights of men and women, having
5 “determined to promote social progress and better standards of life in the context
6 of a larger freedom,” and
7
8 WHEREAS, Articles 1 and 2 of the same Declaration provide that all human
9 beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with
10 reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of
11 brotherhood, without distinction of any kind, such as sex, and
12
13 WHEREAS, in its resolution 48/104, adopted 20 December 1993, the United
14 Nations General Assembly recognizes the urgent need for the universal
15 application to women of rights and principles with regard to equality, security,
16 liberty, integrity, and the dignity of all human beings, and
17
18 WHEREAS, UN Women, in a June 2013 document, declares that violence against
19 women is one of the most systematic and widespread forms of human rights
20 violations, and
21
22 WHEREAS, a June 21, 2013 report from the World Health Organization states
23 that physical or sexual violence is a public health problem that affects more than
24 one-third of all women globally, and
25
26 WHEREAS, women carry and give life, and the education of a country/people is
27 transmitted through women, who are the heart of the family system, and
28
29 WHEREAS, RI, with its worldwide scope and humanist commitments, cannot
30 ignore the issue
31
32 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of
33 Rotary International consider including the fight against violence towards
34 women among the goals and objectives of RI’s Strategic Plan.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 1 Violence against women is a global phenomenon which affects more than a third
2 of women with profound health, social, economic, and moral consequences. RI
3 cannot ignore this issue.
4
5 Driven by their convictions, the clubs and members of RI agree to promote
6 actions aiming to raise awareness, to inform, and to offer shelter, advice, and help
7 in support of this commitment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 8 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
9 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
10 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.

VOTE TOTALS

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_____ no

RESULT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended | <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-126

To request the RI Board to consider supporting the prevention of sexual mutilation

Proposer(s): District 1390, Finland
District 2290, Norway
District 2320, Sweden
District 2330, Sweden
District 2340, Sweden
District 2350, Sweden
District 2370, Sweden
District 2380, Sweden
District 2390, Sweden
District 2400, Sweden
Rotary Club of Lismore, District 9640, Australia

Endorsed by: District 1390 through an annual district conference, Ylöjärvi, Finland, 4 October 2014
District 2290 through an annual district conference, Kristiansand, Norway, 6 September 2014
District 2320 through a district resolutions meeting, Arvidsjaur, Sweden, 26 October 2014
District 2330 through a ballot-by-mail, October 2014
District 2340 through an annual district conference, Örebro, Sweden, 25 October 2014
District 2350 through an annual district conference, Stockholm, Sweden, 22 November 2014
District 2370 through an annual district conference, Strängnäs, Sweden, 27 September 2014
District 2380 through an annual district conference, Mullsjö, Sweden, 18 October 2014
District 2390 through a district resolutions meeting, Borrby, Sweden, 15 November 2014
District 2400 through an annual district conference, Karlskrona, Sweden, 5 October 2014
District 9640 through a ballot-by-mail, 28 November 2014

1 WHEREAS, thousands of girls are subject to genital mutilation every day, and

2

3 WHEREAS, in some parts of the world there are no laws against female genital
4 mutilation, and

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6 WHEREAS, genital mutilation cannot be justified by religious or cultural
7 traditions, and

1 WHEREAS, genital mutilation is a human rights crime, and
2
3 WHEREAS, genital mutilation is torture causing severe pain, suffering, and
4 sometimes death, and
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6 WHEREAS, genital mutilation causes lifelong physical as well as mental
7 suffering, and
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9 WHEREAS, the second part of The Four-Way Test is “Is it FAIR to all
10 concerned?”, and
11
12 WHEREAS, genital mutilation is manifestly not fair to those the practice is
13 inflicted upon, and
14
15 WHEREAS, the fourth part of The Four-Way Test is “Will it be BENEFICIAL to
16 all concerned?”, and
17
18 WHEREAS, genital mutilation is manifestly not beneficial to those the practice is
19 inflicted upon, and
20
21 WHEREAS, Rotary cares about mankind and we are a voice for the young and
22 innocent and those who cannot speak for themselves, and
23
24 WHEREAS, the fourth Object of Rotary is the advancement of international
25 understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and
26 professional persons united in the ideal of service
27
28 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
29 International consider supporting initiatives, at every level of the organization,
30 and in cooperation with other international organizations, to prevent the practice
31 of female genital mutilation.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

32 This resolution requests the RI Board to support initiatives to prevent the
33 practice of female genital mutilation.
34

35 To mark the United Nations “International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female
36 Genital Mutilation” on 6 February 2014, Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said:
37

38 *“There is no developmental, religious or health reason to cut or mutilate any girl*
39 *or woman. Although some would argue that this is a ‘tradition,’ we must recall*
40 *that slavery, so called honor killings and other inhumane practices have been*
41 *defended with the same weak argument. Just because a harmful practice has*

1 *long existed does not justify its continuation. All 'traditions' that demean,*
2 *dehumanize and injure are human rights violations that must be actively*
3 *opposed until they are ended."*

4
5 Secretary General Ban also said;

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7 *"The United Nations and our partners are engaged in valuable, culturally*
8 *sensitive activities that aim to stop FGM without scolding or shame."*

9
10 As the world's leading community organization, blessed with members in some
11 200 countries, Rotary is in the unique position to join with the UN, and its
12 members, to eliminate the practice of female genital mutilation.

13
14 This resolution presents Rotary with a very special opportunity to use its historic
15 cultural and gender-sensitive approach to many issues, to take the lead among
16 world community service organizations and actively encourage the elimination of
17 female genital mutilation.

18
19 Rotary has all manner of world-wide programs that empower, educate and
20 advance the lives of our young people.

21
22 As Rotarians, it is our moral duty to add to the benefits of those programs by
23 ensuring that the health and well-being of those young people is never
24 compromised.

25
26 The elimination of female genital mutilation will ensure that the Rotary world has
27 taken a giant step forward in protecting those young people and enshrine for
28 them a future free from pain and suffering.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

29 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
30 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
31 support provided by the RI Board for prevention of genital mutilation.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-127

To request the RI Board to consider reinstating the RI statement on drug and alcohol abuse prevention in future versions of the *Manual of Procedure*

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Lomas de Zamora, District 4915, Argentina
District 4920, Argentina

Endorsed by: District 4915 through an annual district conference, Quilmes,
Buenos Aires, Argentina, 17 May 2014
District 4920 through an annual district conference, Tandil,
Buenos Aires, Argentina, 10 May 2014

1 WHEREAS, the position of Rotary International regarding drug and alcohol
2 abuse was clearly stated in the 1995 and 1998 versions of the *Manual of*
3 *Procedure* until it was eliminated, and
4

5 WHEREAS, the most prestigious international organizations in the world carry
6 out major efforts to bring up solutions for addiction problems, such as the United
7 Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the European Monitor Centre for Drugs and
8 Drug Addiction and the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission, and
9

10 WHEREAS, in the publication *Toward a Drug-Free World*, there are references
11 to model programs and initiatives implemented by several clubs in the world and
12 in 1993, Rotary International published a handbook known as *Turning Point:*
13 *Creative Ways to Combat Drug and Alcohol Abuse*, in which projects from all
14 over the world were highlighted, in addition to a listing of international programs
15 based on educational institutions and organizations working in the field of
16 alcohol and drug abuse prevention, and
17

18 WHEREAS, it would be highly valuable that such a well-known international
19 organization clearly state its position regarding this issue, especially considering
20 the present situation of increasing alcohol and drug abuse in almost every
21 country in the world
22

23 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
24 International consider reinstating in the *Manual of Procedure* (Part 2, Chapter 7,
25 Avenues of Service, Community Service) the Rotary International statement on
26 drug and alcohol abuse prevention that was included in the 1995 and 1998
27 versions, as follows:
28

29 The RI Board has adopted the following statement on drug and alcohol abuse
30 prevention.
31

32 Recognizing:

- 1) that drug and alcohol abuse is a pervasive problem affecting almost every community around the world;
 - 2) the destructive nature of such abuse, which drains the physical, intellectual and economic resources of each individual affected, as well as their families, communities and nations;
 - 3) the value of community-based programs that teach positive values and help instill self-esteem in young people as effective deterrents to drug and alcohol abuse;
 - 4) that awareness and preventative programs must be designed to address local problems.
- The RI Board endorses and supports the efforts of its clubs working, as appropriate, with government agencies and non-governmental organizations to:
- 1) increase awareness among their membership and the broader community about local drug and alcohol abuse programs;
 - 2) undertake or support drug and alcohol abuse prevention programs that focus on instilling positive values and self-esteem in young people;
 - 3) support local family-based drug and alcohol abuse treatment programs.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The scourge of alcohol and drug abuse affects every country, especially the most vulnerable segments of the young population.

In 1982, RI started a campaign against drug abuse, encouraging clubs to assess the situation in their communities. This way, the organization's position regarding this issue was perfectly clear.

The deletion of such statement from the *Manual of Procedure* weakened the clear position previously adopted by Rotary International.

The purpose of this project is to reinstate RI's position in order to show our concern regarding this serious problem that affects all communities.

Restoring our institution's view on such a sensitive issue in the *Manual of Procedure* will make our position evident to communities all over the world, and it will foster support among the clubs for the efforts that take place in different regions in search of a solution for the problem.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-128

To request the RI Board to consider adopting Rotarians Against Malaria as the next worldwide program for Rotary

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Titsey & District, District 1250, England

Endorsed by: District 1250 through a district resolutions meeting, Horsham, West Sussex, England, 24 October 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, there are estimated to be some 200 million cases of malaria
2 annually, affecting people around the world, causing illness and death to many
3 hundreds of thousands of people and having a debilitating effect on economic
4 development and healthcare expenditure
5
6 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
7 International consider adopting and extending the Rotarians Against Malaria
8 campaign of Rotary Australia World Community Service as the model for the next
9 worldwide program of eradication to follow the current PolioPlus program.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 10 As explained in the text of the proposed resolution.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 11 If implemented, this resolution would have a financial impact on RI which cannot
12 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
13 support provided by the RI Board for a worldwide malaria eradication program.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-129

To request the RI Board to consider recognizing Rotex clubs

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Turnhout, District 1630, Belgium
Rotary Club of Mérignac, District 1690, France
Rotary Club of Gifhorn-Wolfsburg, District 1800, Germany
District 1860, Germany
District 1880, Germany

Rotary Club of Namur Val Mosan, District 2170, Belgium
Endorsed by: District 1630 through a ballot-by-mail, 8 December 2014
District 1690 through a ballot-by-mail, 25 November-12 December 2014
District 1800 through a ballot-by-mail, 20 November 2014
District 1860 through an annual district conference, Ludwigshafen, Germany, 15 November 2014
District 1880 through a ballot-by-mail, 10 December 2014
District 2170 through a district resolutions meeting, Wemmel, Belgium, 3 December 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, Rotary International has established “The Fifth Avenue of Service” to
2 focus on Rotary activities which support the development of young people, and
3
4 WHEREAS, Youth Exchange programs have proved to offer great opportunities
5 for personal growth, the strengthening of personal potential and esteem of Rotary
6 values and peace, and
7
8 WHEREAS, Youth Exchange programs demand a high degree of monitoring,
9 selecting, training and supervising of applicants, outbounds, inbounds, host
10 families, counselors, Youth Exchange officers and further volunteers, and
11
12 WHEREAS, former Rotary exchange students have founded Rotex clubs on a
13 private basis with the objective to support Rotary clubs and districts in these
14 matters with their knowledge and experience in different cultures, and
15
16 WHEREAS, Rotex clubs, sponsored, trained and advised by Rotarians, have
17 already proved in many countries to be valuable partners in optimizing the
18 exchange students’ experience of international understanding and have taken
19 over a heavy workload in training and counseling, and
20
21 WHEREAS, the RI Board and the Board of Trustees of The Rotary Foundation
22 have agreed that all participants of youth programs are officially Rotary alumni,
23 and

1 WHEREAS, the Rotex teams provide valuable peer counseling services to
2 returning exchange students and help overcome the generation gap between the
3 young exchange students and Rotarians

4
5 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
6 International consider district Rotex clubs, supporting Rotary youth activities on
7 the basis of the Rotary rules and principles, to be officially recognized as
8 respected, valuable partners for district youth committees.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

9 The resolution requests the RI Board to consider giving official recognition to
10 Rotex clubs engaged in district Youth Exchange activities. The recognition that
11 Rotex organizations are valuable partners of Rotary in the field of Youth
12 Exchange activities, will make Rotex work more attractive for promising former
13 exchange students and thus offer greater opportunities for their leadership
14 training and a closer involvement in Rotary and Rotary objectives. To motivate
15 former exchange students to get involved in district youth matters will lead to
16 personal growth, global understanding and increased cultural learning and
17 thereby will qualify them for membership in Rotaract after their active time in
18 Rotex and later in Rotary and in this way may prove to become an important field
19 for membership acquisition in the next generations. The proposed resolution is
20 also supposed to encourage further districts to help found Rotex clubs, to train
21 them and to integrate them into the work of the district youth committees.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

22 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for RI
23 which cannot be determined at this time. Recognition of Rotex could range from
24 minimal costs related to encouraging Rotex involvement with district Youth
25 Exchange programs, to support as an alumni association, to administration of
26 Rotex as a structured program (similar to Interact).

