

# PROPOSED ENACTMENT 22-53

Yes

To amend where the Board must report expenditures from the RI reserve

**Proposer(s):** District 2250, Norway  
District 2260, Norway  
District 2275, Norway  
District 2290, Norway  
District 2305, Norway and Sweden  
District 2310, Norway

432 ✓ 98.9  
432 ✓ 7.10

1 To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows

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## 3 Article 6 Board of Directors

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5 **Section 2 — Powers.** The affairs and funds of RI shall be under the direction  
6 and control of the board in conformity with this constitution and the bylaws and  
7 the Illinois General Not-for-Profit Corporation Act of 1986, and any  
8 amendments thereto. In exercising such direction and control over the funds of  
9 RI, the board may, as fixed by the budget or budgets provided for in the bylaws,  
10 expend in any fiscal year the current income and such amount from the RI  
11 reserve as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of RI. The board shall  
12 report to the next convention and council on legislation as to the special  
13 conditions under which expenditures have been made from the reserve. The  
14 board shall at no time incur an indebtedness in excess of the then net assets of  
15 RI.

(End of Text)

Yes

## PURPOSE AND EFFECT

16 Enactment 19-79, proposed by the RI Board and adopted by the 2019 Council on  
17 Legislation, reduced using the Convention for any deliberations and voting. As a  
18 consequence of the decision at the Council on Legislation, the Convention should  
19 not be used as the sole forum for reports and vital information in general and, in  
20 particular, not for any fiscal matters.

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22 Rotarians currently have no general forum in which to exchange their views  
23 regarding the organization's development, whether these are in regard to  
24 decisions of the RI Board or issues specific to Rotary's finances. Thus, it is  
25 proposed that such reports be delivered to the Convention, as well as the Council  
26 on Legislation for deliberations and comments.



# PROPOSED ENACTMENT 22-56

Yes

To amend how districts may propose legislation and resolutions

**Proposer(s):** Rotary Club of Kisarazu East, District 2790, Japan

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N 1/4

1 To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows

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## 3 **Article 16 Amendments**

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5 **Section 2 — Who May Propose.** Amendments to this constitution may be  
6 proposed only by a club, by a district conference, by the general council or the  
7 conference of RI in Great Britain and Ireland, by the council on legislation, or by  
8 the board in accordance with the procedures contained in the bylaws.

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10 And to amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows

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## 12 **Article 7 Council on Legislation**

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### 14 **7.020. Who May Propose Legislation.**

15 Enactments may be proposed by a club, a district conference, the general council  
16 or conference of RIBI, the council on legislation, or the board. Only the board  
17 may propose position statements. The board shall not propose legislation related  
18 to TRF without prior agreement by the TRF trustees.

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### 20 **7.030. District Endorsement of Club and District Legislation.**

21 ~~Club-proposed~~ Club and district-proposed enactments must be endorsed by its  
22 the district at a district conference, a district legislation meeting, or an RIBI  
23 district council. Where time does not allow proposed enactments to be submitted  
24 to the district conference, a district legislation meeting, or RIBI district council,  
25 the proposed enactments may be submitted to the clubs of the district by a club  
26 ballot conducted by the governor. Any club ballot shall follow the procedure in  
27 section 12.050. as closely as possible. An enactment delivered to the general  
28 secretary shall be certified by the governor that it has been endorsed. Districts  
29 should not propose or endorse more than five enactments per council on  
30 legislation.

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## 32 **Article 8 Council on Resolutions**

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### 34 **8.030. Who May Propose Resolutions.**

35 Resolutions may be proposed by a club, a district conference, the general council  
36 or conference of RIBI, and the board.

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### 38 **8.040. District Endorsement of Club and District Resolutions.**



1 ~~Club-proposed~~ Club and district-proposed resolutions must be endorsed by the  
2 district at a district conference, a district legislation meeting, RIBI district  
3 council, or through a club ballot conducted by the governor, following the  
4 procedures in section 12.050. as closely as possible. A proposed resolution  
5 delivered to the general secretary shall be certified by the governor that it has  
6 been endorsed.

(End of Text)

### **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

7 The constitutional documents include many rules concerning districts. If a  
8 governor or others involved with a district would like one or more of these rules  
9 amended, an enactment or resolution is required. Under RI's current provisions,  
10 such legislation can be proposed only through a resolution adopted by the district  
11 conference.

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13 District conferences are held only once a year, on varying dates. Furthermore,  
14 district conference schedules typically do not allow sufficient time for the  
15 discussion of proposed enactments or resolutions, thus reducing the likelihood  
16 that they will even be put forward as an item of discussion. This enactment seeks  
17 to make it possible for districts to propose enactments and resolutions through  
18 the same endorsement process as that used for club-proposed legislation.

