**Ways the Council Delegates Empowered Your Club**

**Changes are effective 1 July 2013**

Your club has many new strategies developed by the 2013 Council on Legislation delegates to improve your club members’ experience. Below are some of the key changes to help make your club even better. For questions, contact your Club and District Support Representative: [www.rotary.org/cds](http://www.rotary.org/cds)

**A Better Club Board**

1. Your club secretary is now always a member of the board.

2. Serve in your club for at least one year before leading as president unless your governor says you have enough experience to lead the club.

**Increase Member Engagement**

3. You can participate in club projects or other events and activities for at least 12 hours in each half of the year to receive attendance credit.

4. When your age and club years total 85, you are recognized as not having to adhere to attendance rules. (*Return to the former 85 rule.*)

**Increased Membership Prospects**

5. You can now invite individuals who have interrupted their employment or never worked in order to care for children or assist their spouse in their work to be members of your club.

**Improved Membership Transfers between Clubs**

6. If you want to transfer to a different club, request a letter from your former club stating that you have no debts with them. If your former club doesn’t provide this letter within 30 days, your new club will assume that you owe nothing and are free to join their club.

**Easier Voting**

7. You will get one ballot from your governor that includes all of your votes.

8. Your club selects one person to cast all of its votes at the conference.

9. Your club can concur with only one challenging candidate.