- 27
28 • Recognition of Rotex clubs could include promotion, communication,
29 training and administrative support.
30
- 31 • To include Rotex as an RI structured program (similar to Interact), annual
32 costs are estimated at US\$140,000 for salary and benefits for one staff
33 person, as well as publications, printing, and postage. If RI were to collect
34 and maintain individual contact information for members of Rotex clubs
35 (something that is not done for Interact), there would be additional
36 expenses not included here.

- 1 Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of support provided by the RI
2 Board.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-130

To request the RI Board to consider recognizing Rotex clubs

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Helsingborg-Kärnan, District 2390, Sweden

Endorsed by: District 2390 through a district resolutions meeting, Borrbý,
Sweden, 15 November 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, Rotary International has established “Youth Service” to focus on
2 Rotary activities which support the development of young people, and
3
4 WHEREAS, Rotex clubs provide those enthusiastic returning Rotary Youth
5 Exchange students a means of remaining in close contact with Rotary in order to
6 keep them and strengthen their interest for Rotary, and
7
8 WHEREAS, the mission of Rotex is to promote goodwill, understanding and
9 peace, the same goals as Rotary Youth Exchange, an officially recognized and
10 valued program of Rotary, and
11
12 WHEREAS, Rotex clubs follow the ideals of Rotary, including the application of
13 The Four-Way Test, and are sponsored by District Rotary Youth Exchange
14 Committees and are advised by Rotarians, and
15
16 WHEREAS, Rotex clubs work with district Rotary Youth Exchange committees to
17 train and orient proposed Youth Exchange students to help them to a successful
18 exchange, and
19
20 WHEREAS, Rotex students provide valuable peer counseling services to
21 returning exchange students
22
23 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
24 International consider officially recognizing Rotex clubs.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 25 This resolution requests the RI Board to consider giving official recognition to
26 Rotex clubs. This recognition would equate to making Rotex a structured
27 program of RI, with policies and requirements set by the RI Board for clubs and
28 districts to follow. Through these Rotex clubs, we can engage our homecoming
29 exchange students and benefit from their enthusiasm and, in that way, we might
30 be able to lead them further to other programs in Rotary and finally become
31 members.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for RI
2 which cannot be determined at this time. Recognition of Rotex could range from
3 minimal costs related to encouraging Rotex involvement with district Youth
4 Exchange programs, to support as an alumni association, to administration of
5 Rotex as a structured program (similar to Interact).
6
- 7 • Recognition of Rotex clubs could include promotion, communication,
8 training and administrative support.
9
 - 10 • To include Rotex as an RI structured program (similar to Interact), annual
11 costs are estimated at US\$140,000 for salary and benefits for one staff
12 person, as well as publications, printing, and postage. If RI were to collect
13 and maintain individual contact information for members of Rotex clubs
14 (something that is not done for Interact), there would be additional
15 expenses not included here.
16
- 17 Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of support provided by the RI
18 Board.

VOTE TOTALS

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_____ no

RESULT

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NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-131

To request the RI Board to consider officially recognizing Rotary Kids as a structured program of RI

Proposer(s): District 4420, Brazil

Endorsed by: District 4420 through an annual district conference, Águas de Lindóia, São Paulo, Brazil, 24 May 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, Rotary Kids is an association for 5-11 year old children sponsored by
2 Rotary clubs, which meets during the last week of each month and counts on the
3 guidance of Rotarians who act as mentors for these children, and
4
5 WHEREAS, nowadays, young people are more interactive at an earlier age,
6 mostly due to the Internet, and their peers and the media influence their future
7 professional choices and institutional options, blinding them to the importance of
8 responsible citizenship and the opportunity of joining a Rotary club, and
9
10 WHEREAS, it's important for RI to bring the energy and dynamism of younger
11 generations to our clubs in order to guarantee the future of Interact, Rotaract
12 and, ultimately, Rotary, and
13
14 WHEREAS, Rotary Kids focuses on Rotary ideals and fosters the involvement of
15 the young participant's family, and, as a result, thousands of parents and relatives
16 of these children become familiar with the Rotary Kids program sponsor clubs,
17 and
18
19 WHEREAS, there has been a significant increase in contributions to The Rotary
20 Foundation and club membership growth, as well as an improved integration of
21 the club into the community in general, since Rotary Kids was organized, and
22
23 WHEREAS, hundreds of other similar programs have been successful all over the
24 world, and programs like Rotary Kids can be sponsored by a Rotary club without
25 any cost to RI
26
27 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
28 International consider officially recognizing Rotary Kids as a structured program
29 of RI.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 30 If implemented, this resolution would improve our public image, thus attracting
31 more members to our Rotary clubs and more contributions to The Rotary

- 1 Foundation. If approved, this program would help promote Rotary and its
2 initiatives, and in the process it will revitalize our Rotary clubs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 3 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for RI. If
4 Rotary Kids is administrated as a structured program (similar to Interact),
5 expenses are estimated at US\$140,000 per year. This expense includes salary
6 and benefits for one staff person, as well as publications, printing, and postage to
7 support Rotary Kids clubs.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-132

To request the RI Board to consider revising the membership age limits for Interact

Proposer(s): District 2241, Republic of Moldova and Romania

Endorsed by: District 2241 through an annual district conference, Timisoara, Romania, 15-18 May 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, each country has a different age for the first year of school, from five
2 to seven and older, which leads to students graduating from high school at
3 different ages, from 17 to 19, meaning that at the age of 18, Interact club members
4 from both school-based and community-based clubs have either graduated or are
5 still students, and
6
7 WHEREAS, as a result, in Article IV, section 5 of the Standard Interact Club
8 Constitution, there is discrimination against Interact club members in different
9 types of clubs in terms of membership termination, which leads to inequity,
10 frustration and Interact club administration problems
11
12 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
13 International consider amending Article IV, section 5 of the Standard Interact
14 Club Constitution so that membership termination in both school and
15 community-based clubs (in connection with several schools) occurs at the time of
16 graduation and not upon reaching the age of 18. In this way, in the final year of
17 high school, a student can still be an Interact member and handle an officer
18 position at the club or district level, even if he or she is already 18.
19
20 in Article IV, section 5 of the Standard Interact Club Constitution (page 21 of the
21 Interact Handbook)
22
23 **Article: IV - Membership**
24
25 5. Membership shall automatically terminate (a) upon removal from the
26 community; (b) in a both school-based clubs, in connection with a school, and
27 community-based clubs, in connection with several schools, upon graduation or
28 otherwise ceasing to be a student in the last four years of school preceding the
29 university level in the area from which the membership is drawn ~~or~~; (c) in a
30 community-based club, not in connection with a school, ~~upon graduation or~~ upon
31 reaching the age of eighteen; ~~(e)~~ (d) by termination of the club; or ~~(d)~~ (e) by
32 failure to meet attendance requirements unless excused by the board of directors
33 of this club for good and sufficient reason.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 In many countries (like Romania), students graduate high school at 18-19 years
2 of age because they begin attending school at age seven and older.

3
4 Article IV, section 5 of the Standard Interact Club Constitution makes a
5 distinction between the procedures of termination of membership in the two
6 types of clubs, school-based and community-based:

- 7
8 • in a school-based club, reaching the age of eighteen does not bring about
9 termination of membership
10
11 • in a community-based club, reaching the age of eighteen does bring about
12 termination of membership, even if the member has not graduated
13

14 This distinction leads to discrimination against students from a community-
15 based club:

- 16
17 • when compared with their counterparts in the school-based club because they
18 are required to terminate their membership when reaching the age of
19 eighteen, even if they have not yet graduated; and
20
21 • when compared with their club colleagues who are in the same grade but a
22 couple of months younger, and who can remain members although they
23 graduate at the same time.
24

25 Because Interact club members are at the pre-university level, membership
26 termination for all students should be at the time of graduation and not upon
27 reaching the age of 18.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

28 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-133

To request the RI Board to consider lowering the maximum age for membership in Rotaract to 25

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Curitiba-Imigrantes, District 4730, Brazil

Endorsed by: District 4730 through a ballot-by-mail, 15 December 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, currently most young adults complete their education before the age
2 of 25, and
3
4 WHEREAS, currently most young adults enter the job market before the age of
5 25, and
6
7 WHEREAS, an 18-year-old who is pursuing his/her education has different
8 interests than a 25-year-old who has already completed his/her education and
9 entered the job market
10
11 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
12 International consider lowering the maximum age for membership in Rotaract to
13 25.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 14 We hope to reduce the maximum age limit for a young adult to remain in a
15 Rotaract club, decrease the difference in opinions and interests among
16 Rotaractors, and allow those who reach the age limit to join Rotary clubs earlier,
17 which will contribute to membership development and renewal in Rotary clubs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 18 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI that cannot
19 be determined at this time, as we do not have data on the conversion rate of
20 former Rotaractors who join Rotary clubs.
21
22 There could potentially be an increase in revenues for RI if Rotaractors who
23 would have joined a Rotary club at age 30 choose to join Rotary clubs at age 25.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

Compromise Legislation

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-134

To request the RI Board to consider raising the Rotaract age limit to 35

Proposer(s): District 1390, Finland
District 1400, Finland
District 1410, Finland
Rotary Club of Toulouse Ovalie, District 1700, France
District 2330, Sweden
Rotary Club of Fukushima Chuo, District 2530, Japan
District 2650, Japan

Endorsed by: District 1390 through an annual district conference, Ylöjärvi, Finland, 4 October 2014
District 1400 through a district resolutions meeting, Oulu, Finland, 18 October 2014
District 1410 through an annual district conference, Kokemäki, Finland, 4 October 2014
District 1700 through a district resolutions meeting, Carcassonne, France, 6 December 2014
District 2330 through a ballot-by-mail, October 2014
District 2530 through a district resolutions meeting, Koriyama, Fukushima, Japan, 16 November 2014
District 2650 through a ballot-by-mail, 11 November 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, Rotaractors often leave their clubs and eventually become Rotarians
2 a few years later, and
3
4 WHEREAS, there is a risk of losing potential Rotarians during this transition
5 period, and
6
7 WHEREAS, thirty-year olds generally have not yet gained the family, professional
8 and financial stability that would enable them to commit to Rotary
9
10 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
11 International consider raising the Rotaract age limit to 35.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 12 During their membership, Rotaractors experience friendship, ethics, service, and
13 team work, which helps them become outstanding Rotarians.

- 1 However, when they must leave Rotaract at the age of 30, they are often not able
2 to join a Rotary club for family (marriage, births), professional (lack of
3 availability at the beginning of their career), and financial reasons.
4
5 Extending the age limit to 35 would significantly increase chances for a smooth
6 transition to Rotary, and increase the number of young professionals in Rotaract.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 7 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI that cannot
8 be determined at this time, as we do not have data on the conversion rate of
9 former Rotaractors who join Rotary clubs.
10
11 There could potentially be a decrease in revenues for RI if Rotaractors who would
12 have joined a Rotary club at age 30 choose to remain in their Rotaract club for an
13 additional five years and delay becoming Rotarians.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-135

To request the RI Board to consider establishing Rotaract e-clubs

Proposer(s): General Council of RIBI, England

1 WHEREAS, Rotaract is recognized as a Rotary program recommended by the RI
2 Board and supported through guidelines, resources and staff support, and
3

4 WHEREAS, RI recognizes Rotary e-clubs as clubs which meet primarily online,
5 rather than in person, and which function like regular Rotary clubs and have all
6 the rights, privileges, and requirements that traditional Rotary clubs have, and
7 there is appropriate provision for Rotary e-clubs in the Standard Rotary Club
8 Constitution and RI Bylaws, and
9

10 WHEREAS there is no equivalent provision in the Standard Rotaract Club
11 Constitution and Rotaract Bylaws
12

13 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
14 International consider:
15

- 16 a) establishing Rotaract e-clubs as recognized member clubs of RI and RIBI; and
17
18 b) effecting appropriate amendments to the Standard Rotaract Club Constitution
19 to provide for Rotaract e-clubs.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

20 To encourage and develop Rotaract membership and afford to current and
21 potential Rotaract members the same diverse membership options as are
22 available to Rotary clubs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

23 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.
24 Minor amendments to the Rotary Code of Policies, the Standard Rotaract Club
25 Constitution, and the Standard Rotaract Club Bylaws were approved during the
26 September 2011 Board meeting. These amendments allow Rotaract clubs
27 flexibility in how they hold their meetings.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-136

To request the RI Board to consider promoting Rotary Cards

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Chigasaki-Shonan, District 2780, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2780 through an annual district conference, Yokosuka, Kanagawa, Japan, 18 October 2014

- 1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
2 International consider promoting Rotary Cards, the only official credit cards to
3 support The Rotary Foundation, in order to expand their use and encourage an
4 increase in contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 5 The Rotary Foundation enables Rotarians to advance world understanding,
6 goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of
7 education, and the alleviation of poverty.
8
9 In order to fulfill these missions, The Rotary Foundation asks Rotarians, other
10 affiliated organizations and individuals for contributions. The collected
11 contributions are used to implement polio eradication activities and other
12 activities around the world that are aligned with the areas of focus.
13
14 Through the use of Rotary Cards, a certain percentage of the charged amounts is
15 contributed to The Rotary Foundation and used for the various activities of RI.
16
17 Today, credit cards are an important method of payment for both individuals and
18 organizations. Because Rotary Cards have the superior feature of supporting The
19 Rotary Foundation through their uses, promoting such cards would increase
20 contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 21 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
22 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
23 support provided by the RI Board to promote Rotary Cards.
24
25 Promotional expenses could include creative development, promotional events,
26 paid media, advertising, mailing, printing and promotional travel.

- 1 RI currently has an affinity card program that generates income for RI averaging
- 2 approximately US\$400,000 per year. RI donates the proceeds of this program to
- 3 The Rotary Foundation.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-137

To request the RI Board to consider establishing a 21st Century Rotary District Museum

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Medellín, District 4271, Colombia

Endorsed by: District 4271 through a ballot-by-mail, 20 December 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, Rotary International celebrated its centennial in 2005 and The
2 Rotary Foundation will celebrate its centennial in 2017, and
3
4 WHEREAS, art, as an expression of values and culture, fulfills a social and
5 educational need and fosters mutual knowledge and understanding among the
6 communities in the countries and regions where Rotary operates, and
7
8 WHEREAS, a Rotary district museum to exhibit works from the best artists
9 representing the 532 Rotary districts would further mutual knowledge and
10 understanding among nations
11
12 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
13 International consider establishing a 21st Century Rotary District Museum by
14 taking the following actions:
15
16 1. Each Rotary district will agree to obtain and donate the one or several works
17 of idealized art created by artists from the district or country in which the
18 district is located.
19
20 2. RI will request government authorities and philanthropists in the host
21 location to donate to Rotary and The Rotary Foundation a space to exhibit the
22 works of the 21st Century Rotary District Museum.
23
24 3. The 21st Century Rotary District Museum will display art and promote peace
25 and understanding among regions and nations.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 26 The purpose of this resolution is to establish a museum in Evanston, Chicago,
27 New York or anywhere RI and The Rotary Foundation think convenient. Each
28 district will agree to obtain and to donate to the museum one or several works of
29 idealized art created by artists from the district or country in which the district is
30 located.

1 Local government authorities and philanthropists will be requested to donate to
2 RI or The Rotary Foundation the space where the museum will be located and a
3 competitive process established for its planning and design by Rotarian
4 architects.

5
6 We hope that once the museum is built, it will be used to promote the arts and
7 culture of different peoples and, through Rotary, it will promote peace, service
8 and world understanding through art and culture, among people of all races,
9 religions, social status, or economic situations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

10 If implemented, this resolution could have a substantial financial impact on RI
11 which cannot be determined at this time.

12
13 Assuming the space and exhibits are donated, other expenditures would be
14 required to operate museum activities. These would include staff resources,
15 insurance, maintenance, utilities and security. The exact amount of these
16 expenses would be contingent upon the scope, size and location of the museum
17 and the extent of support by the RI Board.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-138

To request the RI Board to consider adding the keyword “family” to the statements on opportunities for service

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Higashichita, District 2760, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2760 through a district resolutions meeting, Nagoya, Aichi, Japan, 8 November 2014

- 1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
2 International consider adding the keyword “family” to the statements on
3 opportunities for service.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 4 This proposed resolution requests the RI Board to recommend including family
5 support activities (such as care of family members, childbirth, and childrearing)
6 in club activities, in recognition of their importance.
7
8 Two-income households are increasingly common, and increasingly necessary, in
9 modern society. With both parents working late, children are too often left alone
10 in dusty, uncleaned homes and socialized with video games. Family meals are
11 eaten at restaurants or come from convenience stores. In developed countries,
12 birth rates are declining, while in developing countries, children lack adequate
13 learning opportunities or protection.
14
15 Attention to the daily lives of young people, support of their development, as well
16 as support of young parents in their efforts at childrearing, childcare, and
17 household management, are essential in maintaining families in contemporary
18 society.
19
20 Therefore, we would like to propose the addition of “family” as a keyword to the
21 statements on opportunities for service.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 22 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-139

To acknowledge the centennial anniversary of The Rotary Foundation

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

- 1 WHEREAS, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International was initiated at the
2 Atlanta convention on 18 June 1917 when RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed
3 the establishment of an endowment “for the purpose of doing good in the world,”
4 and
5
6 WHEREAS, the endowment fund was renamed The Rotary Foundation at the
7 Minneapolis convention in 1928, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary
8 International, and
9
10 WHEREAS, since the first donation of US\$26.50 by the Rotary Club of Kansas
11 City, Missouri, USA in 1917, the Foundation has received contributions totaling
12 more than US\$1 billion, and
13
14 WHEREAS, the Foundation has touched the lives of millions of people around
15 the world through polio eradication, humanitarian grants, international
16 scholarships and fellowships, group study exchange teams, Rotary peace centers,
17 and other programs
18
19 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the 2016 Council on Legislation that
20 Rotary International and its member clubs should celebrate and commemorate
21 the 100th anniversary of The Rotary Foundation in 2016-2017 and should
22 encourage all Rotarians to mark the centennial anniversary by participating in
23 the Foundation programs and supporting the Foundation in their charitable
24 giving.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 25 This proposed resolution is intended to call to the attention of Rotarians
26 throughout the world that The Rotary Foundation will celebrate its centennial in
27 2016-2017. An important milestone such as this should be highlighted in order
28 to serve as a catalyst for new members, new donors and greater participation in
29 the programs of The Rotary Foundation. Passage of this resolution will greatly
30 assist in the promotion of the centennial. Action by the Council is an important
31 endorsement for a large-scale, multi-year celebration.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses to RI and
2 The Rotary Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. Costs would be
3 dependent on the scope and extent of support provided by the Boards for the
4 centennial anniversary of The Rotary Foundation. There are several activities
5 and events already planned by The Rotary Foundation Centennial Celebration
6 Committee.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-140

To request the Trustees to consider establishing a new type of grant

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Casilda, District 4945, Argentina and Uruguay

Endorsed by: District 4945 through a ballot-by-mail, 15 October-15 November 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, in the current economic situation, the required amount for global
2 grants keeps them out of reach, especially for clubs in smaller communities, and
3
4 WHEREAS, global grants require a considerable effort from interested clubs and
5 access to this type of opportunity is not easily accessible through the usual
6 fundraising activities, which in practical terms leaves these clubs out of the grants
7 system, and
8
9 WHEREAS, the amount required for district grants is small enough to allow
10 participation of most clubs, according to the way many districts implement their
11 projects, but is not adequate to fund projects started by clubs
12
13 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
14 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
15 consider establishing a new type of grant within district grants, allowing funding
16 from an international club or district, and from the World Fund.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 17 If approved by The Rotary Foundation Trustees, this resolution would help
18 develop more projects by smaller clubs in small communities.
19
20 These grants would increase the impact of Rotary upon these communities. They
21 would be managed by the districts, in the same manner as district grants, and
22 would receive external funding and funding from the World Fund. Since these
23 grants would not be too big, the World Fund's stability would not be affected.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 24 If implemented, this resolution would have a financial impact on The Rotary
25 Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. The administrative cost
26 could be similar to the administration of the Matching Grant model, which

1 averaged US\$2.2 million annually (prior to the new grant model for Future
2 Vision).
3
4 The cost of reintroducing this type of program would be dependent on whether
5 grants are administered manually or electronically. Manual processing would
6 require significant administrative support, while electronic processing would
7 require extensive modifications to existing software, and project estimates are
8 currently not available for this expense.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-141

To request the Trustees to consider amending the terms for Foundation grants to permit the purchase of equipment for pre- or post-surgical care units

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Carvin-Hénin-Marches de l'Artois, District 1520, France
Rotary Club of Dunkerque, District 1520, France

Endorsed by: District 1520 through a district resolutions meeting, Arras, France, 5 December 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, The Rotary Foundation, to prevent and control non-transmissible
2 diseases, allows the funding of mobile technological equipment and vehicles to
3 treat patients and ensure follow-up activities, and
4
5 WHEREAS, it is currently not permitted to use grants to fund the purchase of
6 equipment for pre- or post-surgical care units for underprivileged populations
7
8 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of
9 Rotary International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation
10 to consider amending the terms and conditions for Rotary Foundation grants to
11 permit the purchase of equipment for pre- or post-surgical care units.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 12 The purpose of this resolution is to make eligible the use of Rotary Foundation
13 funds, as part of the prevention and control of non-transmissible diseases, for the
14 purchase of equipment for pre- or post-surgical care units for underprivileged
15 populations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 16 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on
17 The Rotary Foundation. Equipment for pre- or post-surgical care units is
18 permitted under the current grant process, but the project must meet the
19 eligibility restrictions.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-142

To request the Trustees to consider allowing district grant subcommittee chairs to monitor and review online grant applications

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Surabaya Metropolitan, District 3420, Indonesia

Endorsed by: District 3420 through a ballot-by-mail, 17 May 2014

- 1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
2 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
3 consider allowing the district grants subcommittee chair (DGSC) to monitor and
4 review online all the grant applications for his/her district.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 5 Under the proposed arrangement:
6
7 1. There would be no delay in processing grant applications due to the absence
8 of a district Rotary Foundation chair.
9
10 2. Grant applications would be more thoroughly monitored and reviewed.
11
12 3. District grants subcommittee chairs would be charged with and responsible
13 for monitoring and reviewing grant applications in their districts, as they were
14 prior to the implementation of the Future Vision Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 15 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on
16 The Rotary Foundation. Effective March 2015, district grants subcommittee
17 chairs are permitted to monitor and review online grant applications for their
18 districts.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-143

To request the Trustees to consider making planet earth a new area of focus

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Three Rivers (Vereeniging), District 9400,
Botswana, Mozambique, South Africa, and Swaziland

Endorsed by: District 9400 through a ballot-by-mail, 5 August 2014

- 1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
2 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
3 consider making planet earth either a new focus area in RI's official statement of
4 areas of focus or, alternatively, incorporating environment and care of planet
5 earth as part of peace and conflict resolution, which is our first area of focus.
6 When people care for the land and environment, there will be plenty for all and
7 peace for all.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 8 It is considered that unless the environment and planet earth are adequately
9 cared for and no longer exploited for minerals, resources and wealth, our first
10 focus area of peace and conflict resolution will never be fully achieved.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 11 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for The
12 Rotary Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. Annual
13 administrative expenses to support an additional area of focus are estimated at
14 US\$120,000. In addition, extensive modifications to existing software would be
15 required and project estimates are currently not available for this expense.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

Compromise Legislation

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-144

To request the Trustees to consider reinstating funding for scholarships to support graduate students in areas not related to the areas of focus

