

## **Bylaws of the Rotary Club of Jacksonville Oceanside**

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### **Article I Definitions**

1. Board: The Board of Directors of this club.
2. Director: A member of this club's Board of Directors.
3. Member: A member, other than an honorary member, of this club.
4. RI: Rotary International.
5. Year: The twelve-month period that begins on 1 July.

### **Article 2 Board**

The governing body of this club shall be the board consisting of fourteen (14) members of this club, namely, the president, vice-president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and the immediate past president. At the discretion of the board, also added can be the eight (8) directors elected in accordance with article 3, section 1 of these bylaws, and the immediate past president.

### **Article 3 Election of Directors and Officers**

**Section 1** – At a regular meeting one month prior to the meeting for election of officers, the presiding officer shall ask the Nominating Committee to present its nominations for the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and four directors. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. The nominations duly made shall be placed on a ballot in alphabetical order under each office and shall be voted for at the annual meeting. The candidates for president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected to their respective offices. The four candidates for director receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected as directors. The candidate for president elected in such balloting shall be the president-elect and serve as a director for the year commencing on the first day of July next following the election, and shall assume office as president on 1 July immediately following that year. The vice president shall take the title of president-elect on 1 July in the year prior to taking office as president.

**Section 2** – The officers and directors, so elected, together with the immediate past president shall constitute the board. Within one week after their election, the directors-elect shall meet and elect some member of the club to act as sergeant-at-arms.

**Section 3** – A vacancy in the board or any office shall be filled by action of the remaining directors.

**Section 4** – A vacancy in the position of any officer-elect or director-elect shall be filled by action of the remaining directors-elect.

### **Article 4 Duties of Officers**

**Section 1** – *President*. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at meetings of the club and the board and to perform other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of president.

**Section 2** – *President-elect*. It shall be the duty of the president-elect to serve as a director and to perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the president or the board.

**Section 3** – *Vice-President*. It shall be the duty of the vice-president to preside at meetings of the club and the board in the absence of the president and to perform other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of vice-president.

**Section 4 – Secretary.** It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep membership records; record attendance at meetings; send out notices of club, board, and committee meetings; record and preserve the minutes of such meetings; report as required to RI, including the semiannual reports of membership on 1 January and 1 July of each year, which shall include per capita dues for all members and prorated dues for active members who have been elected to membership in the club since the start of the July or January semiannual reporting period; report changes in membership; provide the monthly attendance report, which shall be made to the district governor within 15 days of the last meeting of the month; collect and remit RI official magazine subscriptions; and perform other duties as usually pertain to the office of secretary.

**Section 5 – Treasurer.** It shall be the duty of the treasurer to have custody of all funds, accounting for it to the club annually and at any other time upon demand by the board, and to perform other duties as pertains to the office of treasurer. Upon retirement from office, the treasurer shall turn over to the incoming treasurer or to the president all funds, books of accounts, or any other club property.

**Section 6 – Sergeant-at-Arms.** The duties of the sergeant-at-arms shall be such as are usually prescribed for such office and other duties as may be prescribed by the president or the board.

## **Article 5 Meetings**

**Section 1 – Annual Meeting.** An annual meeting of this club shall be held no later than June 30 of each year, at which time the election of officers and directors to serve for the ensuing year shall take place.

**Section 2 –** The regular weekly meetings of this club shall be held on Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. Due notice of any changes in or canceling of the regular meeting shall be given to all members of the club. All members excepting an honorary member (or member excused pursuant to the standard Rotary club constitution) in good standing in this club, on the day of the regular meeting, must be counted as present or absent.

**Section 3 –** One-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum at the annual and regular meetings of this club.

**Section 4 –** Regular meetings of the board shall be held on the first Monday of each month. Special meetings of the board shall be called by the president, whenever deemed necessary, or upon the request of two (2) directors, due notice having been given.

**Section 5 –** A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum of the board.

## **Article 6 Fees and Dues**

**Section 1 –** The admission fee shall be paid before the applicant can qualify as a member, except as provided for in the standard Rotary club constitution, article 11.

**Section 2 –** The membership dues shall be billed quarterly.

**Section 3 –** Every member will pay for a weekly meal, except in the case of a qualification for **Rule of 85** (Article 14) or in the case of an **Excused Leave of Absence**. Upon written application to the board, a leave of absence may be granted excusing a member from attending future club meetings for a specified length of time for illness or employment location requirements not to be less than 2 months or exceed 6 months in duration. Retroactive leave of absence requests will not be considered by the board. Members in both of these exception statuses will be required to pay all member dues except weekly meals unless they are in the meeting attendance which would require meal payment.

## **Article 7 Method of Voting**

The business of this club shall be transacted by *viva voce*\* vote except the election of officers

and directors, which shall be by ballot. The board may determine that a specific resolution be considered by ballot rather than by *viva voce* vote.

*(Note: Viva voce vote is defined as when club voting is conducted by vocal assent.)*

### **Article 8 Four Avenues of Service**

The four Avenues of Service are the philosophical and practical framework for the work of this Rotary club. They are Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service. This club will be active in each of the four Avenues of Service.

### **Article 9 Committees**

Club committees are charged with carrying out the annual and long-range goals of the club based on the four Avenues of Service. The president-elect, president, and immediate past president should work together to ensure continuity of leadership and succession planning. When feasible, committee members should be appointed to the same committee for three years to ensure consistency.

