

2019 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION
OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

19-01 through 19-116

14-18 April 2019 | Chicago, Illinois, USA



2019 Council on Legislation

Re: Legislation to be considered by the 2019 Council on Legislation

Dear Rotarians:

In anticipation of the 2019 Council on Legislation (COL), this book, containing all legislation to be proposed at the COL, has been prepared for your review.

The Constitution of Rotary International provides that the COL meet every three years at a site determined by the RI Board of Directors. In 2019, the COL is scheduled to meet from 14-18 April in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

The legislation in this book was proposed to the 2019 COL by clubs, districts, the general council or conference of RIBI, and the RI Board. Each item was received by Rotary before the 31 December 2017 deadline. The RI Board, working on the advice of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee, has found this legislation to be regular. Defective items will not be published nor transmitted to the COL. For more information on why legislation may be considered defective, please refer to Article 7 of the RI Bylaws.

Only enactments will be considered at the 2019 COL. A proposed enactment seeks to amend the RI constitutional documents. Constitutional documents include the RI Constitution, the RI Bylaws, and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. All enactments reference the 2016 *Manual of Procedure* page numbers of the constitutional document(s) they propose to amend.

At the top of each piece of legislation is a Council number (for example, 19-01). Items of legislation proposing changes on the same topic may have similar or identical titles. Also at the top of the legislation is the name of the proposer(s). Some items have more than one. This occurs when multiple proposers submit identical items of legislation that are then combined or when proposers of similar items agree to join a piece of compromise legislation recommended by the Constitution & Bylaws Committee. This recommendation is pursuant to the RI Bylaws and does not express the committee's opinion regarding the merits of the proposal. Compromise proposals are labeled with Compromise Legislation above the Council number.

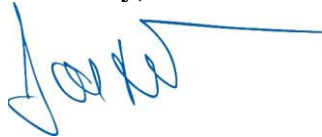
The proposer's Purpose and Effect statement and the Financial Impact statement are printed below each item of legislation. The statements of Purpose and Effect are drafted by the proposers of the legislation and have not been edited for accuracy. The Financial Impact statements are drafted by the general secretary and reflect any estimated increase or decrease in revenues and/or expenses that will be incurred by implementing the legislation.

As required by RI's constitutional documents, the legislation is sent to the governor of each district, past directors, and all members of the Council by 30 September 2018. Those governors, members of the Council, and past directors who usually receive Rotary documents in French, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Portuguese, or Spanish will receive legislation in the appropriate language at a later date. The legislation will also appear on Rotary's website, www.rotary.org, in all of these languages.

Please take special note of items 19-115 and 19-116 at the end of the legislation. These items were drafted to make non-substantive changes to the RI Bylaws and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. A cover page describing the changes has been added before item 19-115. Representatives will have an opportunity to ask questions about these items before the COL.

Should you have questions about the COL over the coming months, you may contact Sarah Christensen in the Council Services section of Rotary (council_services@rotary.org or 1-847-424-5267).

Sincerely,



John H. Hewko
General Secretary

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-01

To amend the preamble to the Avenues of Service

Proposer(s): District 2580, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2580 through a district legislation meeting, Tokyo, Japan, 13 October 2017

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 88 MOP)*

3

4 **Article 6 Five Avenues of Service**

5 Rotary's Five Avenues of Service are the philosophical and practical framework
6 for the work of this Rotary club. The Four-Way Test is the ethical guide for all
7 Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships.

- 8 1. Club Service, the first Avenue of Service, involves action a member should
9 take within this club to help it function successfully.
- 10 2. Vocational Service, the second Avenue of Service, has the purpose of
11 promoting high ethical standards in businesses and professions,
12 recognizing the worthiness of all dignified occupations, and fostering the
13 ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations. The role of members includes
14 conducting themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary's
15 principles and lending their vocational skills to club-developed projects in
16 order to address the issues and needs of society.
- 17 3. Community Service, the third Avenue of Service, comprises varied efforts
18 that members make, sometimes in conjunction with others, to improve the
19 quality of life of those who live within this club's locality or municipality.
- 20 4. International Service, the fourth Avenue of Service, comprises those
21 activities that members do to advance international understanding,
22 goodwill, and peace by fostering acquaintance with people of other
23 countries, their cultures, customs, accomplishments, aspirations, and
24 problems, through reading and correspondence and through cooperation in
25 all club activities and projects designed to help people in other lands.
- 26 5. Youth Service, the fifth Avenue of Service, recognizes the positive change
27 implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development
28 activities, involvement in community and international service projects,
29 and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural
30 understanding.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 1 By adding The Four-Way Test in the preamble of Article 6 of the Standard Rotary
- 2 Club Constitution, it is hoped that this will become the philosophical and
- 3 practical standard for our activities in the five Avenues of Service.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 4 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-02

To amend the second Avenue of Service

Proposer(s): District 2680, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2680 through a ballot-by-mail, 15 December 2017

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 88 MOP)*

3

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6 for the work of this Rotary club.

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8 take within this club to help it function successfully.
- 9 2. Vocational Service, the second Avenue of Service, has the purpose of
10 promoting high ethical standards in businesses and professions,
11 recognizing the worthiness of all dignified occupations, and fostering the
12 ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations. The role of members includes
13 conducting themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary's
14 principles ~~and lending their vocational skills to club-developed projects in~~
15 ~~order to address the issues and needs of society.~~
- 16 3. Community Service, the third Avenue of Service, comprises varied efforts
17 that members make, sometimes in conjunction with others, to improve the
18 quality of life of those who live within this club's locality or municipality.
- 19 4. International Service, the fourth Avenue of Service, comprises those
20 activities that members do to advance international understanding,
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22 countries, their cultures, customs, accomplishments, aspirations, and
23 problems, through reading and correspondence and through cooperation in
24 all club activities and projects designed to help people in other lands.
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(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

30 Vocational service was formed as a means of promoting high ethical standards in
31 conducting business. This is at the core of Rotary and distinguishes it from other
32 organizations. Given that there have been numerous recent instances of

1 professionals and companies deviating from this standard of corporate and
2 vocational ethics, now is the time to emphasize the ethical aspect of Rotary's
3 vocational service even more.

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5 However, there has been a trend to understand vocational service only in the
6 context of roles and conduct, but not in its ethical aspect. The 2016 Council on
7 Legislation added language to the second sentence of the second item of Article 6
8 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, so that the item about vocational
9 service is now described in terms of roles and conduct. This additional verbiage
10 obfuscates the idea of vocational service, which is not appropriate. Therefore, the
11 additional part should be deleted.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

12 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-03

To amend the third Avenue of Service

Proposer(s): District 1730, France and Monaco

Endorsed by: District 1730 through a district legislation meeting, Saint-Laurent-du-Var, France, 9 December 2017

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 88 MOP)*

3

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10 promoting high ethical standards in businesses and professions,
11 recognizing the worthiness of all dignified occupations, and fostering the
12 ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations. The role of members includes
13 conducting themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary's
14 principles and lending their vocational skills to club-developed projects in
15 order to address the issues and needs of society.
- 16 3. Community Service, the third Avenue of Service, comprises varied efforts
17 that members make, sometimes in conjunction with others, to improve the
18 quality of life of those who live within this club's locality or municipality, in
19 particular through the preservation of the environment through compliance
20 with rules that allow access to clean water, to sanitation, to clean air, and to
21 healthy nutrition.
- 22 4. International Service, the fourth Avenue of Service, comprises those
23 activities that members do to advance international understanding,
24 goodwill, and peace by fostering acquaintance with people of other
25 countries, their cultures, customs, accomplishments, aspirations, and
26 problems, through reading and correspondence and through cooperation in
27 all club activities and projects designed to help people in other lands.
- 28 5. Youth Service, the fifth Avenue of Service, recognizes the positive change
29 implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development
30 activities, involvement in community and international service projects,
31 and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural
32 understanding.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 1 Our way of life has an impact on our environment. Its negative effects have
- 2 intensified in the past few decades, whether in the form of climate change,
- 3 overconsumption of raw materials, or farming issues caused by excessive
- 4 chemical usage.
- 5
- 6 We need to change our behavior so that our personal, farming, and industrial
- 7 activities allow us to access water, food, and consumer goods without harming
- 8 our environment through the creation of deadly byproducts.
- 9
- 10 We should be able to accommodate population growth without destroying the
- 11 natural order. We can respect each other and, in so doing, leave our children
- 12 with a livable planet.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 13 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes
_____ no

RESULT

- Adopted
- Referred to Board
- Postponed
- Adopted as Amended
- Rejected
- Withdrawn

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-04

To amend the third Avenue of Service

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Tiruchirapalli Fort, District 3000, India

Endorsed by: District 3000 through a ballot-by-mail, 10 December 2017

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 88 MOP)*

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6 for the work of this Rotary club.

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8 take within this club to help it function successfully.
- 9 2. Vocational Service, the second Avenue of Service, has the purpose of
10 promoting high ethical standards in businesses and professions,
11 recognizing the worthiness of all dignified occupations, and fostering the
12 ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations. The role of members includes
13 conducting themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary's
14 principles and lending their vocational skills to club-developed projects in
15 order to address the issues and needs of society.
- 16 3. Community Service, the third Avenue of Service, comprises varied efforts
17 that members make, sometimes in conjunction with others, to improve the
18 quality of life of those who live within this club's locality or municipality.
19 This includes encouraging agriculture and farming by making various
20 efforts, including the creation of year-round water resources, as well as
21 research into and development of agriculture production.
- 22 4. International Service, the fourth Avenue of Service, comprises those
23 activities that members do to advance international understanding,
24 goodwill, and peace by fostering acquaintance with people of other
25 countries, their cultures, customs, accomplishments, aspirations, and
26 problems, through reading and correspondence and through cooperation in
27 all club activities and projects designed to help people in other lands.
- 28 5. Youth Service, the fifth Avenue of Service, recognizes the positive change
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31 and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural
32 understanding.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 1 Support from RI is essential in finding ways to promote farming and encourage
- 2 farmers in all possible ways to intensify their agricultural production, thereby
- 3 preventing hunger, starvation, and death.
- 4
- 5 Rotary, with the support of the government, can link rivers so that water is
- 6 shared in fair proportion and can thereby be used to enrich farming and
- 7 cultivation.
- 8
- 9 Agriculture and farming may be taken up by RI as one of the five Avenues of
- 10 Service by harnessing the power of Rotarians, as there is urgent global need for
- 11 increased agricultural production.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 12 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-05