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Gifu, District 2630, Japan
District 2800, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2630 through an annual district conference, Gifu, Gifu, Japan, 19 October 2014
District 2800 through an annual district conference, Tsuruoka, Yamagata, Japan, 25 October 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, the full implementation of the Future Vision Plan has led to
2 termination of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program, which has fostered
3 brilliant talents. It also eliminated the possibility of using contributions carried
4 over from the District Designated Fund to support graduate students outside of
5 the areas of focus, and
6
7 WHEREAS, by reinstating the funding, we can support the educational areas
8 which have been an important part of Rotary's program for a long time and
9 continue to develop successful leaders
10
11 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
12 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
13 consider reinstating funding from the carried over District Designated Fund for
14 scholarships to support graduate students in areas not related to the areas of
15 focus.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 16 District 2630 has awarded many Ambassadorial Scholarships to graduate
17 students focused on art and other scholarly studies.
18
19 We have musician alumni who have organized charity concerts for polio
20 eradication and donated JP ¥1,000,000 (US\$8,418) per concert to the PolioPlus
21 Fund.
22
23 It is very unfortunate that the full implementation of the Future Vision Plan has
24 led to termination of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program, which has
25 fostered brilliant talents. It also eliminated the possibility of using contributions

1 carried over from the District Designated Fund to support graduate students in
2 art or other scholarly areas.
3
4 By reinstating the funding, we can support the educational areas which have been
5 an important part of Rotary's program for a long time and continue to develop
6 successful leaders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

7 If implemented, this resolution would have a financial impact on The Rotary
8 Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. The administrative cost of
9 the Scholarship Grants program was approximately US\$700,000 annually. The
10 cost of reintroducing this type of program would be dependent on whether grants
11 are administered manually or electronically. Manual processing would require
12 significant administrative support, while electronic processing would require
13 extensive modifications to existing software.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-145

To request the Trustees to consider adding protection and empowerment of youth as a seventh area of focus

Proposer(s): District 3662, Korea

Endorsed by: District 3662 through a ballot-by-mail, 23 December 2014

- 1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
2 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
3 consider adding protection and empowerment of youth as a seventh area of focus
4 to further vitalize activities that support the younger generation, and that specific
5 pursuits and activities falling under this category among Rotary's existing and
6 potential programs be systematized accordingly.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 7 The six areas of focus represent Rotary's top priorities for service among the
8 challenges currently faced by humanity. That consideration of the younger
9 generations, on whom the future of both Rotary and the world rests, is omitted
10 from these areas of focus not only poses a problem in itself, but is also
11 inconsistent with Rotary's existing policies, which take an active approach to the
12 issue by including Youth Service among the five Avenues of Service, etc.

- 13
14 Adding activities that address youth-related issues to the areas of focus can yield
15 the following benefits:

- 16
17 1) Easier and greater financial support for Youth Service activities through
18 global grants
19
20 2) Better-organized youth protection and empowerment projects, which will
21 help foster their vitalization
22
23 3) Enhancement of mutual trust and partnership between Rotary and youth
24
25 4) Recognition for Rotary as a leader in youth empowerment, which will
26 strengthen our public image

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 27 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses to The
28 Rotary Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. Annual

- 1 administrative expenses to support an additional area of focus are estimated at
- 2 US\$120,000. In addition, extensive modifications to existing software would be
- 3 required and project estimates are currently not available for this expense.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

Compromise Legislation

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-146

To request the Trustees to consider making grandchildren of Rotarians eligible for Rotary Foundation award programs

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Alexandra, District 9790, Australia
Rotary Club of Glen Waverley, District 9810, Australia

Endorsed by: District 9790 through a ballot-by-mail, 23 November - 19 December 2014
District 9810 through a district resolutions meeting, Wheelers Hill, Victoria, Australia, 14 November 2014

1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
2 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
3 consider removing the word “grandchild” as a qualification and ineligibility for
4 Rotary Foundation award programs.

5
6 2013 *Manual of Procedure*, page 81
7

8 **Ineligibility for Foundation Grant Awards**

9 No award under programs supported by The Rotary Foundation will be made
10 to a Rotarian, with the specific exemption of all volunteer services as
11 identified by the Trustees; an employee of a club, district, or other Rotary
12 Entity, or of RI; a spouse, a lineal descendant (child ~~or grandchild~~ by blood
13 and any legally adopted child), a spouse of a lineal descendant, or an ancestor
14 (parent or grandparent by blood) of any person in the above two categories.
15 (TRFB 9.3) Persons ineligible under this policy remain ineligible for 36
16 months after a Rotarian resigns his or her club membership.

17 The ideal of service is best exemplified by a policy that provides, in effect,
18 that those who contribute to the Foundation should not also benefit from
19 Foundation programs, either directly or indirectly. The Rotary motto Service
20 Above Self is best exemplified through charitable and educational programs
21 based on unselfish service to deserving persons who are not Rotarians or their
22 relatives.
23

24 IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors
25 of Rotary International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary
26 Foundation to consider amending Section 9.3 of The Rotary Foundation Bylaws
27 to include grandchildren among the persons eligible for Rotary Foundation
28 award programs as follows:
29

30 **Article IX Miscellaneous**

1 **Section 9.3 — Grant Policy.** The following persons are ineligible for any
2 award or grant from the Foundation:

3
4 (c) a spouse, a lineal descendant (child ~~or grandchild~~ by blood and any
5 legally adopted child), a spouse of a lineal descendant, or an ancestor
6 (parent or grandparent by blood) of any person in categories (a) or (b).

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

7 This resolution seeks to have the RI Board consider requesting the Trustees of
8 The Rotary Foundation to allow grandchildren of Rotarians to be eligible for
9 Rotary Foundation award programs.

10
11 As Rotarians become older, the prospects of grandchildren reaching the age
12 where they could apply for Rotary Foundation award programs increase.
13 Children of Rotarians have been and still are excluded from taking part and that
14 is the choice of the parent Rotarian. To put the same ineligibility onto another
15 generation is rather severe and could disqualify many fine young leaders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

16 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on
17 The Rotary Foundation.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-147

To request the RI Board to consider ending the governor selection pilot in India

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Bhubaneswar, District 3262, India

Endorsed by: District 3262 through a district resolutions meeting,
Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India, 17 November 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, RI encourages a uniform and universal system of elections so as to
2 provide equal opportunities to all clubs, and
3
4 WHEREAS, RI Bylaws Article 13 provides foolproof procedures for the election of
5 the district governor which are still followed all over the world
6
7 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
8 International consider the legal necessity to revert, for RI districts in India, to the
9 existing provisions in the RI Bylaws by superseding the pilot projects which are
10 not conducive to feelings of friendship or a reduction in frayed opinions.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 11 In view of increasing litigation in the election of district governors in terms of RI
12 Bylaws Article 13, an innovative procedure in terms of a pilot project for only the
13 districts in India was introduced. While it may have some administrative gains,
14 the field complications have not reduced. On the contrary, a huge amount of
15 time in the Rotary year is lost to electioneering, with frayed opinions and broken
16 friendships. The present prescriptions seem to be more complicated than the
17 disease. The general opinion among the majority of Rotarians is to continue in
18 terms of the provisions of RI Bylaws Article 13.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 19 If implemented, this resolution is unlikely to have a financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-148

To request the RI Board to consider revising the assistant governor selection criteria in the Rotary Code of Policies

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Mangalore North, District 3180, India

Endorsed by: District 3180 through a ballot-by-mail, 27 December 2014

1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
2 International consider amending the Rotary Code of Policies (January 2015) in
3 Chapter III Districts and specifically in Article 17 as to the minimum criteria used
4 in selecting assistant governors, as follows:
5

6 **Article 17. Rotary Districts**

7

8 **17.030. District Organization and Administration**

9

10 17.030.2. Assistant Governors

11

12 Minimum criteria in selecting assistant governors include:

- 13
- 14 a) membership, other than honorary, in good standing in a club in the
 - 15 district for at least ~~three~~ five years
 - 16 b) service as president of a club for a full term, or as a charter president of
 - 17 a club having served the full term from the date of charter to 30 June,
 - 18 provided that this period is at least six months
 - 19 c) attended at least two district conferences and two district assemblies
 - 20 during the three-year period following completion of term as club
 - 21 president
 - 22 e) ~~d)~~ willingness and ability to accept the responsibilities of assistant
 - 23 governor
 - 24 ~~d)~~ e) demonstrated outstanding performance at the district and zone level
 - 25 e) f) potential for future leadership in the district
- 26

27 Governors-elect shall consider only such Rotarians in the appointment of
28 assistant governors, who shall be given charge of no more than eight clubs
29 and no less than four clubs.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 The assistant governor position plays a vital role in the overall development of
2 clubs. Therefore, the selection for such a post should be done judiciously by
3 adopting proper selection procedures. Though there are qualification criteria
4 prescribed in the 2013 *Manual of Procedure*, it is extremely disturbing to see that
5 they are not followed in spirit and principle. This proposal would add several
6 new eligibility criteria to those already existing, thus enhancing the credibility,
7 efficiency and transparency of the selection process and helping governors in
8 their search for experienced, effective leaders who can function properly in the
9 post. The eligibility criteria that are proposed in this resolution have been
10 articulated by RI for the selection of governors-nominee and also directors-
11 nominee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

12 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
13 be determined at this time. The proposal recommends a maximum of eight clubs
14 per assistant governor. Costs would be dependent on whether this will increase
15 the number of assistant governors as well as the funding to district governors to
16 support these activities.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-149

To request the RI Board to consider acknowledging the role and responsibilities of district secretaries

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Chigasaki, District 2780, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2780 through an annual district conference, Yokosuka, Kanagawa, Japan, 18 October 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, district secretaries play an important role and have major
2 responsibilities in assisting the governor in preparing for district meetings,
3 overseeing communications of various types, and maintaining meeting minutes
4
5 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
6 International consider acknowledging the role and responsibilities of district
7 secretaries by including them in the District Leadership Plan.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 8 The purpose of the District Leadership Plan is to energize Rotary at both the
9 district and the club level by making district support for clubs more timely and
10 appropriate; developing well-trained district leaders; promoting participation in
11 The Rotary Foundation and district activities; and making it possible for district
12 governors to become innovative leaders.
13
14 District secretaries, who provide key assistance to the governors in district
15 operations, have important roles and responsibilities that are different from
16 those of assistant governors. Without district secretaries, the districts cannot
17 implement the District Leadership Plan effectively.
18
19 Therefore, district secretaries' important role and responsibilities should be
20 clearly mentioned in the District Leadership Plan and publicized among
21 Rotarians in the districts in order to promote the effective implementation of the
22 plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 23 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-150

To request the RI Board to consider defining a quorum for ballot-by-mail votes

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Alexandria Cosmopolitan, District 2451, Egypt

Endorsed by: District 2451 through a ballot-by-mail, 20 December 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, in the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws there is no defined
2 mention of what constitutes a “quorum” in the case of a ballot-by-mail called for
3 by RI or the governor, and
4
5 WHEREAS, important matters to be voted upon, like elections of RI officers, are
6 left to an undefined number of club members
7
8 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
9 International consider that, in the case of a ballot-by-mail called for by RI and/or
10 the governor, a quorum, at a club meeting dedicated to voting, shall consist of 50
11 percent plus one of the total number of club members and not the total number
12 in attendance.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 13 As an undefined number of club members voting can affect major decisions, a
14 vote unrepresentative of a majority can affect and skew decisions desired by the
15 majority. The purpose of defining a minimum quorum is to ensure a majority
16 representation among votes. If a vote by club members is with a quorum less
17 than the minimum proposed, this vote would be cancelled so as to ensure the
18 majority “no vote” is represented.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 19 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-151

To request the RI Board to consider reminding clubs of their autonomy

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Takarazuka-Naka, District 2680, Japan
Endorsed by: District 2680 through an annual district conference, Kobe, Hyogo, Japan, 2 March 2014

1 WHEREAS, vibrant activities by self-motivated clubs energize Rotary, and
2
3 WHEREAS, the Rotary Code of Policies Section 8.010. provides that “Clubs
4 should develop their own programs according to the needs of their communities.
5 It is not within the scope of the program of RI to sponsor or prescribe for any club
6 a particular service project or program.” In other words, RI and clubs are equal,
7 and neither is above the other. Therefore, clubs should not consider that the
8 programs recommended by RI are imposed on them, or to the contrary, that
9 implementing those programs alone is sufficient
10
11 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
12 International consider reminding clubs that each club is autonomous, inasmuch
13 as it acts in a manner consistent with the RI Constitution, RI Bylaws, Standard
14 Rotary Club Constitution and the Rotary Code of Policies, so that the clubs
15 understand the real meaning of autonomy.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

16 Individual clubs energize Rotary when they are vibrant and self-motivated. Clubs
17 are able to serve their communities, better and more, when they not only
18 consider implementing RI-recommended programs, but also demonstrate their
19 autonomy by proactively undertaking service projects and programs based on
20 community needs.

21
22 Therefore, we believe that the RI Board needs to consider reminding clubs that
23 each club is autonomous, as long as it acts in a manner consistent with the RI
24 Constitution, RI Bylaws, Standard Rotary Club Constitution and Rotary Code of
25 Policies, so that the clubs understand the real meaning of autonomy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

26 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
27 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the specific actions by

- 1 which the RI Board seeks to remind clubs of their autonomy.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-152

To request the RI Board to consider including all aspects relating to Rotary's image within the terms of reference of the club public relations committee

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Lens-Liévin, District 1520, France

Endorsed by: District 1520 through a district resolutions meeting, Arras, France, 5 December 2014

1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
2 International consider including the following items in the terms of reference of
3 the club public relations committee:
4

- 5 • Protocol
6 • Internal communication
7 • External relations
8 • Media Relations

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

9 For purposes of consistency, it is recommended to include all matters pertaining
10 to Rotary's image in the terms of reference of the club public relations committee.
11 This would help enhance public awareness of Rotary's goals and projects.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

12 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
13 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
14 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-153

To request the RI Board to consider suggesting the position of club productivity officer

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Los Álamos de Monterrico, District 4455, Peru
Endorsed by: District 4455 through an annual district conference, Ica, Peru,
23-25 May 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, RI has implemented excellent online tools such as Rotary Club
2 Central, My Rotary and the Brand Center, and
3
4 WHEREAS, Rotarians' productivity can be defined as the correlation between the
5 amount of data entered and the amount of resources used, in order to monitor
6 the use of RI's resources
7
8 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
9 International consider suggesting a productivity officer position, at the club and
10 district levels. This position would be a part of the club or district organizational
11 chart and enable RI to properly monitor the use of its online tools.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 12 In our zone, among Rotary Club Central users, only 15 percent accessed the
13 section related to club information and only 12 percent accessed the Rotary
14 leaders' training section. These percentages are very low to properly assess any
15 membership progress. If a productivity officer position were created, we would
16 obtain real and updated information. In addition, we would be encouraging
17 online training, which would benefit zones, districts and clubs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 18 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
19 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
20 support provided by the RI Board for the position of club productivity officer.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-154

To request the RI Board to consider encouraging the use of local language when conducting club business

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Bhubaneswar, District 3262, India

Endorsed by: District 3262 through a district resolutions meeting,
Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India, 17 November 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, RI encourages growth of membership, both internally to a club and
2 externally, and promotes effective fellowship in order to fulfill the Object of
3 Rotary, and
4
5 WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide effective means of communication amongst
6 the members and contact with the local government and individuals who
7 correspond, as a matter of state policy, in the local language
8
9 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
10 International consider taking steps to promote the use of local languages in the
11 conduct of club business and with local government and institutions, both for
12 effective interaction and friendly acceptance of Rotary clubs in society.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 13 It is seen that local governments and institutions increasingly encourage and
14 correspond only in the local language as a matter of state policy. Correspondence
15 made in English does not elicit adequate attention or enthusiasm amongst the
16 functionaries. Hence, many issues and concerns remain unattended.
17
18 Another issue which requires consideration is the sentimental concern of ever-
19 increasing numbers of Rotarians to express themselves, orally and in written
20 format, in the local language as approved by the local government. This, however,
21 excludes the use of dialects.
22
23 The correspondence with RI Headquarters would continue in English or in other
24 Rotary approved languages already being used.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 25 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-155

To request the RI Board to consider encouraging Rotarians to adopt a simple method to open and close a meeting by a declaration of the chair

Proposer(s): District 3640, Korea

Endorsed by: District 3640 through a district resolutions meeting, Seoul, Korea, 12 December 2014

- 1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
2 International consider encouraging Rotarians to adopt a simple method to open
3 and close a meeting by a declaration of the chair.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 4 The RI Constitution and the RI Bylaws do not specify the opening or closing
5 procedure of a meeting. Therefore, most clubs open and close their regular
6 meetings by ringing a bell. These days, club meetings take place in various places.
7 Therefore, it is inconvenient for a club to carry and store a bell.
8
9 If the RI Constitution and the RI Bylaws were to specify a simple procedure for
10 opening and closing a meeting, Rotary meetings in the various parts of the world
11 would be held in a more simple way.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 12 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-156

To request the RI Board to consider allowing districts to decide if they would like a president's representative to attend their district conferences

Proposer(s): District 1610, The Netherlands

Endorsed by: District 1610 through a ballot-by-mail, 15 October 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, the form and character of district conferences differs from district to
2 district, for instance in the duration of the conference, the number of activities
3 planned and the focus on district, regional and international subjects, and
4
5 WHEREAS, the number of training facilities, workshops, etc. - all of a time-
6 consuming nature - has been increasing in late years and is expected to increase
7 even more, and
8
9 WHEREAS, due to the developments mentioned above, the district will not
10 always be able to offer the president's representative the hospitality and courtesy
11 he or she is entitled to
12
13 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
14 International consider amending Sections 22.020. and 22.030. of the current
15 Rotary Code of Policies thus that a district is no longer required to have a
16 president's representative attend its district conference but may renounce that
17 favor in cases where it finds it difficult to integrate the visit in the conference
18 program.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 19 It is a long and outstanding tradition that district conferences are attended by a
20 representative of the RI president. In that way, the international character of
21 Rotary is emphasized and it enables RI to stress actual points of interest or
22 concern.
23
24 However, the nature of district conferences has changed considerably, not only in
25 our district or region but worldwide. Most conferences take less than the two
26 days required as a minimum, let alone three days. On the other hand, often many
27 more activities are planned in a conference with a duration of not more than one
28 day. We spend much more time on training activities, for instance, because we
29 consider that of the utmost importance. Moreover, the president's message
30 nowadays is easily available through the Internet, on the websites of RI and of
31 districts, on Facebook, etc.

1 We have observed in our district and in other European districts that, contrary to
2 sections 22.020. and 22.030., the president's representative often does not have
3 the opportunity to address the conference several times or for the duration
4 prescribed. In most cases, there is no opportunity to visit clubs or meet more
5 than a few Rotarians, sometimes also on account of the restricted schedule of the
6 representative.

7
8 Although we acknowledge the importance of the international ties, we therefore
9 think that due to the aforementioned developments, viz. the changed character
10 and duration of the district conference, the increased number of activities, and
11 the modern means of communicating RI's themes, districts should be allowed to
12 decide whether they would like a president's representative to attend their
13 conference.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

14 If implemented, this resolution would result in a decrease in expenses for RI if
15 districts opt not to have a presidential representative at their district conference.

16
17 The annual cost of president's representatives is approximately US\$900,000
18 based on average expenses over three fiscal years, 2011-2012 through 2013-2014.
19 The expenses include airfare and hotel expenses for president's representatives
20 and spouses, and administrative support to manage president's representative
21 assignments.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-157

To request the RI Board to consider providing all district conferences with a video message from the RI president

Proposer(s): District 1610, The Netherlands

Endorsed by: District 1610 through a ballot-by-mail, 15 October 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, the success and results in terms of motivation of a district conference
2 would benefit from an inspirational, motivational and educational address of the
3 RI president, and
4
5 WHEREAS, the RI president obviously will not be able to attend more than a very
6 select number of district conferences, and
7
8 WHEREAS, modern means of communication, i.e., video messages - for instance
9 with a duration of about five minutes - could easily solve this problem and such
10 messages could be given an important place in the program
11
12 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
13 International consider providing all districts with a uniform video message for
14 their district conferences.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 15 Clubs and districts often have their focus on local or district points of interest and
16 are not always fully aware of the international character of Rotary. An excellent
17 means to show that Rotarians have a common interest, often have to face similar
18 problems and can be motivated by similar challenges would be an address by the
19 RI president at the district conference. Governors-elect have experienced that in
20 their trainings in San Diego and elsewhere.
21
22 Because it is impossible for the RI president to address all conferences in person,
23 an alternative could be found in a uniform video message by the RI president
24 which will be available to all districts. The message should get a prominent place
25 in the district's program.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 26 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI,
27 if president's representatives continue to attend district conferences.
28

- 1 Producing and circulating a presidential video message would not have a
2 substantial financial impact.
3
4 The annual cost of president's representatives is approximately US\$900,000
5 based on average expenses over three fiscal years, 2011-2012 through 2013-2014.
6 The expenses include airfare and hotel expenses for president's representatives
7 and spouses, and administrative support to manage president's representative
8 assignments.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-158

To request the RI Board to consider using video presentations at district conferences

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Taipei Ta-an, District 3480, Taiwan

Endorsed by: District 3480 through a ballot-by-mail, 17 November 2014

1 WHEREAS, RI sends a president's representative to district conferences

2

3 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
4 International consider distributing videos of all important messages, information
5 concerning RI/The Rotary Foundation updated situations, and objectives for
6 each new Rotary year instead of sending the president's representative to district
7 conferences so as to eliminate all the undue time, formalities and expenses
8 devoted therein.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

9 In view of the fact that president's representatives are generally appointed in
10 consideration of different causes and reasons, it is hard for the districts to expect
11 them to be in a proper capacity to carry out their obligations and responsibilities
12 to a great extent. Yet district conference preparatory committee members as well
13 as fellow Rotarians involved must devote a lot of time and expense in attending
14 president's representatives with limited functions and contributions toward the
15 districts' growth and development. Not even to mention the travel expenses to be
16 borne by RI for 534 districts around the world. Therefore, we would propose to
17 have RI distribute videos of all important messages and information concerning
18 updated situations and objectives for RI and The Rotary Foundation for each new
19 Rotary year for presentation at the district conferences in English only and
20 districts can translate them into their local languages by themselves if required.
21 The cost of production and mailing of the videos can be shared by the districts if
22 needed, the expenses of which must be much less than that of taking care of
23 president's representatives during their stay. In doing so, we not only can save a
24 great deal of effort and money but also the videos provided by RI can be kept
25 permanently for future reference and/or historical review.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

26 If implemented, this resolution would result in a decrease in expenses for RI if a
27 presidential video message is provided in place of in-person representatives.

