Rotary District Conference Business Meeting November 19, 2022

Roll Call: 31 clubs present.

Club votes: for every 25 members a club gets one vote.

Agenda

1. Subject: Proposed Amendments to the District Bylaws

In accordance with our District 7360 Bylaws, any proposed amendments to the Bylaws will be submitted in writing to District Rotarians 30 days before the annual meeting.  Proposed amendments will be presented for vote during the annual meeting at the District Conference, November 19-20, 2022.

The following amendments (shown in red) will be presented for vote:
2. It is proposed that Article 4.1.2 shall be amended to read: *In accordance with the Nominating Committee procedures set forth in Article 7 herein, the Corporation shall select a District Governor-nominee no more than thirty-six (36) months or less than twenty-four (24) months prior to the date of taking office unless the Board of RI extends such date for good and sufficient reason.  The District Governor-nominee will be elected as District Governor-elect at the RI convention held immediately preceding the year in which the District Governor-nominee is to be trained as the District Governor-elect at the International Assembly.  The District Governor-nominee so elected shall serve a one (1) year term as District Governor-elect and assume office on July 1, in the calendar year following election.*

The proposed amendment to Article 4.1.2 allows for a vote for District Governor-nominee to take place during an annual meeting held in October or November.  Please refer to the current Bylaws located in District Files/Governing Documents in DACdb to compare.

Discussion: PDG Drukker is concerned District limits for chain in case of ability of a current District chain would be unable to serve, especially the position of District Governor. Colleen McCloskey clarified to consider an alternate DG by Board of Directors. Jim Eberly pointed out that Past DG would fill this post until a new DG can complete training and be approved.

Concerns: Extras years commitment may discourage Rotarians from applying. We need to make what we have in the by-laws clearer. Vicki Zimmerman pointed out other Districts do have a Vice- Governor that could step in if necessary. **Action Item:** Dick will write up a proposal and send to Susanna Tomlinson, Committee Chair of SOP. The committee then discuss and bring a proposal of manual changes for vote on it in the future.

Kirk Miller made a motion. Dana Orsini second. Vote approved by majority. Amendment passed

1. It is proposed that Article 4.3 shall be amended to read:  *The minimum qualifications for serving as a District Governor-nominee include at least five (5) years as a Rotarian, two (2) years as a member in the District, and one (1) year of service as President of a Rotary International-recognized Rotary club.  The District Governor-nominee shall assume the office of District Governor-elect in the year immediately after serving as District Governor-nominee.  The District Governor may assign responsibilities to the District Governor-nominee, which are in addition to those prescribed by the Bylaws and policies of RI, these Bylaws, and the resolutions of the Corporation.*

The proposed amendment to Article 4.3 opens consideration to a greater pool of highly qualified and available applicants for the position of District Governor-nominee.  Please refer to the current Bylaws located in District Files/Governing Documents in DACdb to compare.

Discussion: Interpretation makes the by-laws need to be clearer. Question is it 5 consecutive years. Answer 5 accumulative years.

Rene-Paul made a motion. Second by Cliff Wurster. Vote approved by majority. Two opposed. Motion passed.

1. It is proposed that Article 7.7.1 be amended to read:  *The Nominating Committee shall consist of eleven (11) Rotarians within the District, four (4) of which, including the Chairperson, shall be the most recent Past District Governors available to serve.  The remaining seven shall be selected by the District Governor-elect subject to the approval of the District Governor.  (Further qualifications that may be required will be detailed in the District Leadership Plan/Handbook, Rotary District 7360.)  The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall be the Past District Governor who is four (4) years removed from serving as District Governor.  If he/she is not available to serve, then the Chairperson shall be a Past District Governor appointed by the District Governor-Elect. No member, alternate member, candidate for membership on the Nominating Committee, whether elected or not, or any candidate who is elected and subsequently resigns for the Nominating Committee shall be eligible to be nominated for the respective office in the year in which the Nominating Committee serves.*

The proposed amendment to Article 7.7 allows greater flexibility to select qualified and available Rotarians, including Area Governors, to interview District Governor-nominee candidates.  Please refer to the current Bylaws located at District Files/Governing Documents in DACdb to comp

Discussion: Increase the number from 9 to 11. 4 past DG and 11 Rotarians that could consist of PP, Rotarians involved in Rotary leadership or Area Governors. Goal is to have representation from over the entire District.

District DGE chooses with DG approval. Open up the potential from different areas. Look at PP and AG to serve. AG need to be considered. Herb Smith DGE and PG Dan Bennett sent e-mail to entire District reach out to Past Presidents and Area Governors and it was a concentrated effort to reach every area.

Dick Drukker: Amend the Amendment to add Area Governors (16) to the list. This can be a discussion in future to include we can change the language in the Manual to be more inclusive.

Vote: Pass the amendment as it stands and come back later to make changes. Motion made by Jeane Singer, seconded by Rick Coup. Vote passed by majority. 2 opposed.

Action Item: Note to make more specific language in the manual.

The Nominating Committee after extensive interviews are proposing Dawn Linn, Williamsport PA was selected and is being presented for approval.

Majority voted to approve unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Susanna Tomlinson

District Administrator