To amend the fourth Avenue of Service

Proposer(s): District 1650, France
Rotary Club of Valenciennes-Denain aérodrome, District 1670,
France
District 1700, Andorra and France

Endorsed by: District 1650 through a ballot-by-mail, 12 September 2017
District 1670 through a ballot-by-mail, 21 December 2017
District 1700 through a district legislation meeting, Carcassonne,
France, 2 December 2017

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 88 MOP)*

3

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12 ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations. The role of members includes
13 conducting themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary's
14 principles and lending their vocational skills to club-developed projects in
15 order to address the issues and needs of society.
- 16 3. Community Service, the third Avenue of Service, comprises varied efforts
17 that members make, sometimes in conjunction with others, to improve the
18 quality of life of those who live within this club's locality or municipality.
- 19 4. International Service, the fourth Avenue of Service, comprises those
20 activities (including Rotary Peace Centers, exchange programs, Global
21 Networking Groups, Inter-Country Committees, twin clubs) that members
22 do to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace by
23 fostering acquaintance with people of other countries, their cultures,
24 customs, accomplishments, aspirations, and problems, through reading
25 and correspondence and through cooperation in all club activities and
26 projects designed to help people in other lands.
- 27 5. Youth Service, the fifth Avenue of Service, recognizes the positive change
28 implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development
29 activities, involvement in community and international service projects,
30 and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural
31 understanding.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 1 One of the objectives of Rotary’s international service is to advance mutual
- 2 understanding in the world - a first step in the pursuit of peace.
- 3
- 4 It is important to list essential programs so that Rotarians may get acquainted
- 5 with them and promote them in their clubs and districts.
- 6
- 7 Too often, Rotarians struggle with the implementation of their ideal. However,
- 8 these programs contribute to the “creation of peaceful societies” through the
- 9 implementation of RI’s and The Rotary Foundation’s strategic priorities
- 10
- 11 From that standpoint, Rotary’s international service is aligned with the 16th
- 12 United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goal.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 13 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes
 _____ no

RESULT

- Adopted
- Referred to Board
- Postponed
- Adopted as Amended
- Rejected
- Withdrawn

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-06

To amend the fourth Avenue of Service

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Ranipet, District 3231, India

Endorsed by: District 3231 through a district legislation meeting, Vellore,
Tamil Nadu, India, 28 December 2017

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 88 MOP)*

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18 quality of life of those who live within this club's locality or municipality.
- 19 4. International Service, the fourth Avenue of Service, comprises those
20 activities that members do to advance international understanding,
21 goodwill, and peace by fostering acquaintance with people of other
22 countries, their cultures, customs, accomplishments, aspirations, and
23 problems, through reading and correspondence and through cooperation in
24 all club activities and projects designed to help people in other lands. Every
25 district shall be paired to a district from another country for a period of
26 three years in a manner determined by the board.
- 27 5. Youth Service, the fifth Avenue of Service, recognizes the positive change
28 implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development
29 activities, involvement in community and international service projects,
30 and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural
31 understanding.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

32 Building long term relationships with foreign clubs and districts can be made
33 easier by linking districts. A structural approach with a calendar of events would

- 1 ensure a better opportunity for global grants, as well as cultural and friendship
- 2 exchange for districts in remote areas. The districts could coach each other in
- 3 developing balanced activities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 4 This enactment could have a financial impact on RI which cannot be determined
- 5 at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of support
- 6 provided by the RI Board to support the pairing of districts.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-07

To amend the third, fourth, and fifth Avenues of Service

Proposer(s): District 5550, Canada

Endorsed by: District 5550 through a ballot-by-mail, 16 November-14
December 2017

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 88 MOP)*

3

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14 principles and lending their vocational skills to club-developed projects in
15 order to address the issues and needs of society.
- 16 3. Community Service, the third Avenue of Service, comprises varied efforts
17 that members make, sometimes in conjunction with others, to improve the
18 quality of life of those who live within this club's locality or municipality by
19 striving for positive peace and peace literacy in the community.
- 20 4. International Service, the fourth Avenue of Service, comprises those
21 activities that members do to advance international understanding,
22 goodwill, positive peace and peace literacy by fostering acquaintance with
23 people of other countries, their cultures, customs, accomplishments,
24 aspirations, and problems, through reading and correspondence and
25 through cooperation in all club activities and projects designed to help
26 people in other lands.
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28 implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development
29 activities, involvement in community and international service projects,
30 and exchange programs that enrich and foster positive world peace, peace
31 literacy, and cultural understanding.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 Rotarians lack a clear understanding of the word “peace” as used in the Five
2 Avenues of Service - as understood today, peace is more than freedom from war
3 and aggression. This amendment would provide a clearer definition.

4
5 Rotary’s first area of focus is “promoting peace.” Peace is part of Rotary’s mission
6 statement and is included in our Avenues of Service. The concept of “peace” has
7 not been defined and needs enhancement as our understanding of the word has
8 developed.

9
10 Positive peace is defined as the attitudes, institutions, and structures that create
11 and sustain peaceful societies, such as sound business environment, equitable
12 distribution of resources, free flow of information, high levels of human capital,
13 acceptance of the rights of others, and low levels of corruption. These same
14 factors also lead to many other positive outcomes which society feels are
15 important, creating the optimum environment for human potential to flourish.

16
17 Peace literacy is a new peace paradigm that includes a realistic, practical, and
18 accessible framework for understanding our human needs and the tangles of
19 trauma and empowers us to feed our spiritual cravings in healthy ways, untangle
20 trauma from our lives and society, heal the root causes of our human problems,
21 and increase positive peace in our personal lives, communities, country, and
22 world.

23
24 Adding these clarifying words to the Avenues of Service will help Rotarians focus
25 more effectively on real peace in our communities and in the world.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

26 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-08

To amend the Object of Rotary

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Tsuruga, District 2650, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2650 through a district legislation meeting, Otsu, Shiga, Japan, 25 November 2017

1 *To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 11*
2 *MOP)*

3 **Article 4 Object**

4 ~~The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of~~
5 ~~worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:~~

6 ~~*First.*—The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;~~
7

8 ~~*Second.*—High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of~~
9 ~~the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each~~
10 ~~Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;~~

11 ~~*Third.*—The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal,~~
12 ~~business, and community life;~~

13 ~~*Fourth.*—The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace~~
14 ~~through a world fellowship of business and professional persons~~
15 ~~united in the ideal of service.~~

16
17 The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service in each
18 Rotarian and to apply the ideal of service in one's professional and personal life.
19 We believe that this application will ultimately lead us to achieve mutual
20 understanding, goodwill, and peace among all people.

21
22 The core values of Rotary are service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and
23 leadership.

24
25 Rotary's ideal of service is a philosophy of life that originates from the good
26 intent of people to be compassionate and helpful to others. It undertakes to
27 reconcile the ever-present conflict between the desire to profit for one's self and
28 the duty and consequent impulse to serve others. This philosophy is the
29 philosophy of service - "Service Above Self" - and is based on the practical ethical
30 principle that "One Profits Most Who Serves Best."

31
32 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
33 *(pages 87-88 MOP)*

34 **Article 5 Object**

35 ~~The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of~~
36 ~~worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:~~
37

1 *First.*—The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2 *Second.* High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of
3 the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each
4 Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
5 *Third.*—The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian’s personal,
6 business, and community life;
7 *Fourth.*—The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace
8 through a world fellowship of business and professional persons
9 united in the ideal of service.

10
11 The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service in each
12 Rotarian and to apply the ideal of service in one’s professional and personal life.
13 We believe that this application will ultimately lead us to achieve mutual
14 understanding, goodwill, and peace among all people.

15
16 The core values of Rotary are service, fellowship, diversity, integrity and
17 leadership.

18
19 Rotary’s ideal of service is a philosophy of life that originates from the good
20 intent of people to be compassionate and helpful to others. It undertakes to
21 reconcile the ever-present conflict between the desire to profit for one’s self and
22 the duty and consequent impulse to serve others. This philosophy is the
23 philosophy of service - “Service Above Self” - and is based on the practical ethical
24 principle that “One Profits Most Who Serves Best.”

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

25 The purpose of this enactment is to redefine the Object of Rotary, set forth in the
26 RI Constitution and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, to align it with the
27 guiding principles in the RI Strategic Plan and the 1923 Statement on Community
28 Service.

29
30 The Object of Rotary has long been defined in the RI Constitution and the
31 Standard Rotary Club Constitution. However, the Board recently developed a
32 strategic plan for RI as well as fundamental principles such as Rotary’s mission,
33 core values, and vision statement, resulting in inconsistency with the current
34 Object of Rotary and other important documents, such as the 1923 Statement on
35 Community Service.

36
37 The intent of this enactment is to incorporate important aspects of the RI
38 Strategic Plan into the Object of Rotary and also to define the ideal of service as
39 expressed in the 1923 Statement on Community Service in the RI Constitution
40 and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution in order to clarify the purpose of the
41 Rotary movement.

- 1 The five Avenues of Service are already set forth in Article 6 of the Standard
- 2 Rotary Club Constitution, therefore it is not necessary that these be included in
- 3 the Object of Rotary.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 4 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-09

To amend the Object of Rotary

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Heswall, District 1180, England

Endorsed by: District 1180 through a district legislation meeting, Wrexham, Clwyd, Wales, 18 October 2017

1 *To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 11*
2 *MOP)*

3
4 **Article 4 Object**

5 The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of
6 ~~worthy~~ enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- 7 *First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
8 *Second.* ~~High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of~~
9 ~~the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each~~
10 ~~Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;~~
11 *Third.* The application of the ideal of service with high ethical standards in
12 each Rotarian's personal, ~~business,~~ and community life;
13 ~~Fourth.~~ *Third.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and
14 peace through a world fellowship of ~~business and professional~~ persons
15 united in the ideal of service above self.

16
17 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
18 *(pages 87-88 MOP)*

19
20 **Article 5 Object**

21 The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of
22 ~~worthy~~ enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- 23 *First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
24 *Second.* ~~High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of~~
25 ~~the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each~~
26 ~~Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;~~
27 *Third.* The application of the ideal of service with high ethical standards in
28 each Rotarian's personal, ~~business,~~ and community life;
29 ~~Fourth.~~ *Third.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and
30 peace through a world fellowship of ~~business and professional~~ persons
31 united in the ideal of service above self.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 The purpose of the proposal is to amend the Object of Rotary in order to bring it
2 into line with the qualification for membership, with which it is now
3 incompatible.

4
5 The qualification for membership as a Rotarian (Article 5, Section 2(a) of the RI
6 Constitution) requires applicants to be “adult persons who demonstrate good
7 character, integrity, and leadership, possess good reputation within their
8 business, profession, and/or community; and are willing to serve in their
9 community and/or around the world.”

10
11 The Object of Rotary has elements that no longer accord with these
12 qualifications:

- 13
- 14 • The Object’s particulars are neither compatible with nor relevant to a
15 membership that is, increasingly, drawn from all walks of life in the
16 community.
- 17
- 18 • The Object’s wording of phrases, such as “worthy,” “the dignifying of each
19 Rotarian’s occupation,” and “worthy enterprise” lack ease of
20 understanding and interpretation.
- 21
- 22 • The Object’s reference to “useful occupations” and the absence of
23 definition of such occupations is damaging to the recruitment of adult
24 persons not in business or professional occupations.
- 25
- 26 • The Object’s reference to “a world fellowship of business and professional
27 persons” restricts the opportunity to recruit adult persons who
28 demonstrate good character and integrity, but who are not within this
29 fellowship.

30
31 The effect of the amendment will be to harmonize the qualification for
32 membership and the Object of Rotary, clarifying and enhancing the opportunities
33 of recruitment and of service.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

34 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-10

To amend the preamble to the Object of Rotary

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Chiba, District 2790, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2790 through a ballot-by-mail, 20 December 2017

1 *To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 11*
2 *MOP)*

3
4 **Article 4 Object**

5 The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of
6 worthy ~~enterprise~~ activities and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- 7 *First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
8 *Second.* High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of
9 the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each
10 Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
11 *Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal,
12 business, and community life;
13 *Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace
14 through a world fellowship of business and professional persons
15 united in the ideal of service.
16

17 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
18 *(pages 87-88 MOP)*

19
20 **Article 5 Object**

21 The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of
22 worthy ~~enterprise~~ activities and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- 23 *First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
24 *Second.* High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of
25 the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each
26 Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
27 *Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal,
28 business, and community life;
29 *Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace
30 through a world fellowship of business and professional persons
31 united in the ideal of service.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

32 The word "enterprise" in the main paragraph of the Object of Rotary means both
33 (1) courageous challenge, bold project, or bold action and (2) business activity

1 carrying the meaning of (1). Depending on the country, it could be interpreted in
2 one way or the other, creating a double standard for the interpretation of Rotary.
3
4 Since the adoption of the Object of Rotary, perceptions towards Rotary have
5 changed in many ways. RI now advocates for humanitarian services centering on
6 PolioPlus and the six areas of focus, and does not solely concentrate on business
7 activities and vocational ethics. In order to avoid creating a double standard in
8 the Object of Rotary, this enactment seeks to change the word “enterprise” to
9 “activities.” The word “activities” includes activities to promote business
10 activities and vocational ethics. It does not exclude these things.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

11 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-11

To amend the preamble and the fourth Object of Rotary

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Chiba, District 2790, Japan
Rotary Club of Kisarazu East, District 2790, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2790 through a ballot-by-mail, 20 December 2017

1 *To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 11*
2 *MOP)*

3
4 **Article 4 Object**

5 The Object of Rotary is for all Rotarians to encourage and foster the ideal of
6 service ~~as a basis of worthy enterprise~~ and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- 7 *First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
8 *Second.* High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of
9 the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each
10 Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
11 *Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal,
12 business, and community life;
13 *Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace
14 through a world fellowship of ~~business and professional persons~~
15 Rotarians united in the ideal of service.
16

17 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
18 *(pages 87-88 MOP)*

19
20 **Article 5 Object**

21 The Object of Rotary is for all Rotarians to encourage and foster the ideal of
22 service ~~as a basis of worthy enterprise~~ and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- 23 *First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
24 *Second.* High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of
25 the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each
26 Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
27 *Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal,
28 business, and community life;
29 *Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace
30 through a world fellowship of ~~business and professional persons~~
31 Rotarians united in the ideal of service.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 The 2007 Council on Legislation added a classification based on the member’s
2 type of community service. However, the Object of Rotary still states “as a basis
3 of worthy enterprise.” With the current wording, Rotarians who have been
4 admitted to clubs under the community service classification are not given due
5 consideration. In addition, by changing “business and professional persons” to
6 “Rotarians,” it will be clearer that the Object of Rotary applies to all Rotarians.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

7 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-12

To amend the second Object of Rotary

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Mumbai South, District 3141, India

Endorsed by: District 3141 through a ballot-by-mail, 27 November-27 December 2017

1 *To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 11*
2 *MOP)*

3

4 **Article 4 Object**

5 The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of
6 worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

7 *First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

8 *Second.* ~~High ethical standards~~ Ethics and integrity in business and
9 professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful
10 occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an
11 opportunity to serve society;

12 *Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal,
13 business, and community life;

14 *Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and
15 peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons
16 united in the ideal of service.

17

18 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
19 *(pages 87-88 MOP)*

20

21 **Article 5 Object**

22 The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of
23 worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

24 *First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

25 *Second.* ~~High ethical standards~~ Ethics and integrity in business and
26 professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful
27 occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an
28 opportunity to serve society;

29 *Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal,
30 business, and community life;

31 *Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace
32 through a world fellowship of business and professional persons
33 united in the ideal of service.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 1 Ethics cannot and should not be quantified. Ethics is an all or none value or
- 2 concept - one is either ethical or unethical. There cannot be high or low ethical
- 3 standards. The word 'integrity' has been added to further strengthen this
- 4 concept.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 5 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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Compromise Legislation

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-13

To amend the fourth Object of Rotary

Proposer(s): District 1660, France
District 1700, Andorra and France
District 1760, France

Endorsed by: District 1660 through a district legislation meeting, Paris, France,
5 December 2017
District 1700 through a district legislation meeting, Carcassonne,
France, 2 December 2017
District 1760 through an annual district conference, Mazan,
France, 24 June 2017

1 *To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 11*
2 *MOP)*

3

4 **Article 4 Object**

5 The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of
6 worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- 7 *First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
8 *Second.* High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of
9 the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each
10 Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
11 *Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal,
12 business, and community life;
13 *Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, environmental
14 protection and sustainable development, goodwill, and peace
15 through a world fellowship of business and professional persons
16 united in the ideal of service.

17

18 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
19 *(pages 87-88 MOP)*

20

21 **Article 5 Object**

22 The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of
23 worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- 24 *First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
25 *Second.* High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of
26 the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each
27 Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
28 *Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal,
29 business, and community life;

1 *Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, environmental
2 protection and sustainable development, goodwill, and peace through
3 a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the
4 ideal of service.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

5 This enactment is designed to support sustainable initiatives for the environment
6 and to add sustainable development and protection of the environment to the
7 Object of Rotary.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

8 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-14

To amend the fourth Object of Rotary

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Torino Polaris, District 2031, Italy

Endorsed by: District 2031 through a ballot-by-mail, 4 December 2017

1 *To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 11*
2 *MOP)*

3
4 **Article 4 Object**

5 The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of
6 worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

7 *First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

8 *Second.* High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of
9 the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each
10 Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

11 *Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal,
12 business, and community life;

13 *Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and
14 peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons
15 united in the ideal of service via the inter-country committees.
16

17 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
18 *(pages 87-88 MOP)*

19
20 **Article 5 Object**

21 The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of
22 worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

23 *First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

24 *Second.* High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of
25 the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each
26 Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

27 *Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal,
28 business, and community life;

29 *Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace
30 through a world fellowship of business and professional persons
31 united in the ideal of service via the inter-country committees.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 Inter-Country Committees (ICC) were and are a means of spreading the spirit of
2 peace and benevolence, which is among the aims of RI.

3
4 In the book This Rotarian Era (p. 170), Paul Harris recounts the success of the
5 inter-city assembly held in Bodensee, between Switzerland, Austria, and
6 Germany: “French Rotarians, German Rotarians, and Rotarians from other parts
7 of Europe have promoted the establishment of an inter-country committee that
8 has been able to organize many assemblies in which various controversial issues
9 have been discussed concerning their respective peoples.” He further notes that
10 “in April 1931...the members of the Rotary Clubs of Belgium, France, Italy, and
11 Spain met at another assembly in Cannes, France, for another inter-country
12 meeting.”

13
14 Also, in the 1930s, the Governor of Rotary Italy, Luigi Piccione, set up the Inter-
15 Country Committees composed of the presidents of some Italian and foreign
16 clubs. There were four in all: an Italian-Swiss Committee, an Italian-French
17 Committee, an Italian-Austrian-German Committee, and an Italian-Yugoslavian
18 Committee. (E. Cianci, Rotary in Italian Society, p.110)

19
20 The ICC helped to repair the damage to international relations caused by the
21 Second World War. Today, there are 414 ICCs operating in 70 countries.

22
23 History and topicality, therefore, justify this proposal.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

24 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

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NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-15

To add a fifth part to the Object of Rotary

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Reading Maiden Erlegh, District 1090, England
Endorsed by: District 1090 through a district legislation meeting, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, England, 22 November 2017

1 *To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 11*
2 *MOP)*

3 **Article 4 Object**

4 The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of
5 worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- 6 *First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
7 *Second.* High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of
8 the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each
9 Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
10 *Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal,
11 business, and community life;
12 *Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace
13 through a world fellowship of business and professional persons
14 united in the ideal of service-;
15 *Fifth.* The positive change implemented by youth and young adults through
16 leadership development activities, involvement in community and
17 international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and
18 foster world peace and cultural understanding.
19

20
21 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
22 *(pages 87-88 MOP)*

23 **Article 5 Object**

24 The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of
25 worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- 26 *First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
27 *Second.* High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of
28 the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each
29 Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
30 *Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal,
31 business, and community life;
32 *Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace
33 through a world fellowship of business and professional persons
34 united in the ideal of service-;
35 *Fifth.* The positive change implemented by youth and young adults through
36 leadership development activities, involvement in community and
37

1 international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and
2 foster world peace and cultural understanding.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

3 Rotary has five Avenues of Service as evidenced by the guiding principles
4 described on My Rotary. However, the current form of the Object of Rotary in
5 the RI Constitution describes only four of those Avenues, omitting the fifth,
6 Youth Service. The Object of Rotary is therefore incomplete and Rotarians are
7 not properly reminded of the full scope of their Rotary service.
8

9 This is a serious omission because Youth Service is the past, present, and future
10 of Rotary – many of our Rotarians began their service careers in Rotaract, for
11 example. Rotary’s youth programs, most notably Peace Scholars, are already
12 making a significant positive contribution to the broader international
13 community. It is therefore essential that Rotarians be constantly reminded of the
14 importance of Youth Service by means of its inclusion within the Object of
15 Rotary.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

16 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-16

To add a fifth part to the Object of Rotary

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Haenertsburg, District 9400, Botswana,
Mozambique, South Africa, and Swaziland

Endorsed by: District 9400 through an annual district conference, Polokwane,
Limpopo, South Africa, 22-25 June 2017

1 *To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 11*
2 *MOP)*

3

4 **Article 4 Object**

5 The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of
6 worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

7 *First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

8 *Second.* High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of
9 the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each
10 Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

11 *Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal,
12 business, and community life;

13 *Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace
14 through a world fellowship of business and professional persons
15 united in the ideal of service-;

16 *Fifth.* The preservation of Planet Earth in its diversity.

17

18 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
19 *(pages 87-88 MOP)*

20

21 **Article 5 Object**

22 The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of
23 worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

24 *First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

25 *Second.* High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of
26 the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each
27 Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

28 *Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal,
29 business, and community life;

30 *Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace
31 through a world fellowship of business and professional persons
32 united in the ideal of service-;

33 *Fifth.* The preservation of Planet Earth in its diversity.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 The Object of Rotary describes the actions and ethics of Rotarians as central
2 themes which relate to our interaction with people. By including our interaction
3 with Planet Earth, we are adding an additional ethical check to the long-term
4 sustainability of our humanitarian efforts. We are not shifting the focus of our
5 efforts away from people.

6
7 The preamble to the document on Rotary’s six areas of focus states: “With a
8 commitment to achieving lasting change, we work together to empower youth,
9 enhance health, promote peace, and most important, advance the community.”
10 Lasting change, sustainability, is a key issue when investigating the viability of
11 global and district grants – at its most complete it implies that we will consider
12 the effect on the environment. Although Preserve Planet Earth is no longer an
13 official Rotary program, the principles expressed by its first advocate, Past RI
14 President Paulo Costa, can be applied fruitfully to any of the six areas of focus or
15 to any Rotary project. He said: “There are very few organizations with Rotary's
16 potential to communicate good ideas. It is not our own good which we seek, but
17 it is the good of the Earth and those who inhabit it.”

18
19 All three strategic priorities in Rotary’s strategic plan would benefit from the
20 inclusion; it would support and strengthen clubs by providing a tangible area of
21 focus for change and strategic planning (“How will these changes affect the way
22 we approach projects?”); it will focus and increase humanitarian service by
23 stressing the concept of sustainability in a profound way; and it will enhance
24 public image and awareness by providing the opportunity to stress this core value
25 of Rotarians to the broader community, which, in turn, will enhance awareness of
26 Rotary and its agenda.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

27 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-17

To add Rotary's core values to the RI Constitution and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution

Proposer(s): District 2840, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2840 through an annual district conference, Takasaki, Gunma, Japan, 19 November 2017

1 *To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 11*
2 *MOP)*

3

4 **Article 5 Core Values**

5 Rotary's core values are the guiding principles of its organizational culture and
6 include guidelines as to what Rotarians should prioritize and what actions they
7 should take. These core values are:

- 8 • Fellowship
- 9 • Integrity
- 10 • Diversity
- 11 • Service
- 12 • Leadership

13

14 (Subsequent articles will be renumbered as appropriate)

15

16 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
17 *(page 87 MOP)*

18

19 **Article 5 Core Values**

20 Rotary's core values are the guiding principles of its organizational culture and
21 include guidelines as to what Rotarians should prioritize and what actions they
22 should take. These core values are:

- 23 • Fellowship
- 24 • Integrity
- 25 • Diversity
- 26 • Service
- 27 • Leadership

(Subsequent articles will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 1 Rotary’s core values are intended to motivate and inspire Rotarians to foster and
- 2 encourage the ideals of service in order to develop and maintain high ethical
- 3 standards in human relations. The purpose of this enactment is to include the
- 4 core values in the constitutional documents as guiding principles for Rotarians,
- 5 as well as to define the positioning of these values within Rotary.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 6 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-18

To amend the provisions on membership

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Madras Temple City, District 3232, India

Endorsed by: District 3232 through a district legislation meeting, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, 23 November 2017

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 21 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 4 Membership in Clubs**

4

5 **4.070. Limitations on Membership.**

6 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2.030., no club, regardless of the date
7 of its admission to membership in RI, may by provisions in its constitution or
8 otherwise, limit membership in the club on the basis of gender, race, color, creed,
9 national origin, or sexual orientation or impose any condition of membership not
10 specifically prescribed by the RI constitution or bylaws. Any provision in any
11 club constitution or any condition otherwise imposed in conflict with this section
12 of the bylaws is null, void, and without effect. Each club shall endeavor to build a
13 well-balanced membership that celebrates diversity.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

14 Though the RI Bylaws ensure that members of Rotary clubs come from diverse
15 backgrounds, and Rotary has adopted diversity in order to protect the interests of
16 its members irrespective of gender, race, color, creed, national origin, or sexual
17 orientation, this needs to be proactively ensured by clubs. While the
18 constitutional documents and internal policies of Rotary are clear on this matter,
19 the realities on the ground leave a lot to be desired. Thus, the implementation
20 and celebration of diversity needs to be approached through a focused and
21 measurable implementation strategy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

22 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

Compromise Legislation

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-19

To remove Article 3, Purposes, from the Standard Rotary Club Constitution

Proposer(s): District 2580, Japan
Rotary Club of Tsuruga, District 2650, Japan
Rotary Club of Kaibara, District 2680, Japan
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Omori, District 2750, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2580 through a district legislation meeting, Tokyo, Japan, 13 October 2017
District 2650 through a district legislation meeting, Otsu, Shiga, Japan, 25 November 2017
District 2680 through a district legislation meeting, Kobe, Hyogo, Japan, 20 May 2017
District 2750 through an annual district conference, Tokyo, Japan, 22 February 2017

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 87 MOP)*

3

4 ~~Article 3 Purposes~~

5 ~~The purposes of this club are to pursue the Object of Rotary, carry out successful~~
6 ~~service projects based on the Five Avenues of Service, contribute to the~~
7 ~~advancement of Rotary by strengthening membership, support The Rotary~~
8 ~~Foundation, and develop leaders beyond the club level.~~

(Subsequent articles will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

9 The RI Constitution and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution both contain the
10 Object of Rotary. Stipulating the Object in Article 3 of the Standard Rotary Club
11 Constitution is redundant and needlessly invites confusion. “Developing leaders
12 beyond the club level,” as described in the purposes article, would be RI’s and the
13 district’s duty, rather than a club’s responsibility. The Rotary Foundation is one
14 of the means by which clubs may achieve the Object of Rotary. However, Article
15 3 indicates that supporting The Rotary Foundation is one of the purposes of
16 clubs, which appears to be confusing the purposes and the means. The same
17 applies to the provision that clubs contribute to the advancement of Rotary by
18 strengthening membership. Our purpose must be to achieve the Object of Rotary

1 as stated in Article 5, by increasing the number of fellow Rotarians and through
2 members' vocations and activities; our purpose is not to strengthen membership
3 itself. Also, the purposes article is unnecessary, because the essentials are
4 covered in the Object, and because Rotary clubs, which consist of members who
5 promote the Object of Rotary, support programs and activities by the members.
6 This provision may be a violation of Rotary clubs' autonomy and should be
7 deleted.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

8 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-20

To remove committees from the Standard Rotary Club Constitution

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Kakogawa Center, District 2680, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2680 through a district legislation meeting, Kobe, Hyogo, Japan, 20 May 2017

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 94 MOP)*

3

4 **Article 13 Directors and Officers and Committees**

5

6 ~~**Section 7** — *Committees.* This club should have the following committees:~~

7 ~~• Club Administration~~

8 ~~• Membership~~

9 ~~• Public Image~~

10 ~~• Rotary Foundation~~

11 ~~• Service Projects~~

12 ~~Additional committees may be appointed as needed.~~

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

13 Club committees should be organized to match the activities of each club, and a
14 club's authority to make decisions about the organization of its own committees
15 should be respected as an important element of club autonomy.

16

17 The Standard Rotary Club Constitution is a document that defines fundamental
18 rules for all Rotary clubs with which to comply; optional provisions are,
19 therefore, unsuitable in this document. Such optional provisions should, instead,
20 continue to be included in the bylaws, as including them in the Standard Rotary
21 Club Constitution harms the diversity among individual Rotary clubs and may
22 risk hindering the development of the Rotary movement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

23 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-21

To require that key club committee chairs be board members

Proposer(s): District 9700, Australia

Endorsed by: District 9700 through a district legislation meeting, Young, New South Wales, Australia, 15 October 2017

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 94 MOP)*

3
4 **Article 13 Directors and Officers and Committees**

5
6 **Section 7 — Committees.** This club should have the following committees whose
7 chair shall be a board member:

- 8 • Club Administration
- 9 • Membership
- 10 • Public Image
- 11 • Rotary Foundation
- 12 • Service Projects

13 Additional committees may be appointed as needed.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

14 The purpose of this enactment is to amend the Standard Club Constitution to
15 make the committee chairs board members of every Rotary club.

16
17 RI distributes information to clubs and districts through a chain of command
18 defined by the committees in each club and this would ensure that each club had
19 a chair responsible for receipt of and action for each command or suggestion at
20 the board level.

21
22 This system of information distribution is highlighted at the presidents-elect
23 training seminar and the district assembly, where manuals are provided for each
24 committee and training is provided in each committee module.

25
26 By ensuring that each committee chair is on his or her club board, this will ensure
27 that such directives and requests are considered by the club board and a clear
28 chain of command will exist from RI to the district and club.

29
30 As duly appointed board members, the committee chairs will be involved in the
31 decision-making process and will be able to report to the board and participate in
32 discussion.

- 1 At present, many clubs do not have designated committee chairs but have
- 2 structures left over from previous times. This change would allow the clubs to
- 3 come into line and assist districts with the training of presidents-elect and clubs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 4 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-22

To amend the term of the club president

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Béthune-Artois, District 1520, France

Endorsed by: District 1520 through a district legislation meeting, Saint-Martin-au-Laërt, France, 24 November 2017

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 93 MOP)*

3
4 **Article 13 Directors and Officers and Committees**

5
6 **Section 5 — Election of Officers.**

7
8 (b) *Term of President.* The president shall be elected as provided in the bylaws,
9 not more than two (2) years but not less than eighteen (18) months prior to
10 the day of taking office and shall serve as president-nominee upon election.
11 The nominee shall take the title of president-elect on 1 July in the year prior
12 to taking office as president. The president shall take office on 1 July and
13 shall serve a period of one (1) year ~~or until a successor has been duly elected~~
14 ~~and qualified.~~ In cases where a successor has not been duly elected, the
15 term of the current president shall be extended for one year only.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

16 If there is a vacancy in the position of club president, the sitting president should
17 not be forced to remain in office for an indefinite period of time.