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20 Of the enactments considered by the 2019 Council on Legislation, thirty-four  
21 were proposed by districts. Of these thirty-four, only ten were endorsed by a  
22 district conference, with the remainder receiving endorsement either by club  
23 ballot or at a district legislation meeting. This proposed enactment would update  
24 the RI Constitution and the RI Bylaws to reflect this more common practice.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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

# PROPOSED ENACTMENT 22-57

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To provide for the type of urgent enactments that may be considered by the Council on Resolutions

**Proposer(s):** Rotary Club of Maebashi, District 2840, Japan

1 To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows

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## 3 **Article 8 Council on Resolutions**

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5 **8.050. Enactments Considered by the Council on Resolutions.**

6 The council on resolutions, as a special meeting of the council on legislation, shall  
7 consider and act on any enactments duly proposed by the board that the board  
8 determines to be of an urgent nature. Such urgent enactments should be limited  
9 in scope to situations that have occurred since the most recent council on  
10 legislation.

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N 46

(End of Text)

## **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

11 The purpose of this enactment is to limit the Board from interpreting 'urgent' in  
12 an overly broad manner and thereby injuring the ideals, authority, and credibility  
13 of the Council on Legislation, Rotary's sole legislative body. For this reason, such  
14 urgent enactments should be limited to those that occur between meetings of the  
15 Council on Legislation and require a special decision in order to amend the  
16 constitutional documents.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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

NO



# PROPOSED ENACTMENT 22-59 *yes*

To amend the deadline for the RI Board to propose position statements

**Proposer(s):** District 2580, Japan

*Yes 54  
NO 45*

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

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## 3 **Article 7 Council on Legislation**

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5 **7.050. Deadline for Enactments and Position Statements.**

6 The general secretary must receive enactments by 31 December in the year before  
7 the council. The board may propose enactments it determines to be urgent and  
8 position statements by 31 December before the council convenes. ~~The board may~~  
9 ~~propose position statements any time before the council adjourns.~~

(End of Text)

### **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

10 The RI Board is currently allowed to submit position statements at any time up  
11 until the Council on Legislation adjourns. Any position statements submitted  
12 immediately prior to the Council's adjournment, no matter how important, are  
13 therefore given only a brief and rushed consideration by the Council, and quickly  
14 proceed to a vote. When this occurs, the Council on Legislation loses credibility.  
15 At the 2019 Council, for example, concerns were raised about whether the  
16 representatives had to vote on a proposal without having had sufficient time to  
17 understand it.

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19 For this reason, we believe the submission of position statements by the Board  
20 should have the deadline of 31 December.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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

*NO*



# PROPOSED ENACTMENT 22-61

To eliminate inconsistencies in the RI Bylaws

**Proposer(s):** Board of Directors of RI

Yes  
(CONSENT)

1 To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows

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## Article 11 Nominations and Elections for Directors

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5 **11.020.** Selection of Director-nominee and Alternate by Nominating Committee  
6 Procedure.

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8 11.020.9. Selection of Members by Nominating Committee Procedure.

9 The member and the alternate member of the nominating committee may be  
10 selected by a nominating committee procedure based on section 12.030.1. where  
11 not in conflict with this section. If a district fails to adopt a method for selecting  
12 members of a nominating committee, the nominating committee shall be  
13 composed of all past governors who are members of a club in that district and are  
14 willing and able to serve. A candidate for member shall not serve on the  
15 committee. ~~The member and the alternate member of the nominating committee~~  
16 ~~shall be selected by 30 June of the year before the scheduled nomination.~~

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18 11.020.12. Report of Member to the General Secretary.

19 The member and the alternate shall be reported by the governor to the general  
20 secretary. Those reported after 1 June shall not serve on the nominating  
21 committee.

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## Article 12 Nominations and Elections for Governors

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24 **12.030.** Nominating Committee Process.

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26 12.030.3. Club Suggestions for Governor.

27 The governor shall invite clubs to submit their suggestions for nominations for  
28 governor. ~~The deadline for suggestions is~~ invitation is to be made at least two  
29 months before ~~suggestions are due to~~ the nominating committee meeting. The  
30 suggestions shall be submitted by a resolution naming the suggested candidate  
31 adopted at a regular club meeting and certified by the secretary. A club shall only  
32 suggest one of its own members.

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34 **12.090.** Vacancies in the Offices of Governor-nominee and Governor-elect.