- 1 The decrease in expenses is estimated at US\$900,000 based on average expenses
2 over three fiscal years, 2011-2012 through 2013-2014. The reduction includes
3 airfare and hotel expenses for president's representatives and spouses, and
4 administrative support to manage president's representative assignments.
5
6 Producing and circulating a presidential video message would not have a
7 substantial financial impact.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-159

To request the RI Board to consider encouraging the use of electronic and musical equipment at club meetings

Proposer(s): District 4420, Brazil

Endorsed by: District 4420 through a district resolutions meeting, São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil, 6 December 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, we see an increase of the use of electronic devices throughout the
2 world, and
3
4 WHEREAS, the use of electronic equipment is favored by new generations, and
5
6 WHEREAS, club meetings are made more dynamic by the use of such equipment,
7 and
8
9 WHEREAS, electronic equipment is a way to modernize the image and processes
10 of clubs, and
11
12 WHEREAS, music is used successfully by institutions, such as churches, to
13 attract and retain members, and
14
15 WHEREAS, music is a universal language that individuals of different social and
16 economic groups understand, and
17
18 WHEREAS, this would be a creative and attractive way to encourage the singing
19 of the Rotary anthem at club meetings
20
21 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
22 International consider encouraging the use of electronic and musical equipment
23 at club meetings.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 24 • The use of tools such as televisions, projectors and computers should be
25 encouraged as a means of supporting the meeting and making it more
26 dynamic. It also increases the reach and objectivity of the messages.
27 • Electronic equipment can be used to present the agenda of the meeting to
28 members and participants. In the absence of such equipment, we are forced
29 to distribute hard copies of the agenda. This way, all the people present will
30 know the agenda, not only the club board.
31 • The use of such equipment will increase the association of young people who

- 1 are used to electronic devices in clubs.
2 • The use of instruments works in moments of relaxation in meetings and helps
3 unify the group.
4 • Music encourages members to participate in activities outside of Rotary,
5 strengthening the relationship between them.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 6 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-160

To request the RI Board to consider proposing legislation to the next Council on Legislation to revise the corporate governance structure

Proposer(s): District 2290, Norway
District 2330, Sweden
District 2340, Sweden
District 2350, Sweden
District 2370, Sweden
District 2380, Sweden
District 2400, Sweden

Endorsed by: District 2290 through an annual district conference, Kristiansand, Norway, 6 September 2014
District 2330 through a ballot-by-mail, October 2014
District 2340 through an annual district conference, Örebro, Sweden, 25 October 2014
District 2350 through an annual district conference, Stockholm, Sweden, 22 November 2014
District 2370 through an annual district conference, Strängnäs, Sweden, 27 September 2014
District 2380 through an annual district conference, Mullsjö, Sweden, 18 October 2014
District 2400 through an annual district conference, Karlskrona, Sweden, 5 October 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, the corporate governance structure of RI and The Rotary Foundation
- 2 have remained unchanged for many years, and
- 3
- 4 WHEREAS, the governance needs of RI and The Rotary Foundation are different
- 5 from what they may have been many years ago, and
- 6
- 7 WHEREAS, a comprehensive review of Rotary's current corporate governance
- 8 structure is overdue and might suggest areas in which Rotary's governance could
- 9 and should be modified and improved, and
- 10
- 11 WHEREAS, some specific concepts that should be reviewed are a) the length of
- 12 the terms for the RI Board of Directors and Trustees of The Rotary Foundation;
- 13 b) the executive and administrative functions of the RI president and general
- 14 secretary; c) whether the RI president should be a paid position; and d)
- 15 qualifications to serve on the RI Board or Board of Trustees of The Rotary
- 16 Foundation, and

1 WHEREAS, the RI Board and Rotary Foundation Trustees have retained outside
2 professional consulting firms to advise on many proposed programs and projects,
3 including The Rotary Foundation's current Future Vision Plan
4
5 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
6 International consider retaining an outside professional consulting firm or firms
7 to review the current corporate governance structure of RI and The Rotary
8 Foundation, including but not limited to the ideas expressed in this resolution,
9 and report on its findings and recommendations, including specific legislative
10 proposals, to the 2019 Council on Legislation.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

11 This resolution requests the RI Board to consider retaining an outside
12 professional consulting firm or firms to review the current corporate governance
13 structure of RI and The Rotary Foundation and report back to the 2019 Council
14 on Legislation on the results.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

15 If implemented, this resolution would have a financial impact on RI that cannot
16 be determined at this time. The resolution specifically requests an external
17 consulting firm independent of Rotary operations. Cost would be contingent
18 upon the project scope and the specific details of such agreement.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-161

To request the RI Board to consider establishing a nominating committee for zone coordinators

Proposer(s): District 1720, France

Endorsed by: District 1720 through a ballot-by-mail, 13 December 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, the nomination of regional coordinators and other appointments are
2 done through cooptation
3
4 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of
5 Rotary International consider replacing the current procedure for the selection of
6 zone coordinators and other appointments by using a nominating committee
7 appointed by all the districts in the zone.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 8 While the current selection process encourages a convergence of views between
9 the RI director and his/her coordinators, it does so without the consensus of the
10 districts in the zone. The current selection procedure may lead to a lack of
11 transparency and possible complaints. The nomination of coordinators through
12 a nominating committee appointed by all the districts in the zone would bring
13 greater legitimacy to the process.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 14 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for RI. If
15 the RI Board assigns a nominating committee for zone coordinators, expenses are
16 estimated at US\$30,000 per meeting for a six-member committee. Additional
17 expenses would be incurred to support a nominating process which cannot be
18 determined at this time.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-162

To request the RI Board to consider redrawing the boundaries of Zone 20

Proposer(s): District 9212, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, and South Sudan

Endorsed by: District 9212 through a ballot-by-mail, 19-29 December 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, the current regulations provide that each zone has to have a
2 minimum of 30,000 Rotarians and, because of this regulation, Africa is currently
3 in Zone 20, which also includes other Rotary districts in Europe and the Middle
4 East, and
5
6 WHEREAS, because Africa is included in a zone with other districts not in Africa,
7 it only gets an opportunity to nominate and elect a director to the RI Board once
8 in every six years
9
10 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
11 International consider reconstituting Africa into a zone of its own and thus
12 entitling it to nominate a director every election.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 13 Due to the current regulation, Africa is currently divided into Zones 20A and
14 20B, which contain some countries that are in Europe and in the Middle East,
15 which is not beneficial to Africa as the demographics are different in these
16 different regions and therefore the issues of Rotary in Africa do not get the
17 attention they deserve.
18
19 We propose that Africa should be treated as a special case on the following
20 grounds:
21
22 1. Our zone comprises nearly half the countries in Rotary and it is physically
23 impossible for one director to represent the views of the whole zone.
24
25 2. As currently constituted, Africa gets an opportunity to nominate an African
26 director every six years, which amounts to underrepresenting such a large
27 area.
28
29 We therefore propose that Africa be considered a separate zone by either a
30 relaxation of this rule or by redrawing the boundaries of Zone 20 so that the
31 current districts based in Europe and the Middle East merge with other zones
32 and our zone is left as it is, giving us our own director.

1 We feel that having our own director from Africa will be advantageous as he/she
2 will advocate and support policies which promote the growth of Rotary in Africa.
3
4 The purpose of this proposal is to reflect the varying dimensions of Rotary
5 worldwide and, specifically, its internal democracy and fairness of
6 representation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

7 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for RI
8 which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope
9 and extent of support provided by the RI Board to study and redraw the
10 boundaries of Zone 20 and other impacted zones. Expenses for a six-member
11 committee to consider this proposal are estimated to be US\$30,000 per meeting.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-163

To request the RI Board to consider forming an e-district for e-clubs

Proposer(s): E-Club of District 7040-Premier, District 7040, Canada

Endorsed by: District 7040 through a district resolutions meeting, Cornwall, Ontario, Canada, 22 November 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, they drive global grants projects, share their ideas and join their
2 forces to be more efficient. Rotary e-clubs whose members live in different
3 countries find a natural way of sharing their cultures and contribute to peace in
4 the world at each meeting, working together and learning from each other, and
5
6 WHEREAS, Rotary e-clubs are a real success worldwide as there are now more
7 than 190 and still growing all over the world, and
8
9 WHEREAS, e-clubs have developed true fellowship and do good in the world with
10 true actions without borders as any Rotary club, and
11
12 WHEREAS, many e-clubs are facing the same problems and are thinking about
13 the necessary adaptation to the new management by the Internet (financial
14 organization, insurance, grants and project management, training of new
15 members, training sessions for presidents and grants management, receipt for
16 donations, presence at the weekly e-meeting, etc.), and
17
18 WHEREAS, as a result, the formation of an e-district should be considered
19
20 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
21 International consider forming a district comprising only e-clubs so that e-clubs
22 around the world may share their successes and stumbling blocks with each
23 other, working toward a goal of networking and doing good in the world.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 24 E-clubs are a recent adaptation to membership by RI acknowledging the global
25 world in which we live and work. Regardless of assignment to specific
26 geographically-based districts, e-clubs are facing similar obstacles in
27 implementing their 'good works' and are thinking about the necessary adaptation
28 to the new management by the Internet (financial organization, insurance, grants
29 and project management, training of new members, training sessions for
30 presidents and grants management, receipt for donations, presence at the weekly
31 e-meeting, etc.). Allowing for the formation of a global e-district, RI would align

1 clubs with similar outlooks on training, prospecting for members, induction of
2 new members, and retention of members. Sharing through a district conference
3 with a governor who is solely focused on development and retention of e-clubs
4 would enhance this new way of doing Rotary.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

5 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for RI
6 which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope
7 and extent of support provided by the RI Board for forming an e-district for e-
8 clubs. The estimated average RI cost per district is US\$40,000, primarily driven
9 by the district governor's training at the International Assembly, allocation and
10 administrative support.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-164

To request the RI Board to consider creating mechanisms that can make RI self-sustaining

Proposer(s): District 4420, Brazil

Endorsed by: District 4420 through a district resolutions meeting, São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil, 6 December 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, RI is known as a very trustworthy organization, and
2
3 WHEREAS, it is important to promote the financial strength of our organization,
4 and
5
6 WHEREAS, the current economic situation comes with uncertainties and
7 reduced investment from governments and corporations, and
8
9 WHEREAS, it is important to develop a self-sustaining system in Rotary that will
10 make us less vulnerable to external policies, and
11
12 WHEREAS, the organization's sustainability would bring about more resources
13 for our own use
14
15 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
16 International consider creating mechanisms that can make RI self-sustaining.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 17 • Provide more resources for The Rotary Foundation.
18 • Adopt a new paradigm in the organization based on sustainable models, thus
19 reducing our dependency on donations.
20 • Create a new way to raise funds by selling stock in our organization.
21 - Hold an initial public offering, with our own legislation, so we can trade
22 RI and Rotary Foundation stocks in the financial markets. As a return on
23 their investment, the investors would:
24 1) receive tax benefits proportional to how much stock they acquire;
25 and
26 2) connect their companies to our image and humanitarian projects.
27 • Assess our projects, so our stock is appreciated by the stock market.
28 • Increase the value of our stock by increasing our humanitarian and
29 community work. The value would fluctuate based on the scope and impact
30 of our activities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
2 be determined at this time. In order to maintain tax-exempt status in the United
3 States, RI and The Rotary Foundation must operate in a manner consistent with
4 certain tax regulations. These regulations generally do not permit the issuance of
5 shares of stock and prohibit the distribution of earnings or assets for the benefit
6 of private shareholders or individuals.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted | <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended | <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-165

To request the RI Board to consider comparing the expenses of RI to other organizations

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Scheveningen, District 1600, The Netherlands

Endorsed by: District 1600 through a district resolutions meeting, Noordwijk, The Netherlands, 8 March 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, it is advisable to reduce the overhead expenses of RI and The Rotary
2 Foundation
3
4 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
5 International consider frequently examining if the overhead expenses of RI and
6 The Rotary Foundation are in proportion with the expenses of other non-
7 governmental organizations in the same field.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 8 In our opinion, it is possible to reduce the overhead expenses of RI and The
9 Rotary Foundation by a substantial percentage, meaning all expenses except the
10 program awards. We based this resolution on the audited consolidated financial
11 statements of RI and The Rotary Foundation (reference 2012-2013).
12
13 The effect will be a smaller and more effective organization, less bureaucracy and
14 more money to spend on Rotary projects.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 15 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-166

To request the RI Board and the Trustees to consider investing in microfinance and community development institutions

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Calgary West, District 5360, Canada
Rotary Club of Tillsonburg, District 7080, Canada
Rotary Club of Woodstock, District 7080, Canada

Endorsed by: District 5360 through a ballot-by-mail, December 2014
District 7080 through a district resolutions meeting, Milton, Ontario, Canada, 4 December 2014

1 WHEREAS, the assets of RI as of 30 June 2013 exceeded US\$1 billion, including
2 more than US\$900 million in the Foundation, and combined nearly US\$500
3 million being unrestricted and undesignated, and
4

5 WHEREAS, investment opportunities exist within microfinance and community
6 development institutions with relatively low risk (in some cases guaranteed),
7 offering a reasonable rate of return, and, at the same time, having significant
8 social impact - supporting sustainable global efforts to reduce poverty
9

10 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
11 International and the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation consider investing the
12 equivalent of not less than eight percent (in US dollars) of their respective annual
13 unrestricted and undesignated prior year net assets directly or indirectly with
14 creditable microfinance and/or community development institution(s).

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

15 Currently, funds raised at club levels intended to support microfinance efforts
16 may often be too small and possibly directed towards founding new “support
17 group(s)” offering small loans under the name of “microcredit.” Unfortunately,
18 these new “support group(s)” may end up “reinventing” systems that may not be
19 proven, lack adequate training and oversight, without the supporting linkages
20 and networks to be sustainable.

21
22 The existing unrestricted and undesignated assets are significant, given that
23 Rotary is a nonprofit social service organization, with over a million members,
24 and capable of raising over US\$100 million with a call for each member to donate
25 only US\$100.

1 Existing unrestricted and undesignated assets can be invested and have
2 significant social impacts that are sustainable and measurable. By investing in
3 proven and experienced microfinance and community development institution(s)
4 that employ best practices, services can be offered to provide a hand up,
5 empowering people to move from poverty and improve communities by
6 promoting peace, preventing disease, bolstering economic development, and
7 providing clean water and sanitation.
8
9 Investments in microfinance and community development are being made by our
10 partners, including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and impressive
11 successes are being witnessed by organizations involved with microfinance,
12 including BRAC, the largest non-governmental organization in the world. It is
13 suggested that a proposed “impact” investment subcommittee, together with the
14 Rotarian Action Group for Microfinance and Community Development (RAGM)
15 and respective Rotary clubs in host countries provide support and oversight.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

16 If implemented, this resolution could have a significant financial impact on RI
17 and The Rotary Foundation that cannot be determined at this time. The
18 proposed investments would likely have lower returns and higher fees than
19 Rotary’s current investments.
20
21 A study would be required to determine the overall impact on each fund’s risk
22 and return profile. Additional staff and Investment Committee time would be
23 required to identify appropriate investments, conduct due diligence, and
24 implement and monitor investments in these types of funds.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-167

To request the RI Board to consider reducing reinstatement fees and surcharges for clubs

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Cebu Fuente, District 3860, Philippines

Endorsed by: District 3860 through a ballot-by-mail, 27 December 2014

1 WHEREAS, RI encourages the increase of membership in a Rotary club, and

2

3 WHEREAS, there are terminated clubs that would want to be reinstated and to be
4 reactivated in Rotary but the high reinstatement fees and surcharges are
5 preventing them from being reinstated

6

7 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
8 International consider lowering reinstatement fees and surcharges to encourage
9 Rotarians to be reactivated and to be of service to RI.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

10 There are a good number of terminated clubs that would want to be reinstated
11 and even of long-terminated clubs that would want to be rechartered. The
12 current cost of reinstatement and/or rechartering poses a barrier to some clubs.

13

14 Reducing these fees will not only help such clubs, but will enhance our
15 membership drive.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

16 If implemented, this resolution would result in a decrease in revenues for RI
17 depending on the number of clubs reinstated each year and the fees payable.

18

19 Effective 1 January 2015, the reinstatement fee is US\$30 per member and the re-
20 charter fee is no longer applicable. The average number of clubs that are
21 reinstated annually is approximately 100 clubs. The average annual revenue
22 from reinstatement fees was approximately US\$32,000 annually from 2011-2012
23 through 2013-2014.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-168

To request the RI Board to consider recognizing Hindi as an official language of RI

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Dewas, District 3040, India
Rotary Club of Indore Central, District 3040, India

Endorsed by: District 3040 through a ballot-by-mail, 15 November-15 December 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, Hindi-speaking Rotarians make up a large percentage of Rotary's
2 membership and would benefit from Hindi translations of RI literature
3
4 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
5 International consider recognizing Hindi as one of the official languages of RI
6 and providing versions of the most essential club and district information,
7 including the *Manual of Procedure*, RI correspondence and the Rotary website,
8 in Hindi as well as in English, French, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese and
9 Spanish.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 10 Considering the number of Hindi-speaking Rotarians, this resolution would
11 appear to be essential. Once it is implemented, such Rotarians would be able to
12 read RI publications and correspondence and use the Rotary website with relative
13 ease. They would be involved with and participate more in Rotary, thus
14 increasing the membership of RI.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 15 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for RI
16 which cannot be determined at this time. RI currently provides support for Hindi
17 based upon needs determined from surveying clubs and the local office. For
18 example, club officer kits are provided in Hindi.
19
20 The increase in expenses would be due to providing more publications in Hindi,
21 adding Hindi to the RI website and full-time translation and interpretation
22 services.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-169

To request the RI Board to consider allowing translations of Rotary into approved languages

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Chiba, District 2790, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2790 through a ballot-by-mail, 9 December 2014

- 1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
2 International consider allowing translations of the new Rotary logo in all the
3 approved languages of RI.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 4 We assume that the word mark “Rotary” was added to the new logo to increase
5 awareness of Rotary. In order to achieve this goal, it needs to be written in all of
6 the approved languages of RI. Not all countries in the world are English-
7 speaking. In Japan, “Rotary” is rendered in Japanese characters on all Rotary-
8 related materials. This is a common practice in printing and distributing
9 materials in Japan. We would imagine it is done similarly in other countries.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 10 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for RI
11 which cannot be determined at this time. In order for RI to permit the
12 translation of Rotary marks, maintenance of trademark registrations and
13 significant staff hours would be required.
14
15 The communications plan, licensee usage policy and support, graphic design,
16 marketing materials including the Brand Center and visual identity guide, the
17 Rotary website, translations as well as customer service to districts and clubs
18 could all be impacted.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-170

To request the RI Board to consider allowing for the use of the previous version of the Rotary emblem

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Chiba, District 2790, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2790 through a ballot-by-mail, 9 December 2014

- 1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
2 International consider allowing the use of the old emblem with the “Rotary” word
3 mark as the Rotary logo.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 4 The traditional gold and royal blue wheel has a feeling of majesty and dignity,
5 representing the goals of Rotarians.
6
7 The change to a single color might have been made for the purpose of
8 membership development, but it is not in keeping with the dignity of our
9 organization.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 10 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for RI
11 which cannot be determined at this time. In order for RI to permit the use of old
12 Rotary marks, maintenance of trademark registrations and significant staff hours
13 would be required.
14
15 The communications plan, licensee usage policy and support, graphic design,
16 marketing materials including the Brand Center and visual identity guide, the
17 Rotary website, translations as well as customer service to districts and clubs
18 could all be impacted.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-171

To request the RI Board to consider promoting a new Rotary image based on modernization, faith and investment in public image

Proposer(s): District 4420, Brazil

Endorsed by: District 4420 through a district resolutions meeting, São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil, 6 December 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, organizational image is one the most valuable assets of an institution,
2 and
3
4 WHEREAS, faith has a tremendous impact on the lives of individuals, and
5
6 WHEREAS, faith is an important catalyst that unifies people, and
7
8 WHEREAS, young people play an important role as future leaders and managers
9 of the organization, and
10
11 WHEREAS, it is important to attract new generations to revitalize Rotary, and
12
13 WHEREAS, different generations can be integrated into the administration of an
14 organization, and
15
16 WHEREAS, young people are the new transformative force, responsible for the
17 changes necessary to break paradigms and to modernize the organization, and
18
19 WHEREAS, new generations are well attuned to new technology and the media
20
21 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
22 International consider promoting a new Rotary image based on modernization,
23 faith and investment in public image.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 24 • Allocate five percent of the per capita amount paid to RI for districts to invest
25 in public image projects.
26 • Integrate new generations into clubs. Use the energy and interest of young
27 people to add value to Rotary with innovative ideas that reflect the dynamism
28 of today's world. Recognize the contribution of new generations.
29 • Recognize young people with awards at events like district conferences,
30 the International Convention, etc.

- 1 • Promote a new Rotary image with the participation of young people.
2 • Create a communication channel such as a website where young people can
3 show and share projects, actions and ideas. Share best practices that help
4 improve Rotary processes and our local and global image.
5 • Provide the organization with the energy and the will for change that young
6 people have.
7 • Have young people teach older Rotarians how to use new media and
8 electronic equipment. Encourage a new meeting format with the use of these
9 tools.
10 • Link the principles of RI with the pillar of our work to change the world.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 11 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
12 be determined at this time.
13
14 The total amount spent on communications has averaged US\$13.5 million, or 13
15 percent of total RI expenses, from fiscal years 2012 to 2014 for initiatives
16 including marketing, communications, social media, public image, digital,
17 publishing, design, and language services.
18
19 The impact on expenses will depend on the level of RI Board-approved
20 expenditures for public image activities each year.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-172

To request the RI Board to consider not recommending commercial or licensed branding materials when a free option is available

Proposer(s): District 1020, Scotland

Endorsed by: District 1020 through an annual district conference, Carlisle, Scotland, 13 December 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, the current Voice and Visual Identity Guidelines produced by RI
2 specify licensed fonts as the Rotary standards, with free ones as alternatives, and
3
4 WHEREAS, many clubs are not prepared to use club funds for this purpose when
5 an acceptable alternative is available at no cost, and
6
7 WHEREAS, these clubs find it unacceptable that RI should approve, let alone
8 recommend, paid material over acceptable free material
9
10 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
11 International consider adopting as policy that, when specifying branding
12 materials and visual standards for general use by clubs throughout the
13 organization, commercial or licensed materials should not be recommended
14 when there is a free and acceptable alternative available.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 15 As part of the current Voice and Visual Identity Guidelines produced by RI, the
16 two recommended fonts are both commercial, with free alternatives when they
17 “are not available or are cost prohibitive.” If the free alternatives are acceptable,
18 there can be no justification for recommending ones which require payment,
19 regardless of how much.
20
21 This has three main effects:
22
23 Club money is used to buy unnecessary fonts for which it is agreed there is a free
24 alternative. This cannot be acceptable.
25
26 Material from RI, or a club which buys the fonts, will look different on a
27 computer without those fonts. This may result in the recipient having to reformat
28 a page to get it to fit or look like the original. If a club does buy the recommended
29 font, it in turn does not know if anyone it sends material to has that font or not.
30 Again, this causes unnecessary reformatting, wasting time and effort. We end up

- 1 with two standards, for those who are prepared to buy the font and those who are
2 not.
3
4 By selecting a licensed option over a free one, the RI Board is sending the wrong
5 message to 34,000 clubs who are trying to be prudent with their finances. By
6 making the free fonts the standard instead of licensed ones, the RI Board would
7 be seen to take cognizance of this.
8
9 We propose that as a general policy, licensed products should not be
10 recommended where free versions are acceptable.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 11 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-173

To request the RI Board to consider subsidizing the training registration fees for the governors-nominee training seminar

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Cebu Fuente, District 3860, Philippines

Endorsed by: District 3860 through a ballot-by-mail, 27 December 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, governors-elect and governors-nominee are required to prepare for
2 their terms by attending the governors-elect training seminar and governors-
3 nominee training seminar, respectively, and
4
5 WHEREAS, the training registration fees of governors-elect are subsidized by RI
6 inclusive of plane fare and hotel accommodations when they attend their pre-
7 governors-elect training seminar and governors-elect training seminar
8
9 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
10 International consider subsidizing the training registration fees of district
11 governors-nominee when attending the pre-governors-nominee training seminar
12 and governors-nominee training seminar, inclusive of plane fare and hotel
13 accommodations.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 14 As explained in the text of the proposed resolution.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 15 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for RI
16 which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope
17 and extent of support provided by the RI Board to subsidize governors-nominee
18 training, including registration fees, airfare and hotel accommodations.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-174

To request the RI Board to consider making the Rotary Leadership Institute a training program of RI

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Three Rivers (Vereeniging), District 9400, Botswana, Mozambique, South Africa, and Swaziland

Endorsed by: District 9400 through a ballot-by-mail, 5 August 2014

- 1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
2 International consider formalizing and accepting the program of the Rotary
3 Leadership Institute as a recognized training program of RI.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 4 The training courses of the Rotary Leadership Institute have been widely used in
5 Africa and have had a great impact on Rotarians and leaders in Rotary and in
6 communities and are therefore worthy of consideration and recognition as
7 approved programs by RI.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 8 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
9 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
10 support provided by the RI Board to support the Rotary Leadership Institute
11 training courses.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-175

To request the RI Board to consider allowing Probus members to attend the RI Convention

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Runaway Bay, District 9640, Australia