18
19 As a consequence, we are proposing to limit a president's term to a maximum of
20 two years from his first day in office.

21
22 Beyond that period of time, the decision on club leadership is left to the club.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

23 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-23

To revise the schedule for electing the club president

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Bang Khen, District 3350, Cambodia, Myanmar, Vietnam, and Thailand
District 6980, USA
District 9125, Nigeria

Endorsed by: District 3350 through an annual district conference, Bangkok, Thailand, 12-14 May 2017
District 6980 through a district legislation meeting, Orlando, Florida, USA, 12 August 2017
District 9125 through a ballot-by-mail, 9-20 December 2017

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 93 MOP)*

3

4 **Article 13 Directors and Officers and Committees**

5

6 **Section 5 — Election of Officers.**

7

8 (b) *Term of President.* The president shall be elected as provided in the bylaws,
9 not more than ~~two (2) years~~ thirty-six (36) months but not less than
10 ~~eighteen (18) twenty-four (24)~~ months prior to the day of taking office and
11 shall serve as ~~president-nominee-designate~~ upon election and shall assume
12 the title of president-nominee on 1 July two years prior to assuming office
13 as president. The nominee shall take the title of president-elect on 1 July in
14 the year prior to taking office as president. The president shall take office
15 on 1 July and shall serve a period of one (1) year or until a successor has
16 been duly elected and qualified.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

17 Over the past two Councils on Legislation, Rotary has transformed its strategic
18 planning emphasis from a one-year to a five-year (and longer) perspective. With
19 the club's future leaders in place, the club will be better positioned to be more
20 effective in preparing its long-term strategic objectives, an effort that requires
21 years of experience and engagement with board matters. Moreover, the proposed
22 amendment and position titling are consistent with section 14.010. of the RI
23 Bylaws, Selection of a Governor-nominee (page 60 of the 2016 *Manual of*
24 *Procedure*).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-24

To require the presentation of a budget and an annual report at the club's annual meeting

Proposer(s): District 9125, Nigeria

Endorsed by: District 9125 through a ballot-by-mail, 9-20 December 2017

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 89 MOP)*

3

4 **Article 8 Meetings**

5

6 **Section 2 — Annual Meeting.**

7 (a) An annual meeting for the election of officers, presentation of an annual
8 budget, including income and expenditures, and presentation of an annual
9 report shall be held not later than 31 December as provided in the bylaws.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

10 While serving as governor in 2001-2002, I discovered that many club presidents
11 do not know about corporate governance (open and good governance with
12 leadership that is transparent and accountable). Even now, in 2018, as the
13 Council representative for District 9125, I interview many club presidents and
14 notice the same pattern.

15

16 Donors would give more if our clubs can show accountability and transparency in
17 ways by which companies give full disclosure of information to the public and
18 incidents of conflict of interest are disclosed or removed. Clubs are also
19 requested, like companies, to give reports not only to members but also to
20 donors. Member retention would also improve if the leadership can improve
21 consensus orientation and participation of all members in the decisions of the
22 clubs.

23

24 Distressed clubs that eventually become dead clubs usually lack corporate
25 governance. It is corporate governance that will build a structure which will lead
26 to ownership and sustainability. Therefore, to strengthen Rotary clubs, instead of
27 just having an annual meeting for the election of officers, it should be changed to
28 an annual mandated club conference that will resemble the annual general
29 meeting of any organization, as it will be for the election of new officers and also
30 the presentation of an annual budget, including income and expenditures, as well
31 as an overall annual report. This will give evidence of corporate governance (i.e.,

1 open and good governance with leadership that is transparent and accountable)
2 in every club in order to institutionalize transparency, accountability,
3 responsibility, fairness, and the rule of law.
4
5 It will involve RI arranging training for club presidents on corporate governance
6 in order to strengthen our clubs and reduce the number of clubs which become
7 distressed and eventually fail.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

8 This enactment could have a financial impact on RI which cannot be determined
9 at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of support
10 provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-25

To replace the requirement for attendance reports with a report on service

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Central Blue Mountains, District 9685, Australia

Endorsed by: District 9685 through a ballot-by-mail, 4 December 2017

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 22 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 4 Membership in Clubs**

4

5 **4.090. ~~Attendance Reports. Community Engagement Reports.~~**

6 ~~Each club shall forward monthly attendance reports of its meetings to the~~
7 ~~governor within 15 days of the last meeting of each month. Non-districted clubs~~
8 ~~shall forward such report to the general secretary. Each club shall report its~~
9 ~~volunteer hours and service project contributions to the general secretary within~~
10 ~~15 days of the last meeting of each quarter.~~

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

11 This enactment seeks to remove club attendance reporting and instead encourage
12 clubs to focus on active engagement of members and their club.

13

14 Currently, clubs are required to report attendance numbers to the governor and
15 the governor submits them to RI. Many clubs no longer comply with this
16 requirement and many governors no longer submit attendance reports. In recent
17 years, the emphasis in Rotary has been on active engagement of members, rather
18 than simply attending meetings. Research has shown that the healthy, growing
19 clubs are those actively involved in their communities.

20

21 Clubs may still wish to include in their bylaws the obligations for attendance
22 and/or participation in the club's regular meetings; however, it will no longer be
23 a requirement to report attendance.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

24 This enactment could have a financial impact on RI which cannot be determined
25 at this time. Cost would depend on the scope and extent of support provided by
26 the RI Board to support collecting data and reporting on service project
27 contributions/community engagement.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-26

To lengthen the notice period for changing a club's name or locality

Proposer(s): District 9830, Australia

Endorsed by: District 9830 through a district legislation meeting, Longford, Tasmania, Australia, 19 November 2017

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 99 MOP)*

3

4 **Article 22 Amendments**

5

6 **Section 2** — *Amending Article 2 and Article 4.* Article 2 (Name) and Article 4
7 (Locality of the Club) of the constitution shall be amended at any regular
8 meeting of this club, a quorum being present, by the affirmative vote of not less
9 than two-thirds of all voting members present and voting, provided that notice
10 of such proposed amendment shall have been mailed to each member and to the
11 governor at least ~~ten (10)~~ twenty-one (21) days before such meeting, and
12 provided further, that such amendment shall be submitted to the board of
13 directors of RI for its approval and shall become effective only when so
14 approved. The governor may offer an opinion to the board of directors of RI
15 regarding the proposed amendment.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

16 The Standard Rotary Club Constitution (and Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws)
17 allows amendments to be made by giving as little as ten days' notice to members.
18

19 Now that Rotary clubs have the option of reducing their meeting frequency as
20 long as they meet in some way at least twice per month, it is considered that the
21 notice period to members of proposed amendments should be longer. Increasing
22 the notice period to 21 days will enable members to consider any proposed
23 amendments over a timeframe that should include at least one club meeting.
24

25 The proposed notice period of 21 days is consistent with the notice periods
26 prescribed in the RI Bylaws for other events, such as the 30-day notice period for
27 RI Board meetings (subsection 5.050.1.) and the 21-day notice period for holding
28 a district legislation meeting (subsection 16.040.1.).
29

30 If this enactment is approved, the notice period for amendments to the
31 Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws (Article 11) should also be changed to the

- 1 same period of 21 days. This is considered important given that the club bylaws
2 may include rules or requirements that supersede the rules or requirements of
3 sections of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution relating to meeting frequency,
4 attendance requirements, and types of memberships.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 5 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-27

To allow a club not to use “club” as part of its name

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast, District 3141, India

Endorsed by: District 3141 through a ballot-by-mail, 27 November-27 December 2017

1 To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 12
2 MOP)

3
4 **Article 5 Membership**

5
6 **Section 2 — Composition of Clubs.**

7
8 (d) ~~In countries where the word “club” has an inappropriate connotation,~~
9 ~~Rotary clubs, with the approval of the board, will not be obliged to use it in~~
10 ~~their names. If a club so chooses, it may omit the word “club” from its~~
11 ~~name.~~

12
13 And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows
14 (page 87 MOP)

15
16 **Article 2 Name**

17 The name of this organization shall be **Rotary Club of** _____
18 _____ **or** _____ **Rotary**
19 (Member of Rotary International)

20
21 (a) The name of a satellite of this club (when applicable) shall be Rotary
22 Satellite Club of _____
23 (A satellite of **Rotary Club of** _____ **or** _____ **Rotary**)

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

24 The word “club” suggests a local organization with limitations or boundaries.
25 With the increasing globalization of nations and territories, it is now necessary to
26 open up those boundaries in the minds of people. Hence, it is important to leave
27 the choice of a name to individual clubs, allowing them to remove the local
28 connotation if they so choose.

1 Thus, a club name could look like the following:

2

3 **Article 2 Name**

4 The name of this organization shall be Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast
5 or Mumbai West Coast Rotary

6

(Member of Rotary International)

7

8 (a) The name of a satellite of this club (when applicable) shall be Rotary

9

Satellite Club of _____

10

(A satellite of Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast or Mumbai West Coast

11

Rotary)

FINANCIAL IMPACT

12

This enactment could have a financial impact on RI which cannot be determined
13 at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of support
14 provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-28

To revise the provisions regarding locality of a club

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 17 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 2 Membership in Rotary International**

4

5 **2.020. Locality of a Club.**

6 ~~A club may be organized in a locality which contains the minimum number of~~
7 ~~classifications for organizing a new club.~~ A club may be organized in the same a
8 locality as with one or more existing other clubs. The locality of a club that
9 conducts interactive its activities primarily online shall be worldwide or as
10 ~~otherwise determined by the club board~~ determines.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

11 In Rotary Year 2016-2017, the Constitutional Document Review Committee met
12 to review and recommend improvements to the RI Bylaws and Standard Rotary
13 Club Constitution. While the majority of the committee's recommendations were
14 non-substantive, it also recommended some substantive changes.

15

16 The committee believes that is not necessary to state in the RI Bylaws that a club
17 should be organized in a locality which contains the minimum number of
18 classifications. This enactment thus removes the first sentence. The changes to
19 the last two sentences are made to modernize and streamline the language, not to
20 change any meaning of the last two sentences.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

21 This enactment could potentially result in an increase in revenues for RI if there
22 is an increase in membership or membership retention due to greater flexibility
23 for current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-29

To amend the satellite club reporting procedure

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Plimmerton, District 9940, New Zealand

Endorsed by: District 9940 through a ballot-by-mail, 11 December 2017

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 94 MOP)*

3

4 **Article 13 Directors and Officers and Committees**

5

6 **Section 6** — *Governance of a Satellite Club of This Club (When Applicable)*. A
7 satellite club shall be located in the same locality as this club or in the
8 surrounding area.

9

10 (c) *Satellite Club Reporting Procedure*. A satellite club shall, annually, submit
11 to the president and board of this club a report on its membership, its
12 activities and programs, accompanied by a financial statement and audited
13 or reviewed accounts, for inclusion in this club's reports for its annual
14 general meeting and such other reports as may, from time to time, be
15 required by this club.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

16 This enactment seeks to provide satellite clubs the same flexibility as clubs to
17 have their financial reports reviewed as opposed to audited.

18

19 The Standard Rotary Club Constitution states that satellites need to be 'audited',
20 but this seems excessively strict, particularly when RI policy does not stipulate
21 that clubs and districts have to be audited.

22

23 Article 9, Section 4 of the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws recommends that,
24 and it would be a best practice to have, a qualified person conduct a thorough
25 annual review of all financial transactions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

26 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-30

To move the provisions allowing for flexibility in meetings and attendance

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Yamato, District 2780, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2780 through an annual district conference, Sagamihara, Kanagawa, Japan, 18 September 2017

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*

2

3 *in article 7 (page 88 MOP)*

4

5 ~~**Article 7 Exceptions to Provisions on Meetings and Attendance**~~

6 ~~The bylaws may include rules or requirements not in accordance with article 8,~~
7 ~~section 1; article 12; and article 15, section 4, of this constitution. Such rules or~~
8 ~~requirements shall supersede the rules or requirements of these sections of this~~
9 ~~constitution; a club, however, must meet at least twice per month.~~

10

11 *and in article 8 (pages 88-89 MOP)*

12

13 ~~**Article 8 Article 7 Meetings**~~

14 ~~**Section 1** — *Regular Meetings.* [See article 7 for exceptions to the provisions of~~
15 ~~this section.]~~

16

17 ~~(e) *Exceptions.* The bylaws may include rules or requirements not in~~
18 ~~accordance with Article 7. Such rules or requirements shall supersede the~~
19 ~~rules or requirements of these sections of this constitution; a club, however,~~
20 ~~must meet at least twice per month.~~

21

22 *and in article 12 (pages 91-93 MOP)*

23

24 ~~**Article 12 Article 11 Attendance** [See article 7 for exceptions to the~~
25 ~~provisions of this article.]~~

26

27 ~~**Section 6** — *Exceptions.* The bylaws may include rules or requirements not in~~
28 ~~accordance with Article 11. Such rules or requirements shall supersede the~~
29 ~~rules or requirements of these sections of this constitution.~~

30

31 *and in article 15 (pages 94-95 MOP)*

32

33 ~~**Article 15 Article 14 Duration of Membership**~~

34

35 ~~**Section 4** — *Termination – Non-attendance.* [See article 7 for exceptions to the~~
36 ~~provisions of this section.]~~

1 (c) Exceptions. The bylaws may include rules or requirements not in
2 accordance with Article 14, section 4. Such rules or requirements shall
3 supersede the rules or requirements of these sections of this constitution.

(Subsequent articles will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

4 It can be assumed that the 2016 Council on Legislation wished to emphasize
5 Article 7 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, Exceptions to Provisions on
6 Meetings and Attendance, in order to allow for flexibility. However, since this
7 article appears in the following articles and sections multiple times, it is difficult
8 to read. This enactment seeks to eliminate Article 7 and, instead, adds the
9 exception as a new section or subsection to each of the articles concerned, thus
10 clarifying the concept of meeting flexibility.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

11 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-31

To remove the provisions allowing for flexibility in meetings and attendance

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Takayama Chuo, District 2630, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2630 through a ballot-by-mail, 7 December 2017

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*

2

3 *in article 7 (page 88 MOP)*

4

5 ~~**Article 7 Exceptions to Provisions on Meetings and Attendance**~~

6 ~~The bylaws may include rules or requirements not in accordance with article 8,~~

7 ~~section 1; article 12; and article 15, section 4, of this constitution. Such rules or~~

8 ~~requirements shall supersede the rules or requirements of these sections of this~~

9 ~~constitution; a club, however, must meet at least twice per month.~~

10

11 *and in article 8 (page 88 MOP)*

12

13 ~~**Article 8 Article 7 Meetings**~~

14 ~~**Section 1 — Regular Meetings.** [See article 7 for exceptions to the provisions of~~

15 ~~this section.]~~

16

17 *and in article 12 (page 91 MOP)*

18

19 ~~**Article 12 Article 11 Attendance** [See article 7 for exceptions to the~~

20 ~~provisions of this article.]~~

21

22 *and in article 15 (pages 94-95 MOP)*

23

24 ~~**Article 15 Article 14 Duration of Membership**~~

25

26 ~~**Section 4 — Termination – Non-attendance.** [See article 7 for exceptions to the~~

27 ~~provisions of this section.]~~

(Subsequent articles will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

28 What makes Rotary special and different from other organizations is its
29 membership organization. Rotary is an international organization of
30 approximately 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders with

1 integrity and high ethical standards. Rotarians strive to improve themselves
2 through friendly rivalry, to foster and enhance their spirit of service and to
3 contribute to goodwill and establishing peace in the world, as they hold meetings
4 and conduct humanitarian service activities.

5
6 With a spirit of constant and continual learning, Rotarians develop their integrity
7 and high ethical standards. They become trusted members of their communities
8 through exercising their leadership in applying the numerous skills that they have
9 learned in Rotary clubs for the benefit of the communities. In order to be able to
10 practice service, one must learn a great deal.

11
12 Allowing the exceptions in Article 7 gives rise to interclub gaps with disparate
13 rules and requirements, running the risk of reducing opportunities for self-
14 improvement. To strive for self-improvement through Rotary activities, and
15 foster and enhance integrity and high ethical standards, it is necessary to
16 participate in weekly meetings and service activities as opportunities for learning
17 and self-improvement through Rotary.

18
19 Many young prospective Rotarians may find the idea of weekly meeting
20 attendance burdensome. We believe, however, that can be addressed by holding
21 online meetings or requiring 50 percent meeting attendance.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

22 This enactment could potentially result in a decrease in revenues for RI if there is
23 a decrease in membership or membership retention due to less flexibility for
24 current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-32

To remove the provisions allowing for flexibility in meetings and attendance

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Tsuruga, District 2650, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2650 through a district legislation meeting, Otsu, Shiga, Japan, 25 November 2017

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*

2

3 *in article 7 (page 88 MOP)*

4

5 ~~**Article 7 Exceptions to Provisions on Meetings and Attendance**~~

6 ~~The bylaws may include rules or requirements not in accordance with article 8,~~
7 ~~section 1; article 12; and article 15, section 4, of this constitution. Such rules or~~
8 ~~requirements shall supersede the rules or requirements of these sections of this~~
9 ~~constitution; a club, however, must meet at least twice per month.~~

10

11 *and in article 8 (pages 88-89 MOP)*

12

13 ~~**Article 8 Article 7 Meetings**~~

14 ~~**Section 1 — Regular Meetings.** *[See article 7 for exceptions to the provisions of*~~
15 ~~*this section.]*~~

16

(a) *Day and Time.* This club shall hold a regular meeting ~~once each week~~ at least twice each month on the day and at the time provided in the bylaws. Attendance may be in person, through an online meeting, or using an online connection for members whose attendance otherwise would be precluded. Alternatively, a club shall hold a meeting once each week or during the week(s) chosen in advance by posting an interactive activity on the club's website. The latter type of meeting shall be considered as held on the day that the interactive activity is to be posted on the website.

24

(b) *Change of Meeting.* ~~For good cause, the~~ The board may change a regular meeting to any day during the period commencing with the day following the preceding regular meeting and ending with the day preceding the next regular meeting, or to a different hour of the regular day, or to a different place.

29

(c) *Cancellation.* The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or during the week which includes a legal holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or in case of the death of a club member, or of an epidemic or of a disaster affecting the whole community, or of an armed conflict in the community which endangers the lives of the club members. The board may cancel ~~not more than four~~ regular meetings ~~in a year~~ for causes not otherwise specified herein provided that this club does not fail to meet for more than three consecutive meetings.

37

1 (d) *Satellite Club Meeting (When Applicable)*. If provided in the bylaws, a
2 satellite club shall hold regular weekly meetings at least twice each month
3 at a place and at a time and day decided by its members. The day, time and
4 place of the meeting may be changed in a similar way to that provided for
5 the club's regular meetings in section 1(b) of this article. A satellite club
6 meeting may be cancelled for any of the reasons enumerated in section 1(c)
7 of this article. Voting procedures shall be as provided in the bylaws.
8

9 *and in article 12 (page 91 MOP)*

10
11 ~~**Article 12 Article 11 Attendance [See article 7 for exceptions to the**~~
12 ~~**provisions of this article.]**~~

13
14 *and in article 15 (pages 94-95 MOP)*

15
16 ~~**Article 15 Article 14 Duration of Membership**~~

17
18 ~~**Section 4—Termination—Non-attendance.** [See article 7 for exceptions to the~~
19 ~~*provisions of this section.*]~~

20 (a) ~~*Attendance Percentages.*~~ A member must

21 (1) ~~attend or make up at least 50 percent of club regular meetings or~~
22 ~~satellite club meetings, or engage in club projects, other events and~~
23 ~~activities for at least 12 hours in each half of the year, or a~~
24 ~~proportionate combination of both;~~

25 (2) ~~attend at least 30 percent of this club's regular meetings or satellite~~
26 ~~club meetings, or engage in club projects, other events and activities in~~
27 ~~each half of the year (assistant governors, as defined by the board of~~
28 ~~directors of RI, shall be excused from this requirement).~~

29 ~~If a member fails to attend as required, the member's membership may be~~
30 ~~subject to termination unless the board consents to such non-attendance~~
31 ~~for good cause.~~

32 (b) ~~*Consecutive Absences.*~~ Unless otherwise excused by the board for good and
33 sufficient reason or pursuant to article 12, sections 3 or 4, each member
34 who fails to attend or make up four consecutive regular meetings shall be
35 informed by the board that the member's non-attendance may be
36 considered a request to terminate membership in this club. Thereafter, the
37 board, by a majority vote, may terminate the member's membership.

(Subsequent articles and sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

38 Although exceptions to the provisions for regular meetings and attendance were
39 newly established at the 2016 Council on Legislation, regular meetings are
40 important and have provided great opportunities to deepen Rotarians' self-

1 improvement and fellowship since Rotary's inception. Under all circumstances,
2 regular meetings should be held. We can ensure the continuation of the regular
3 meetings that have been held since Rotary's inception while still allowing for
4 flexibility by increasing options for holding meetings but also maintaining the
5 minimum meeting requirement. However, a situation in which each club has
6 different attendance requirements tends to cause confusion among clubs. Thus,
7 by providing a universal attendance requirement while also removing the
8 provision for membership termination due to non-attendance, we can reasonably
9 ensure the continued participation of members in Rotary activities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

10 This enactment could potentially result in a decrease in revenues for RI if there is
11 a decrease in membership or membership retention due to less flexibility for
12 current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-33

To provide that clubs shall meet at least 40 times per year

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Kobe-Suma, District 2680, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2680 through a district legislation meeting, Kobe, Hyogo, Japan, 20 May 2017

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 88 MOP)*

3

4 **Article 7 Exceptions to Provisions on Meetings and Attendance**

5 The bylaws may include rules or requirements not in accordance with article 8,
6 section 1; article 12; and article 15, section 4, of this constitution. Such rules or
7 requirements shall supersede the rules or requirements of these sections of this
8 constitution; a club, however, must meet at least ~~twice per month~~ 40 times per
9 year.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

10 The leadership exhibited by Rotarians of integrity and humanity in their
11 communities has had a marked effect in advancing the Object of Rotary.
12 Rotarians enjoy true friendship with fellow members and learn about our service
13 and ideals.

14

15 Article 8, Section 1 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution states that “This
16 club shall hold a regular meeting once each week on the day and at the time
17 provided in the bylaws.” This provision is based on the recognition that the
18 meeting system is one of the most important elements supporting Rotary
19 activities.

20

21 The extreme relaxation of the meeting frequency throughout the year will result
22 not only in the loss of meaning of such meetings, but also of club functions that
23 nurture Rotarians and the strengthening of current and future Rotary will no
24 longer be possible. At least 40 meetings need to be convened to prevent this from
25 happening.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

26 This enactment could potentially result in a decrease in revenues for RI if there is
27 a decrease in membership or membership retention due to less flexibility for
28 current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-34

To amend the provisions for counting attendance at a club meeting

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Akita-South, District 2540, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2540 through an annual district conference, Noshiro, Akita, Japan, 12 November 2017

1 *To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
2 *(page 91 MOP)*

3

4 **Article 12 Attendance [See article 7 for exceptions to the provisions of**
5 **this article.]**

6 **Section 1 — General Provisions.** Each member should attend this club’s regular
7 meetings, or satellite club’s regular meetings if provided in the bylaws, and
8 engage in this club’s service projects, other events and activities. A member
9 shall be counted as attending a regular meeting if the member is present in
10 person or using an online connection for at least 60 percent of the meeting, or is
11 present and is called away unexpectedly and subsequently produces evidence to
12 the satisfaction of the board that such action was reasonable, or cannot attend
13 but the member’s spouse or partner attends, or participates in the regular
14 meeting posted on the club’s website within one week following its posting, or
15 makes up for an absence in any of the following ways:

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

16 Spouses and partners participate in each club through various occasions, such as
17 Rotary family meetings, Christmas gatherings, and club trips. This enactment
18 gives spouses and partners the opportunity to experience regular club meetings
19 and would also promote their understanding of Rotary by allowing them to
20 attend club meetings in the absence of their spouse or partner. Spouses and
21 partners may also become members, which could lead to an increase in
22 membership. This enactment emphasizes not only attendance but also
23 membership development.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

24 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-35

To amend the provisions for making up an absence

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Cloquet, District 5580, USA

Endorsed by: District 5580 through an annual district conference, Tower,
Minnesota, USA, 26-28 April 2017

1 To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows
2 (pages 91-92 MOP)

3

4 **Article 12 Attendance [See article 7 for exceptions to the provisions of**
5 **this article.]**

6 **Section 1 — General Provisions.** Each member should attend this club’s regular
7 meetings, or satellite club’s regular meetings if provided in the bylaws, and
8 engage in this club’s service projects, other events and activities. A member
9 shall be counted as attending a regular meeting if the member is present in
10 person or using an online connection for at least 60 percent of the meeting, or is
11 present and is called away unexpectedly and subsequently produces evidence to
12 the satisfaction of the board that such action was reasonable, or participates in
13 the regular meeting posted on the club’s website within one week following its
14 posting, or makes up for an absence in any of the following ways:

15

16 (a) ~~14 Days Before or After the Meeting. During the Same Year.~~ If, within
17 ~~fourteen (14) days before or after the regular time for that meeting the same~~
18 ~~year,~~ the member

19

(1) attends at least 60 percent of the regular meeting of another club, of a
20 satellite club meeting of another club, or of a provisional club; or

21

(2) attends a regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact club, Rotary
22 Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship or of a provisional Rotaract or
23 Interact club, Rotary Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship; or

24

(3) attends a convention of RI, a council on legislation, an international
25 assembly, a Rotary institute for past and present officers of RI, a
26 Rotary institute for past, present, and incoming officers of RI, or any
27 other meeting convened with the approval of the board of directors of
28 RI or the president of RI acting on behalf of the board of directors of
29 RI, a Rotary multizone conference, a meeting of a committee of RI, a
30 Rotary district conference, a Rotary district training assembly, any
31 district meeting held by direction of the board of directors of RI, any
32 district committee meeting held by direction of the district governor, or
33 a regularly announced intercity meeting of Rotary clubs; or

34

(4) is present at the usual time and place of a regular meeting or satellite
35 club meeting of another club for the purpose of attending such
36 meeting, but that club is not meeting at that time or place; or

- 1 (5) attends and participates in a club service project or a club-sponsored
- 2 community event or meeting authorized by the board; or
- 3 (6) attends a board meeting or, if authorized by the board, a meeting of a
- 4 service committee to which the member is assigned; or
- 5 (7) participates through a club website in an interactive activity requiring
- 6 an average of 30 minutes of participation.

7 ~~When a member is outside the member's country of residence for more than~~
8 ~~fourteen (14) days, the time restriction shall not be imposed so that the member~~
9 ~~may attend regular meetings or satellite club meetings in another country at any~~
10 ~~time during the travel period, and each such attendance shall count as a valid~~
11 ~~make-up for any regular meeting missed during the member's time abroad.~~

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

12 Adopting this measure would set clubs on a path toward project and club
13 engagement as a preferred avenue for make-ups. It would stimulate engagement
14 over alternative easier methods of make-up, which are inadvertently promoted by
15 the existing time restriction.

16
17 Implementing this measure would provide the motivation for increased member
18 participation in projects.

19
20 Utilizing a simple spreadsheet, clubs can track attendance make-ups more
21 expeditiously throughout the year. Also, with most clubs having multiple make-
22 up opportunities in one month, it is only fair that those members participating in
23 these extra opportunities be allowed to bank these events for times during the
24 year when extra activities are infrequent. The make-up opportunities would only
25 be allowed for missed meetings during the current Rotary year and would expire
26 each 30 June. A new bank would start the following Rotary year beginning 1
27 July. Accuracy of attendance would not be unreasonably lessened by this
28 measure for the reason that the concept of banking would more likely be applied
29 forward than back.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

30 This enactment could potentially result in an increase in revenues for RI if there
31 is an increase in membership or membership retention due to greater flexibility
32 for current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-36

To amend the provisions for making up an absence

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Sorocaba-Art Nossa, District 4620, Brazil

Endorsed by: District 4620 through an annual district conference, Atibaia, São Paulo, Brazil, 26-28 May 2017

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 17 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 1 Definitions**

4 As used in the bylaws, unless the context otherwise clearly requires, the words in
5 this article shall have the following meanings:

- | | | |
|----|----------------------|--|
| 6 | 1. Board: | The Board of Directors of Rotary International. |
| 7 | 2. Club: | A Rotary club. |
| 8 | 3. Constitutional | The Rotary International constitution and bylaws and |
| 9 | documents: | the standard Rotary club constitution. |
| 10 | 4. Governor: | The governor of a Rotary district. |
| 11 | 5. Member: | A member, other than an honorary member, of a |
| 12 | | Rotary club. |
| 13 | 6. RI: | Rotary International. |
| 14 | 7. RIBI: | The administrative territorial unit of Rotary |
| 15 | | International in Great Britain and Ireland. |
| 16 | 8. Satellite club: | A potential club whose members shall also be |
| 17 | | members of the sponsor club. |
| 18 | 9. Year: | The twelve-month period which begins on 1 July. |
| 19 | 10. <u>RotaKids:</u> | <u>A program for children 5 to 12 years of age sponsored</u> |
| 20 | | <u>by a Rotary club.</u> |

21

22 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*

23

24 *in article 1 (page 87 MOP)*

25

26 **Article 1 Definitions**

27 As used in this constitution, unless the context otherwise clearly requires, the
28 words in this article shall have the following meanings:

- | | | |
|----|--------------------|--|
| 29 | 1. Board: | The Board of Directors of this club. |
| 30 | 2. Bylaws: | The bylaws of this club. |
| 31 | 3. Director: | A member of this club's Board of Directors. |
| 32 | 4. Member: | A member, other than an honorary member, of this |
| 33 | | club. |
| 34 | 5. RI: | Rotary International. |
| 35 | 6. Satellite club | A potential club whose members shall also |
| 36 | (when applicable): | be members of this club. |
| 37 | 7. Year: | The twelve-month period which begins on 1 July. |

1 features that have been noted in other Rotary clubs that support their own
2 RotaKids clubs.
3
4 There are hundreds of extremely active RotaKids clubs throughout most of the
5 world (see map at rotakidsworld.com), and its accreditation is inevitable given
6 that, according to the bylaws, the program is connected to the sponsoring Rotary
7 club. The adoption of this enactment would improve our public image and,
8 consequently, attract more members to our Rotary clubs and more contributions
9 to The Rotary Foundation. If approved, this program would help to promote
10 Rotary and its initiatives and, at the same time, revitalize our Rotary clubs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