The president-elect is responsible for appointing committee members to fill vacancies, appointing committee chairs, and conducting planning meetings prior to the start of the year in office. It is recommended that the chair have previous experience as a member of the committee. Standing committees should be appointed as follows:

- **Membership**  
This committee should develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the recruitment and retention of members.
- **Club Public Relations**  
This committee should develop and implement plans to provide the public with information about Rotary and to promote the club's service projects and activities.
- **Club Administration**  
This committee should conduct activities associated with the effective operation of the club.
- **Service Projects**  
This committee should develop and implement educational, humanitarian, and vocational projects that address the needs of its community and communities in other countries.
- **The Rotary Foundation**  
This committee should develop and implement plans to support The Rotary Foundation through both financial contributions and program participation.

Additional ad hoc committees may be appointed as needed.

(a) The president shall be ex officio a member of all committees and, as such, shall have all the privileges of membership thereon.

(b) Each committee shall transact its business as is delegated to it in these bylaws and such additional business as may be referred to it by the president or the board. Except where special authority is given by the board, such committees shall not take action until a report has been made and approved by the board.

(c) Each chair shall be responsible for regular meetings and activities of the committee, shall

supervise and coordinate the work of the committee, and shall report to the board on all committee activities.

#### **Article 10 Duties of Committees**

The duties of all committees shall be established and reviewed by the president for his or her year. In declaring the duties of each, the president shall reference to appropriate RI materials. The service projects committee will consider the Avenues of Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service when developing plans for the year.

Each committee shall have a specific mandate, clearly defined goals, and action plans established by the beginning of each year for implementation during the course of the year. It shall be the primary responsibility of the president-elect to provide the necessary leadership to prepare a recommendation for club committees, mandates, goals, and plans for presentation to the board in advance of the commencement of the year as noted above.

#### **Article 11 Finances**

**Section 1** – Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the board shall prepare a budget of estimated income and expenditures for the year, which shall stand as the limit of expenditures for these purposes, unless otherwise ordered by action of the board. The budget shall be broken into two separate parts: one in respect of club operations and one in respect of charitable/service operations.

**Section 2** – The treasurer shall deposit all club funds in a bank, named by the board. The club funds shall be divided into two separate parts: club operations and service projects.

**Section 3** – All bills shall be paid by the treasurer or other authorized officer only when approved by two other officers or directors.

**Section 4** – A thorough review of all financial transactions by a qualified person shall be made once each year.

**Section 5** – Officers having charge or control of club funds shall give bond as required by the board for the safe custody of the funds of the club, cost of bond to be borne by the club.

**Section 6** – The fiscal year of this club shall extend from 1 July to 30 June, and for the collection of members' dues shall be divided into two (2) semiannual periods extending from 1 July to 31 December, and from 1 January to 30 June. The payment of per capita dues and RI official magazine subscriptions shall be made on 1 July and 1 January of each year on the basis of the membership of the club on those dates.

#### **Article 12 Method of Electing Members**

**Section 1** – The name of a prospective member, proposed by an active member of the club, shall be submitted to the board in writing, through the club secretary. A transferring or former member of another club may be proposed to active membership by the former club. The proposal shall be kept confidential except as otherwise provided in this procedure.

**Section 2** – The board shall ensure that the proposal meets all the classification and membership requirements of the standard Rotary club constitution.

**Section 3** – The board shall approve or disapprove the proposal within 30 days of its submission and shall notify the proposer, through the club secretary, of its decision.

**Section 4** – If the decision of the board is favorable, the prospective member shall be informed of the purposes of Rotary and of the privileges and responsibilities of membership, following which the prospective member shall be requested to sign the membership proposal form and to permit his or her name and proposed classification to be published to the club.

**Section 5** – If no written objection to the proposal, stating reasons, is received by the board from any member (other than honorary) of the club within three (3) calendar days following publication of information about the prospective member, that person, upon payment of the admission fee (if not honorary membership), as prescribed in these bylaws, shall be

considered to be elected to membership.

If any such objection has been filed with the board, it shall vote on this matter at its next meeting. If approved despite the objection, the proposed member, upon payment of the admission fee (if not honorary membership), shall be considered to be elected to membership.

**Section 6** – Following the election, the president shall arrange for the new member's induction, membership card, and new member Rotary literature. In addition, the president or secretary will report the new member information to RI and the president will assign a member to assist with the new member's assimilation to the club as well as assign the new member to a club project or function.

**Section 7** – The club may elect, in accordance with the standard Rotary club constitution, honorary members proposed by the board.

### **Article 13 Resolutions**

The club shall not consider any resolution or motion to commit the club on any matter until the board has considered it. Such resolutions or motions, if offered at a club meeting, shall be referred to the board without discussion

### **Article 14 Rule of 85**

The "Rule of 85" applies to any Rotarian who does not want to attend regularly scheduled weekly Club meetings. The rule has these three eligibility requirements: (1) a member's combined age and years of service equal 85 years or greater, (2) the member is at least age 65, and (3) the member has at least 5 current years of service in good standing with the Oceanside Rotary Club.

Any Rotarian who meets these three requirements can submit a written request to the Oceanside Rotary Club's Board of Directors to be excused from regular attendance at weekly Club meetings. Any request will be reviewed by the Oceanside Rotary Club's Board for eligibility. If the requirements are met, then the Board will approve the request. The result of approval is that the member will be excused from the weekly attendance requirements. The excused member's lack of regular attendance will not count against the Club's attendance statistical report. The excused member will meet all member financial responsibilities except for meal expense and only when not in attendance.

### **Article 15 Order of Business**

Meeting called to order.

Introduction of visitors.

Correspondence, announcements, and Rotary information.

Committee reports if any.

Any unfinished business.

Any new business.

Address or other program features.

Adjournment.

### **Article 16 Amendments**

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting, a quorum being present, by a two-thirds vote of all members present, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been mailed to each member at least ten (10) days before such meeting. No amendment or addition to these bylaws can be made which is not in harmony with the standard Rotary club constitution and with the constitution and bylaws of RI.