Endorsed by: District 9640 through a ballot-by-mail, 28 November 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, Probus is considered a member of the family of Rotary, and
2
3 WHEREAS, many Probus members have given years of dedicated service to RI,
4 and
5
6 WHEREAS, Probus members are currently not invited to attend RI Conventions,
7 and
8
9 WHEREAS, Probus members are potential audiences for RI success stories,
10 and
11
12 WHEREAS, Probus members have the potential to support The Rotary
13 Foundation if they are exposed to the successes of RI, and
14
15 WHEREAS, extended numbers of full payment registrations for RI Conventions
16 would enable a more complete experience for all at a more affordable price
17
18 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
19 International consider allowing members of Probus to attend RI Conventions.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 20 There are thousands of Probus members of countless nationalities in clubs
21 throughout the Rotary world. A large proportion of these people have given years
22 of dedicated service to RI.
23
24 The convention committee commits to encouraging as many members of Rotary
25 as possible to attend the convention to both spread the word of RI internationally
26 and to balance the books for such a large function. The planning committee
27 endeavors to establish the number of possible attendees to each convention in
28 order to estimate the cost of registration for Rotarians. Yet with all this, there is
29 an untapped resource out there ready to spread the word of Rotary endeavors
30 and successes - Probus. It seems shortsighted to preclude this part of the family

- 1 of Rotary from attending and enjoying the kaleidoscope that is Rotary, and from
2 giving them the opportunity to re-engage with old friends.
3
4 This is a group who spend most of the remainder of their lives traveling and
5 enjoying the fruits of their labor, many of whom may well be deciding how to
6 distribute their estate.
7
8 For them to see, hear and feel the beneficial things that Rotary is achieving
9 throughout this world may well be the catalyst which prompts their decision to
10 support The Rotary Foundation. It comes down to this - if they are motivated
11 enough to attend, for whatever reasons, they must have fond memories and
12 genuine feelings for who we are and what we do.
13
14 Probians would register as for any Rotarian, pay the normal registration fee and
15 attend as for any Rotarian.
16
17 This proposal can only result in a win for both parties.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 18 If implemented, this resolution could potentially result in an increase in revenue
19 for RI if there is an increase in convention registration.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted | <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended | <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-176

To request the RI Board to consider allowing members of Inner Wheel to attend the RI Convention

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Runaway Bay, District 9640, Australia

Endorsed by: District 9640 through a ballot-by-mail, 28 November 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, members of Inner Wheel are referred to as members of the family of
2 Rotary, and
3
4 WHEREAS, members of RI are routinely invited to the RI Convention, and
5
6 WHEREAS, while members of Inner Wheel are accepted as Rotary kin, and
7
8 WHEREAS, the second part of Rotary's Four-Way Test is "Is it FAIR to all
9 concerned?", and
10
11 WHEREAS, it could be seen to be unfair to our kin to exclude them from the
12 festivities that an international convention is, and
13
14 WHEREAS, many members of Inner Wheel have provided many years of support
15 to Rotary and Rotarians as Rotary partners
16
17 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
18 International consider allowing members of Inner Wheel to attend RI
19 Conventions.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 20 This resolution requests the RI Board to consider providing an opportunity for
21 members of Inner Wheel to attend an RI Convention, both to increase the
22 number of convention attendees and to provide Inner Wheel members with the
23 opportunity to see, hear and feel RI's current activities while, in many cases,
24 renewing acquaintances.
25
26 We talk about the family of Rotary, yet we deny these members of our family the
27 opportunity to join the fiesta. It seems somewhat of a double standard to publicly
28 refer to Inner Wheel as the family of Rotary, yet not extend the hand of friendship
29 to our kin.

- 1 Many members of Inner Wheel have had a long and rewarding association with
2 Rotary as partners of Rotarians. Many have had the opportunity to attend an RI
3 Convention, but because of circumstances, no longer have that option. To
4 reacquaint with friends via an RI convention will continue to build bridges of
5 friendship throughout the world, as we increase our numbers at international
6 conventions.
7
8 We would also like to think that to regenerate the spark of Rotary might also
9 provide the incentive to consider Rotary in their estate.
10
11 To support this resolution can only be a good thing - "beneficial to all concerned."

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 12 If implemented, this resolution could potentially result in an increase in revenue
13 for RI if there is an increase in convention registration.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-177

To request the RI Board to consider adopting electronic voting prior to the Council on Legislation

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Niigata, District 2560, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2560 through an annual district conference, Ojiya, Japan, 26 October 2014

- 1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
- 2 International consider adopting electronic voting as the voting method prior to
- 3 the Council on Legislation.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 4 This legislation proposes adopting an electronic voting method, so that proposed
- 5 legislation is voted on by each district through electronic voting, effective as early
- 6 as possible. The advancement of information technology has made
- 7 instantaneous, global communication possible today. For five hundred some
- 8 representatives from around the world to convene once every three years for a
- 9 five-day deliberation is both obsolete and physically demanding for the senior
- 10 leaders serving as representatives. Furthermore, district representatives are not
- 11 necessarily conversant in RI rules. Therefore, it is requested that the applicable
- 12 articles be revised for proposed legislation to be sent to districts in advance,
- 13 discussed and voted on in such appropriate meetings as the district training
- 14 assembly or district conference, and electronic votes be forwarded to the RI
- 15 Board.
- 16
- 17 Voting on legislation by mail is already allowed, albeit in limited circumstances,
- 18 by RI Bylaws 8.140.5.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 19 If implemented, this resolution would have no net financial impact on RI because
- 20 revenues from additional dues to fund the Council on Legislation will be reduced
- 21 by an amount equivalent to the reduction in expenses.
- 22
- 23 The expenses for the Council on Legislation in fiscal year 2013 were US\$3 million.
- 24
- 25 If the in-person meeting were eliminated in favor of electronic voting:

- 1 • a reduction of expenses is estimated at US\$2.6 million for airfare, hotel,
2 meals, venue rental, transportation, and equipment
3 • an increase in expenses would be incurred for additional technology and
4 mailing requirements to support electronic voting

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Tabled

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Rejected

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-178

To request the RI Board to consider making the Council on Legislation more efficient, less costly and more technologically oriented

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Arlington, District 5790, USA

Rotary Club of Southport, District 9640, Australia

Endorsed by: District 5790 through an annual district conference, Fort Worth, Texas, USA, 3-4 May 2014

District 9640 through a ballot-by-mail, 28 November 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, the Council on Legislation meets every three years, and
2
3 WHEREAS, the Council on Legislation meets face to face, and
4
5 WHEREAS, the Council on Legislation meets for five days, and
6
7 WHEREAS, the Council on Legislation can barely get through this business in the
8 time allocated if at all, and
9
10 WHEREAS, it is expensive to have many representatives meet face to face in any
11 worldwide organization, and
12
13 WHEREAS, technology is commonly used in contemporary business today, and
14
15 WHEREAS, a successful worldwide organization should be more responsive than
16 to review practices only once every three years
17
18 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
19 International consider ensuring the functions of the Council on Legislation be
20 undertaken through a more efficient, less costly and more technologically-
21 oriented mechanism; this change to be implemented no later than 2019.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 22 The Council on Legislation is the legislative body of RI and has the authority to
23 amend the RI constitutional documents. The Council meets every three years
24 (the next being in 2019) and comprises 530 members, one from each of the 530
25 districts of RI. RI bears the costs of transportation to and from Chicago and
26 accommodation for these 530 members of the Council on Legislation. The costs
27 are covered by the US\$1.50 levy paid by every Rotary member once a year.

1 The Council on Legislation only meets every three years and hence there is a
2 considerable backlog of enactments and resolutions.
3
4 There were more than 149 (originally 376) proposals at the 2013 Council on
5 Legislation and one would question whether these can be adequately dealt with in
6 five working days. The fact that only about one-third are passed may be
7 indicative of the difficulty in having all enactments and resolutions fully
8 interpreted and understood.
9
10 The cost of this exercise is at least US\$3.6 million. We must question whether
11 Rotary could spend this money in a more appropriate way. In a world where
12 there is growing use of technology in international meetings at all levels, Rotary
13 continues with a slow and ponderous approach. Apart from the cost benefits, a
14 technologically-oriented approach would allow enactments and resolutions to be
15 considered as they arose and on a continuous basis.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

16 If implemented, this resolution would have no net financial impact on RI because
17 revenues from additional dues to fund the Council on Legislation will be reduced
18 by an amount equivalent to a change in expenses.
19
20 The expenses for the Council on Legislation in fiscal year 2013 were US \$3
21 million. This resolution could result in a decrease in expenses if the technology
22 solution costs less than an in-person meeting.
23
24 Expense would be dependent on the requirements and format of the new process,
25 the cost of developing and implementing a new technology solution, the
26 frequency of meetings, and annual operating expenses to support the new process.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-179

To request the RI Board to consider initiating a study to establish a new type of membership: supporting membership

Proposer(s): District 2340

Rotary Club of Södertälje-Mälaren, District 2370, Sweden

District 2380

Endorsed by: District 2340 through an annual district conference, Örebro, Sweden, 25 October 2014

District 2370 through an annual district conference, Strängnäs, Sweden, 27 September 2014

District 2380 through an annual district conference, Mullsjö, Sweden, 18 October 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, many Rotary clubs are facing a declining number of members, and
2
3 WHEREAS, the attendance requirements prevent many potential Rotarians from
4 joining our organization
5
6 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
7 International consider initiating a study regarding the prerequisites to open up
8 for a new type of membership, here called supporting membership. A supporting
9 member might pay a reduced fee to Rotary and be released from the attendance
10 requirements.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 11 This resolution proposing a supporting membership in Rotary could give positive
12 effects like these:
13
14 • An increased number of Rotarians in the world
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16 • Increased membership fees for Rotary
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18 • A Rotary member today who, during a long period of time, will not be able to
19 live up to the attendance requirements can move to a supporting membership
20 instead of leaving Rotary
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22 • The supporting members can be an excellent base for recruiting of active
23 Rotary members

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution is anticipated to have no substantial financial
- 2 impact on RI because a study to explore supporting membership would probably
- 3 be conducted by the Membership Development Committee and Secretariat staff.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

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RESULT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted | <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended | <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-180

To request the RI Board to consider recognizing Friends of Rotary

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Bhubaneswar Metro, District 3262, India

Endorsed by: District 3262 through a district resolutions meeting,
Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India, 17 November 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, there are many individuals and institutions associated with Rotary
2 clubs or associating themselves on a continuous basis with Rotary clubs in
3 implementation of service projects as they do not possess the requisite
4 qualifications to be inducted into membership, and
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6 WHEREAS, it is felt that for more effective action in the field, a formal process of
7 recognition may be introduced in which such persons may be recognized as
8 Friends of Rotary, which may also enhance the public image of Rotary
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10 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
11 International consider the situation and take this opportunity to recommend that
12 clubs enhance their continued association with such other individuals/persons
13 and institutions by terming them as Friends of Rotary. This new concept will
14 encourage both the Rotary clubs and their associates to come closer with a
15 greater bond of friendship and a sense of greater commitment. The RI Board
16 may issue necessary guidelines regarding the process of establishing this
17 friendship bond and the privileges that can be extended to the designated Friends
18 of Rotary.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 19 There are several individuals and institutions that extend help to or whose help is
20 required by Rotary clubs in effective implementation and proper maintenance of
21 service projects on a long-term basis, and without this support it would be
22 difficult for Rotary clubs to make an impact on the local community. There are
23 situations when such individuals and institutions also provide financial
24 contributions or support. It is therefore felt that a vibrant relationship should be
25 established and maintained by recognizing such individuals as Friends of Rotary.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI that cannot
- 2 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
- 3 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 16-181

To request the RI Board to consider urging new Rotarians to attend new member training

Proposer(s): District 1720, France

Endorsed by: District 1720 through a ballot-by-mail, 13 December 2014

- 1 WHEREAS, the training of new members in clubs has weakened considerably,
2 and
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4 WHEREAS, this lack of training and Rotary knowledge often leads to the
5 resignation of new members in the two years following their induction, and
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7 WHEREAS, one can only serve when fully knowledgeable
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9 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of
10 Rotary International consider urging new Rotarians to attend the new members'
11 training when offered by the district during the year following their induction.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 12 New members' training in clubs is often too superficial. This results in a low
13 involvement of the new members due to their lack of Rotary knowledge.
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15 This lack of Rotary knowledge and culture does not foster retention and leads to
16 too many early resignations. This failure is detrimental to Rotary's image.
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18 To solve this regrettable situation, many districts organize an annual basic Rotary
19 training for new club members. This helps them understand Rotary's structure
20 and values so they can quickly become operational and help further Rotary's
21 mission.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 22 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
23 be determined at this time. New member orientation resources are currently
24 available to clubs. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of additional
25 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

☐ Adopted

☐ Adopted as Amended

☐ Referred to Board

☐ Rejected

☐ Tabled

☐ Withdrawn

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