35 If a district fails to select a governor-nominee or if a nominee becomes  
36 disqualified for election or otherwise unable or unwilling to serve and another  
37 nominee is not selected either before the election of officers at the convention or  
38 at least three months before the international assembly, the governor shall  
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1 reinitiate the selection procedures starting with section 12.020. In either event,  
2 the board shall elect the Rotarian so nominated to serve as governor-elect.  
3 Thereafter, if either a governor-elect or governor-nominee becomes unable or  
4 unwilling to serve as governor, and the selection process for the successor has  
5 been completed by the district, then the successor shall automatically fill the  
6 vacancy if they are willing to do so, subject to the required election either by the  
7 convention or the board. If the successor has been selected, but is unable or  
8 unwilling to fill the vacancy, the board shall elect a Rotarian qualified under  
9 section 16.010.

(End of Text)

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

10 At the 2019 Council on Legislation, the Council adopted Enactment 19-115, "To  
11 modernize and streamline the Bylaws of Rotary International without making  
12 any substantive changes." The intent of this item was to remove redundancies,  
13 improve the readability of the RI Bylaws, and streamline the format without  
14 making any substantive changes.

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16 However, in the course of making non-substantive changes to the RI Bylaws as  
17 adopted by the 2019 Council on Legislation, it was found that some changes  
18 contradicted each other or created changes that were unintended. For example,  
19 the 30 June deadline added to 11.020.9, directly contradicts the 1 June deadline  
20 in 11.020.12.

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22 As such, this enactment is returning certain sections to their previous  
23 requirements.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 22-71 *yes*

To provide for the administration of clubs in a pilot project

**Proposer(s):** Board of Directors of RI  
Rotary Club of Merimbula, District 9705, Australia

*yes*  
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*N 31*  
*AMENDED TO LIMIT TO RIBI AUSTRALIA + NEW ZEALAND + CERTAIN PACIFIC ISLAND*

1 To amend the *CONSTITUTION* of Rotary International as follows

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3 **Article 8 Administration**

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5 **Section 2** — The administration of clubs shall be under general supervision of  
6 the board together with one or other of the following forms of direct  
7 supervision, which shall be at all times in conformity with the provision of this  
8 constitution and the bylaws:

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10 (e) As a pilot project to include not more than 6,000 clubs and to have a  
11 duration of not more than six years, with such supervision as may be  
12 deemed advisable by the board.

(End of Text)

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT** *yes*

13 The purpose of this enactment is to allow the Board to experiment with new and  
14 more contemporary supervision structures for clubs and Rotarians. With the pace  
15 of change in society and the increasing impact of technology on our lives, it is  
16 appropriate to look at new ways to support our clubs and our members. We need  
17 to consider new models that can enhance our efficiency, increase the ability of  
18 members to access support, and look at new ways to make volunteer positions  
19 more manageable and doable.

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21 The current volunteer structure is one that was put in place over 70 years ago, at  
22 a time when communication and increasing motivation were very dependent on  
23 in-person connections. The current structure has grown into a significant  
24 hierarchy with additional volunteer layers and roles having been added over the  
25 years. Most contemporary entities in today's global marketplace have  
26 significantly flattened their organizational structures to allow greater agility and  
27 more direct links between the leadership and grassroots levels of their  
28 organizations. This enactment will allow the Board to experiment with new  
29 models that can potentially enhance our efficiency, allowing more flexibility in  
30 the delivery of services, including regionalization of those services and offerings.



# PROPOSED ENACTMENT 22-69

Yes

To provide that governors are notified of actions taken on adopted resolutions

**Proposer(s):** Rotary Club of Kobe Seishin, District 2680, Japan  
Rotary Club of Takasago Seisho, District 2680, Japan

1 To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows

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3 **Article 10 Council on Legislation**  
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5 **Section 6 — Adopted Resolutions.** Within one year of the conclusion of the  
6 council on resolutions, the board shall notify all governors of any board action  
7 taken in regard to resolutions adopted by the council.

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## PURPOSE AND EFFECT

8 The RI Constitution previously provided that “Within one year of the conclusion  
9 of the council on legislation, the board shall notify all governors of any board  
10 action taken in regard to resolutions adopted by the council.” However, this  
11 provision was removed by the 2016 Council on Legislation.

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13 As a result, the RI Board now has no constitutional obligation to inform  
14 governors of its process in reviewing adopted resolutions. It is left entirely to the  
15 Board’s discretion when to notify the governors of how or whether such  
16 resolutions have been considered. This means that, though it may sound extreme,  
17 it is possible for the Board to delay its review of adopted resolutions or to  
18 withhold notification of that action from the governors.

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20 It is naturally expected that the Board will review adopted resolutions within a  
21 reasonable timeframe and provide suitable notification to the district governors.  
22 If not, districts and clubs who, having thoroughly discussed such proposals, but  
23 not receiving a prompt and appropriate response, will be less inclined to  
24 participate in future Councils.

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26 For this reason, we propose that Article 10, Section 6 of the RI Constitution be  
27 reinstated. We believe that the restoration of this provision would significantly  
28 enhance districts’ motivation as future participants in Rotary’s legislative process.

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30 We would like to add that this amendment is being proposed as an enactment  
31 after a similar proposal by our district missed the submission deadline for the  
32 2019 Council on Legislation. District 2680 submitted a resolution to the 2018

NO



- 1 Council on Resolutions requesting the Board propose the original enactment to
- 2 the 2019 Council on Legislation, and the resolution passed with a majority of 57
- 3 percent; nevertheless, the Board did not propose the enactment.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

- 4 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI, as the general
- 5 secretary already plans to provide the notification.



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### **22-70 To modernize and streamline the RI Constitution without making any substantive changes**

This item was drafted to make non-substantive changes to the RI Constitution. The Constitution and Bylaws committee reviewed each section, in order to remove extra words and streamline the format. No changes to content are made. The changes are cosmetic, removing redundancies, and improving readability and access by Rotarians. In the end, the RI Constitution will be one-quarter shorter and much easier to use. Some examples of the changes are:

- Merging the description and purposes of RI into one article.
- Modernizing the language in Article 8 “Administration” about the administration of clubs.
- Updated the wording for the voting procedures at the convention.
- Removing which entities may amend the RI Constitution in Article 16, which is already specified in the RI Bylaws for all constitutional documents.

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Any other enactments passed by the 2022 Council on Legislation would be incorporated into the new text and would determine the final language and concepts for all sections.



# PROPOSED ENACTMENT 22-72

To revise the criteria for changing district boundaries

**Proposer(s):** Rotary Club of Chigasaki, District 2780, Japan

1 To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows

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## 3 Article 15 Districts

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### 5 15.010. How Established.

6 The board is authorized to group clubs into districts and set their boundaries.

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#### 8 15.010.1. Eliminating and Changing Boundaries.

9 ~~The board may eliminate or change the boundaries of a district with more than~~  
10 ~~100 clubs or fewer than 1,100 Rotarians, and then may move clubs from these~~  
11 ~~districts into adjacent districts, merge these districts with others, or divide them.~~

12 The board may change the boundaries of a district with fewer than 20 clubs or  
13 1,100 Rotarians or merge clubs in these districts with adjacent districts, or divide  
14 a district with more than 100 clubs or 5,400 Rotarians. Otherwise, no change  
15 shall be made to the boundaries of a district if a majority of its clubs object. The  
16 board may eliminate or change the boundaries of a district only after consulting  
17 with the governors and clubs involved and allowing them reasonable opportunity  
18 to provide a recommendation on the proposed change. The board shall consider  
19 geographical boundaries, potential for district growth, and cultural, economic,  
20 language, and other relevant factors. The board shall establish procedures for  
21 administration, leadership, and representation of future or merged districts.

(End of Text)

## PURPOSE AND EFFECT

NO

22 Setting the number of clubs and the number of members as criteria for the  
23 establishment of district boundaries will give the RI Board more flexibility to  
24 either divide or merge districts to keep them at an appropriate size.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

25 This enactment could have a financial impact on RI which cannot be determined  
26 at this time. Cost would depend on the scope and extent of support provided by  
27 the RI Board to eliminate and change district boundaries.  
28 The estimated average RI cost for direct expenses only is US\$35,000 per district,  
29 which is primarily driven by district governor funding, district governor training



# PROPOSED ENACTMENT 22-78

Yes  
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N47

To amend the Avenues of Service to include positive peace

**Proposer(s):** District 5550, Canada

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

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## 3 **Article 6 Five Avenues of Service**

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

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

(End of Text)

## PURPOSE AND EFFECT

Yes

30 Rotary's first area of focus is promoting peace. Peace is part of Rotary's mission  
31 statement and is included in our Avenues of Service. Over the years, the concept  
32 of "peace" has not been defined and now needs enhancement as our  
33 understanding of the word has developed.



1 Positive peace is defined by Rotary's partner, the Institute for Economics and  
2 Peace, as the attitudes, institutions, and structures that create and sustain  
3 peaceful societies, such as a sound business environment, equitable distribution  
4 of resources, free flow of information, high levels of human capital, acceptance of  
5 the rights of others, and low levels of corruption. These same factors also lead to  
6 many other positive outcomes which society feels are important, creating the  
7 optimum environment for human potential to flourish. Defining peace in this  
8 way will permit objective measurement of community positive peace outcomes  
9 using community created indices guided by the example of the Global Peace  
10 Index for countries.

