

Bylaws of the Rotary Club of South Brunswick Islands

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 12 members of this club, namely, 6 directors, elected in accordance with article 3, section 1 of these bylaws, and the President, Vice President, President-elect, immediate Past President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall serve as ex-officio

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 for nominations by members of the club for president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and directors. The Sargent-at-Arms shall be elected upon nomination from the members and shall serve as ex-officio unless otherwise changed by amendment to these bylaws. The nominations shall be presented by a nominating committee or by members at large from the floor, by either or by both as a club may determine. If it is determined to have a nominating committee, such committee shall be appointed as the club may determine. 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, sergeant-at-arms and treasurer receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected to their respective offices. The 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-nominee 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 the first day of July immediately following that year. The Vice President shall take the title of President-Elect upon the installation of a successor.

Section 2 — The officers and directors, so elected, together with the immediate past president shall constitute the board.

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 pertains to the office of President.

Section 2 — *President-elect*: It shall be the duty of the president-elect to preside over board meetings in the absence of the president and 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 in the absence of the president and to perform other duties as ordinarily pertains 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, and prorated reports on 1 October and 1 April of each active member who has 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 pertain 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. The Sergeant at Arms shall serve as ex-officio unless otherwise changed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to amend the by-laws appointing the Sargent at Arms as a voting board member.

Article 5 Meetings

Section 1 — Annual Meeting: An annual meeting of this club shall be held no later than December 31st of each year, at which time the election of officers and directors to serve for the ensuing year shall take place.

(Note: Article 5, section 2 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution provides that "An annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held not later than 31 December...")

Section 2 — The regular weekly meetings of this club shall be held on Friday at 7:30 AM. 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 article 8, sections 3 and 4 of 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, and attendance must be evidenced by the member's being present for at least fifty (50 %) percent of the time devoted to the regular meeting, either at this club or at any other Rotary club, or as otherwise provided in the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, article 8, sections 1 and 2.

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 Monday preceding the last Friday 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 \$150 to be paid before the applicant can qualify as a member.

Section 2 — The membership dues shall be \$225.00 per annum, payable quarterly on the first day of July, October, January, and of April, with the understanding that a portion of each quarterly payment shall be applied to each member's subscription to the RI official magazine.

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 Five Avenues of Service

The five Avenues of Service are the philosophical and practical framework for the work of this Rotary club. They are Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, Youth Service and International Service. This club will be active in each of the Five 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 five 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 Administration - This committee should conduct activities associated with the effective operation of the club.

Service Projects (Community Service) - 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.

Public Relations: This committee shall be responsible for all media output on behalf of the club, arrangement of weekly programs, and advertise and promote Rotary in a positive fashion.

Youth Services: This committee shall be responsible for providing support and service to the youth and promote and support Interact and Rotaract Clubs, review and select scholarship nominations and award scholarships.

Each committee shall have both a committee chair and a co-chair. The co-chair shall be designated as ex-officio and will have voting rights only in the absence of the Committee Chair. The co-chair shall attend all board meetings, committee meetings, and assist the committee chair as may be designated by the Chair.

Additional ad hoc committees may be appointed as needed.

There shall be an ad-hoc Finance Committee whose primary mission is to oversee and support the financial functions of the Club. Members of this committee shall be the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary and the Vice President or President Elect.

(a) The president shall be ex officio 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.

(Note: The above committee structure is in harmony with both the District Leadership Plan and the Club Leadership Plan. Clubs have the discretion to create any committees that are required to effectively meet its service and fellowship needs. A sample listing of such optional committees is found in the Club Committee Manual. A club may develop a different committee structure as needed.)

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 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 Leave of Absence

Upon written application to the board, setting forth good and sufficient cause, leave of absence may be granted excusing a member from attending the meetings of the club for a specified length of time.

(Note: Such leave of absence does operate to prevent a forfeiture of membership; it does not operate to give the club credit for the member's attendance. Unless the member attends a regular meeting of some other club, the excused member must be recorded as absent except that absence authorized under the provisions of article 8, sections 3 and 4 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution is not computed in the attendance record of the club.)

Article 12 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 four (4) quarterly periods extending from 1 July to 30 September, from 1 October to 31 December, from 1 January to 31 March, and from 1 April 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 13 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 seven (7) 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 14 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 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 two-thirds vote of all members present, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been mailed or transmitted electronically 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.

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**NOTE: These bylaws are recommended only and may be changed by any Rotary club to meet its own conditions, provided such changes are not out of harmony with the Standard Rotary Club Constitution and with the RI Constitution, RI Bylaws, and the Rotary Code of Policies. If any doubt exists, the proposed changes should be submitted to the general secretary for the consideration of the Board of Directors of RI.*

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AREAS OF FOCUS:

We have identified specific causes to target to maximize our local and global impact. At the same time, we understand that each community has its own unique needs and concerns.

Through [global grants](#) and other resources, we help clubs focus their service efforts in the following areas.

Promoting peace

Today, 42 million people are displaced by armed conflict or persecution. Through our partnerships with several leading universities, Rotary Peace Fellows develop the skills to strengthen peace efforts, train local leaders to prevent and mediate conflict, and support long-term peace building in areas affected by conflict. We provide up to 100 peace fellowships per year at Rotary Peace Centers.

[Learn how Rotary projects address the structural causes of conflict](#)

Fighting disease

More than 100 million people are pushed into poverty each year because of medical costs. We aim to improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in underdeveloped areas. Our members educate and mobilize communities to help prevent the spread of major diseases such as polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria. Many of our projects ensure that medical training facilities are located where the workforce lives.

[See how Rotary projects provide low-cost health care](#)

Providing clean water

More than 2.5 billion people lack access to adequate sanitation facilities. At least 3,000 children die each day from diarrheal diseases caused by unsafe water. Our projects give communities the ability to develop and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems and support studies related to water and sanitation.

[See how Rotary is building sustainable clean water and sanitation facilities](#)

Saving mothers and children

At least 7 million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. To help reduce this rate, we provide immunizations and antibiotics to babies, improve access to essential medical services, and support trained health

care providers for mothers and their children. Our projects ensure sustainability by empowering the local community to take ownership of health care training programs.

[Watch how Rotary helps bring health care to mothers and newborns in rural Haiti](#)

Supporting education

Sixty-seven million children worldwide have no access to education and more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

[Watch how a Rotary grant helps bring tablet technology to students in Fiji](#)

Growing local economies

Nearly 1.4 billion employed people live on less than \$1.25 a day. We carry out service projects that enhance economic and community development and develop opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old. We also help strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities