**District GOVERNOR 2024-2025 - Accountabilities**

The governor is the officer of RI in the district, functioning under the general

control and supervision of the RI Board. The governor is charged with the duty of furthering the Object of Rotary by providing leadership and supervision of the clubs in the district. The governor shall inspire and motivate them and ensure continuity within the district. (RIB 15.090.)

In order to assure the best possible candidates for the office of governor, the governors shall invite the clubs in their districts to propose suitable candidates.

**Status, Qualifications, and Duties**

The following statement of the governor’s status, qualifications, and duties is distributed annually to all clubs in order to inform those proposed for nomination as governors or making such proposals of the obligations of the office.

***Status***

The governor is an officer of RI nominated by the clubs of a district and elected by the convention of RI. The governor’s term of office begins on 1 July and continues for one year or until a successor is elected and qualified. (RIB 6.060.1.)

***Qualifications***

In addition to the qualifications of governor-nominee, a governor, at the time of taking office, must have completed seven years of membership in one or more clubs and have attended the governors-elect training seminar and International Assembly. (RIB 15.080.)

***Duties***

The governor should work with district and club leaders to encourage participation in the District Leadership Plan. The governor shall also ensure continuity within the district by working with past, current, and incoming district leaders in fostering effective clubs. The governor is responsible for the following activities in the district:

1) Organizing new clubs

2) Strengthening existing clubs

3) Promoting membership growth by working with district leaders and club

presidents to establish individual club membership goals

4) Supporting The Rotary Foundation through program participation and

financial contributions

5) Promoting cordial relations among clubs and between the clubs and RI

and the DISTRICT

6) Planning for and presiding at the district conference and assisting the

governor-elect in the planning and preparation for the presidents-elect

training seminar and the district assembly

7) Providing for an official visit, meeting individually or in multi-club meetings. These meetings should take place at a time that maximizes the governor’s presence, for the purposes of

a) Focusing attention on important Rotary issues

b) Providing special attention to weak and struggling clubs

c) Motivating Rotarians to participate in service activities

d) Personally recognizing the outstanding contributions of Rotarians in

the district

8) Issuing a monthly letter to each club president and secretary in the district

9) Reporting promptly to RI as may be required by the president or the RI

Board

10) Supplying to the governor-elect, before the International Assembly, full

information on the conditions of clubs in the district with recommended

action for strengthening clubs

11) Ensuring that district nominations and elections are conducted in accordance with the RI Constitution, RI Bylaws, and established RI policies

12) Inquiring regularly about the activities of Rotarian organizations operating in the district (Rotary Friendship Exchanges, intercountry committees, Global Networking Groups, etc.)

13) Transferring continuing district files to the governor-elect

14) Performing such other duties as are inherent as the officer of RI in the district (RIB 15.090.)

***Code of Ethics***

1) Governors will adhere to applicable laws and regulations while conducting Rotary business. In addition, in conducting their private lives, governors will adhere to applicable laws in order to preserve and protect the positive image of Rotary.

2) Governors will adhere to the provisions of the RI Constitution and Bylaws. These documents embody the democratic will of Rotary’s membership as represented at the triennial Council on Legislation; through them, the membership has established standards expected of Rotary officers. Adherence to their terms garners the trust of the membership and ensures that actions are consistent with members’ expectations.

3) Governors will adhere to the provisions established by the RI Board as

documented in the Rotary Code of Policies. Over the years, the Board has

established policies and procedures to further the aims of the association

and protect its mission. Many of these provisions are designed to ensure

good governance and promote an ethical image. Adhering to these policies

demonstrates a commitment to these ideals while protecting the association.

4) Governors will serve for the benefit of Rotarians and the purposes of RI.

Governors should put the interests of the district first and avoid even the

appearance of any impropriety in their conduct.

5) Governors will not use their office for personal prestige or benefit or

for the benefit of family members. The authority inherent in an office of

importance comes with access to special privileges not available to other

Rotarians. Taking advantage of such privileges distracts from critical

responsibilities and calls into question the commitment to the Objects of

Rotary.

6) Governors will exercise due care in the diligent performance of their obligations to the district. Governors should perform their responsibilities

with the care that an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would

use under similar circumstances. Before making a business decision, governors should gather all material information reasonably available to them in order to select the best course of action for all concerned.

7) Governors will act based on fairness to all concerned. Governors are often faced with decisions that will significantly affect various Rotary clubs and individuals. In a manner consistent with The Four-Way Test, governors

should weigh the potential impact of their decisions and treat equally all

people who will be affected.

8) Governors will promote transparency of financial information and will

ensure compliance with all local and national laws relating to financial

management. Governors are the stewards of the association acting on

behalf of Rotary clubs and Rotarians. Rotarians have a right to access

accurate information about the financial condition of the association.

Transparency in financial operations encourages ethical behavior.

9) Governors will prohibit and restrict the disclosure, communication, and

use of confidential and proprietary information. Governors should use

this information only for intended purposes, never for personal ones, and

take precautions against accidental disclosure.

10) Governors will comply with expense reimbursement policies. The RI

Board has adopted procedures for reimbursement of Rotary-related expenditures. Following these procedures ensures compliance with applicable laws and precludes the appearance of impropriety. (RCP 19.020.7.)