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12 Rotarians everywhere should consider what "peace" means to them and strive to  
13 achieve positive peace and embrace the definition of it as described above.  
14 Adding these clarifying words to the Avenues of Service will help Rotarians focus  
15 more effectively on really meaningful peace in our communities and in the world.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

16 This enactment could have a financial impact on RI which cannot be determined  
17 at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of support  
18 provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.

## PROPOSED ENACTMENT 22-84

To allow Rotaractors to attend Rotary club meetings

**Proposer(s):** District 1810, Germany

Yes  
CONSENT

1 To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows

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### 3 **Article 4 Membership in Clubs**

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5 **4.090. Attendance at Other Clubs.**

6 ~~A Rotarian~~ Rotarians and Rotaractors may attend a regular meeting or satellite  
7 club meeting of ~~another club~~ other Rotary clubs. However, a member terminated  
8 for good cause may not attend a regular meeting or satellite club meeting of their  
9 former club.

(End of Text)

### **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

10 All clubs should be interested in searching for younger members, as clubs are an  
11 excellent source of new members. However, prior to the decision to accept new  
12 members, the new member and club need to get to know each other. This is best  
13 achieved by providing Rotaractors with a standing invitation to all Rotary club  
14 meetings. Now that Rotaract clubs are full members of the Rotary organization,  
15 all Rotaractors should be allowed to participate in Rotary club meetings as a  
16 matter of course.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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



# PROPOSED ENACTMENT 22-85 *Yes*

To remove the attendance report requirement

**Proposer(s):** Rotary Club of Tsuruga, District 2650, Japan  
Rotary Club of Kisarazu East, District 2790, Japan  
Rotary Club of Maryville, District 6780, USA

1 To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows

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## 3 **Article 4 Membership in Clubs**

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5 ~~4.080. Attendance Reports.~~

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

(Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

## **PURPOSE AND EFFECT** *Yes*

9 The 2016 and 2019 Councils on Legislation approved a number of changes to  
10 attendance requirements in the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Each club  
11 may now establish its own attendance requirements in its constitution and  
12 bylaws. There is no longer a required minimum percentage of meetings that a  
13 member must attend or make up unless a club establishes one.

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15 Article 10, Section 1(d) of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution allows a  
16 member to make up an absence within the same Rotary year. There are a great  
17 many ways a member may make up a meeting and often these are not regularly  
18 reported to the secretary. Thus, a monthly attendance report does not truly  
19 reflect the engagement of club members.

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21 Under these circumstances, it is virtually impossible to establish a standard  
22 attendance report. Indeed, every club will have a different type of attendance  
23 report. Thus, the attendance data in a report to the governor does not necessarily  
24 convey anything meaningful about the health of a club.

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26 Many clubs and districts may not have adhered closely to the monthly reporting  
27 requirement. For those districts who do try to track club attendance, it is  
28 increasingly difficult and time consuming to get clubs to submit the reports. The  
29 district governor seldom does anything with such reports because they are so



1 inconsistent in what they actually report.

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3 Eliminating the requirement for a club to report monthly attendance to the  
4 governor does not affect the ability of a club to monitor its own attendance or  
5 reward good attendance. The club can and should continue to look at attendance  
6 and engagement in a manner appropriate to its attendance policies because  
7 attendance and engagement are keys to a successful club. A governor could still  
8 request a monthly attendance report if he/she wished.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

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# PROPOSED ENACTMENT 22-92

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To revise the process for approving excused absences

**Proposer(s):** District 3522, Taiwan

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

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## Article 10 Attendance

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

- (b) The sum of the member's age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more, the member has been a Rotarian for at least 20 years, the member has notified the club secretary in writing of a desire to be excused from attendance, and the board has approved only these requirements are taken into consideration.

(End of Text)

## PURPOSE AND EFFECT

NO

12 Article 10, Section 5(b) of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution provides only  
13 that "the board has approved" the excused absence of a member without any  
14 guidance regarding the approval.

15 Hence, some boards have rejected or approved only for a limited time the  
16 excused absence, even if the member meets the requirements provided in this  
17 subsection.

18  
19 However, the intention of subsection 5(b) seems to be that examining whether  
20 the member meets the requirements should be the board's only consideration in  
21 giving approval.

22  
23 To minimize disagreement between the member and the board over the  
24 interpretation of Article 10, Section 5(b), and to prevent different club boards  
25 from taking different views and actions, the above amendment is necessary.  
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## FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

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