11 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-37

To amend the provisions regarding membership in clubs

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

1 To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 21 MOP)

2

3 **Article 4 Membership in Clubs**

4

5 ~~4.060. Holders of Public Office.~~

6 ~~Persons elected or appointed to public office for a specified time shall not be~~
7 ~~eligible to active membership in a club under the classification of such office.~~

8 ~~This restriction shall not apply to persons holding positions or offices in schools,~~
9 ~~colleges, or other institutions of learning or to persons who are elected or~~
10 ~~appointed to the judiciary. Members who are elected or appointed to public~~
11 ~~office for a specified period may continue as such members in their existing~~
12 ~~classifications during the period in which they hold such office.~~

13

14 ~~4.080. RI Employment.~~

15 ~~Any club may retain in its membership any member employed by RI.~~

16

17 ~~And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows~~
18 ~~(page 90 MOP)~~

19

20 **Article 10 Membership**

21

22 ~~**Section 7**—*Holders of Public Office.* Persons elected or appointed to public~~
23 ~~office for a specified time shall not be eligible to active membership in this club~~
24 ~~under the classification of such office. This restriction shall not apply to persons~~
25 ~~holding positions or offices in schools, colleges, or other institutions of learning~~
26 ~~or to persons who are elected or appointed to the judiciary. Members who are~~
27 ~~elected or appointed to public office for a specified period may continue as such~~
28 ~~members in their existing classifications during the period in which they hold~~
29 ~~such office.~~

30 ~~**Section 8**—*Rotary International Employment.* This club may retain in its~~
31 ~~membership any member employed by RI.~~

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

32 In Rotary Year 2016-2017, the Constitutional Document Review Committee met
33 to review and recommend improvements to the RI Bylaws and Standard Rotary

1 Club Constitution. While the majority of the committee's recommendations were
2 non-substantive, it also recommended some substantive changes.

3
4 In its review, the committee felt that these sections are not necessary to include
5 in the RI Bylaws and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. The sections on RI
6 employees are permissive, and holders of public records can continue as
7 Rotarians in their existing classifications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

8 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI. The number of
9 members impacted by the removal of these restrictions is not likely to be material
10 in the context of total membership.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-38

To amend the qualifications for membership

Proposer(s): District 2760, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2760 through an annual district conference, Nagoya, Aichi, Japan, 18 November 2017

1 *To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 12*
2 *MOP)*

3
4 **Article 5 Membership**

5
6 **Section 2 — Composition of Clubs.**

7 (a) A club shall be composed of adult persons who demonstrate good
8 character, integrity, and leadership; possess good reputation within their
9 business, profession, and/~~or~~ community; and are willing to serve in their
10 community and/or around the world

11 and
12 having their place of business or residence located in the locality of the club
13 or the surrounding area. A member moving from the locality of the club or
14 the surrounding area may retain membership in the club where the
15 member's board grants such permission and said member continues to
16 meet all conditions of club membership.

17
18 *And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*
19 *(page 89 MOP)*

20
21 **Article 10 Membership [See article 9 for exceptions to sections 2 and**
22 **4 - 8 of this article.]**

23 **Section 1 — General Qualifications.** This club shall be composed of adult
24 persons who demonstrate good character, integrity, and leadership; possess
25 good reputation within their business, profession, and/~~or~~ community; and are
26 willing to serve in their community and/or around the world.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

27 Rotary has historically been a group of professionals or leaders in the professions,
28 which marks a clear distinction from other organizations.

29
30 However, club members are not necessarily required to be professionals to be
31 qualified for membership, as provided in Article 5, Section 2(a) of the RI

1 Constitution and Article 10, Section 1 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution.
2 These provisions are inconsistent with the second item of Article 5, Object, of the
3 Standard Rotary Club Constitution that requires “high ethical standards in
4 business and professions,” as well as the second item of Article 6, Five Avenues of
5 Service, which states that the role of members in undertaking vocational service
6 is to conduct their business and lend their vocational skills in order to address the
7 issues and needs of society.

8

9 It is easy to imagine that a club composed of members without any occupation
10 will be established in the future if these provisions remain as they are. In such
11 case, the aforementioned Object of Rotary would not be met, and clubs that have
12 no focus upon vocational service, one of the five Avenues of Service, would
13 flourish, thus making Rotary into an organization very different from what its
14 founders had envisaged. We are submitting this enactment to prevent such a
15 situation from developing.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

16 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-39

To amend the composition of clubs and to remove classification limitations

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

1 *To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 12*
2 *MOP)*

3

4 **Article 5 Membership**

5

6 **Section 2 — Composition of Clubs.**

- 7 (a) A club shall be composed of adult persons who demonstrate good
8 character, integrity, and leadership; possess good reputation within their
9 business, profession, occupation, and/or community; and are willing to
10 serve in their community and/or around the world
11 and
12 having their place of business or residence located in the locality of the club
13 or the surrounding area. A member moving from the locality of the club or
14 the surrounding area may retain membership in the club where the
15 member's board grants such permission and said member continues to
16 meet all conditions of club membership.
- 17 (b) Each club shall have a well-balanced membership in which no one
18 business, profession, occupation, ~~or type of community service, or other~~
19 classification predominates. ~~The club shall not elect a person to active~~
20 ~~membership from a classification if the club already has five or more~~
21 ~~members from that classification, unless the club has more than 50~~
22 ~~members, in which case the club may elect a person to active membership~~
23 ~~in a classification so long as it will not result in the classification making up~~
24 ~~more than 10 percent of the club's active membership. Members who are~~
25 ~~retired shall not be included in the total number of members in a~~
26 ~~classification. The classification of a transferring or former member of a~~
27 ~~club, or a Rotaractor or Rotary alumnus as defined by the board, shall not~~
28 ~~preclude election to active membership even if the election results in club~~
29 ~~membership temporarily exceeding the above limitations. If a member~~
30 ~~changes classification, the club may continue the member's membership~~
31 ~~under the new classification notwithstanding these limitations.~~

32

33 *And to amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

34

35 *in article 2 (page 17 MOP)*

36

37 **Article 2 Membership in Rotary International**

38

39 **2.020. Locality of a Club.**

40 A club may be organized in a locality ~~which contains the minimum number of~~
41 classifications that meets the requirements found in article 5, section 2 of the RI

1 constitution for organizing a new club. A club may be organized in the same
2 locality as one or more existing clubs. The locality of a club that conducts
3 interactive activities shall be worldwide or as otherwise determined by the club
4 board.

5
6 *and in article 4 (pages 20-21 MOP)*

7 8 **Article 4 Membership in Clubs**

9 10 **4.030. Transferring or Former Rotarian.**

11 A member may propose to active membership a transferring member or former
12 member of a club. The transferring or former member of a club being proposed
13 to active membership may also be proposed by the former club. The
14 ~~classification of a transferring or former member of a club shall not preclude~~
15 ~~election to active membership even if the election results in club membership~~
16 ~~temporarily exceeding the classification limits.~~ Potential members of a club who
17 have debts to another club are ineligible for membership. Any club wishing to
18 admit a former member shall demand that the potential member provide written
19 proof from the previous club that all debts have been paid. The admission of a
20 transferring or former Rotarian as an active member shall be contingent upon
21 receiving a certificate from the board of the previous club confirming the
22 prospective member's prior membership in that club. A club shall provide a
23 statement whether debts are owed when requested by another club with respect
24 to its current or former member being considered for membership in the other
25 club. If such a statement is not provided within 30 days of being requested, it
26 shall be assumed that the member does not owe any money to the club.

27 28 **4.060. Holders of Public Office.**

29 Persons elected or appointed to public office for a specified time ~~shall not be~~
30 ~~eligible to active membership in a club under the classification of such office~~ may
31 retain their existing classifications during the time they hold office. ~~This~~
32 ~~restriction shall not apply to persons holding positions or offices in schools,~~
33 ~~colleges, or other institutions of learning or to persons who are elected or~~
34 ~~appointed to the judiciary.~~ ~~Members who are elected or appointed to public~~
35 ~~office for a specified period may continue as such members in their existing~~
36 ~~classifications during the period in which they hold such office.~~

37
38 *and in article 16 (page 70 MOP)*

39 40 **Article 16 Districts**

41 42 **16.070. Qualifications of a Governor-nominee.**

43 Unless specifically excused by the board, no person shall be selected as nominee
44 for governor unless the Rotarian has the following qualifications at the time of
45 selection.

46 47 **16.070.2. Rotarian Maintaining Full Qualifications of Membership.**

48 The Rotarian must have full qualifications for such membership in the strict

1 application of the provisions therefor, and the integrity of the Rotarian's
2 classification must be without question.

3
4 And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows
5
6 in article 10 (page 90 MOP)

7
8 **Article 10 Membership [See article 9 for exceptions to sections 2 and**
9 **4 - 8 of this article.]**

10
11 **Section 7 — Holders of Public Office.** Persons elected or appointed to public
12 office for a specified time shall not be eligible to active membership in this club
13 under the classification of such office may retain their existing classifications
14 during the time they hold office. This restriction shall not apply to persons
15 holding positions or offices in schools, colleges, or other institutions of learning
16 or to persons who are elected or appointed to the judiciary. Members who are
17 elected or appointed to public office for a specified period may continue as such
18 members in their existing classifications during the period in which they hold
19 such office.

20
21 and in article 11 (pages 90-91 MOP)

22
23 **Article 11 Classifications Club Membership Composition**

24 **Section 1 — General Provisions.**

25 (a) ~~Principal Activity.~~ Each member shall be classified in accordance with the
26 member's business, profession, occupation, or type of community service.
27 The classification shall be that which describes the principal and recognized
28 activity of the firm, company, or institution with which the member is
29 connected or that which describes the member's principal and recognized
30 business or professional activity or that which describes the nature of the
31 member's community service activity. The board may adjust a member's
32 classification if the member changes positions, professions, or occupations.

33 (b) ~~Correction or Adjustment.~~ If the circumstances warrant, the board may
34 correct or adjust the classification of any member. Notice of a proposed
35 correction or adjustment shall be provided to the member and the member
36 shall be allowed a hearing thereon.

37 **Section 2 — Limitations** This club shall not elect a person to active membership
38 from a classification if the club already has five or more members from that
39 classification, unless the club has more than 50 members, in which case, the
40 club may elect a person to active membership in a classification so long as it will
41 not result in the classification making up more than 10 percent of the club's
42 active membership. Members who are retired shall not be included in the total
43 number of members in a classification. The classification of a transferring or
44 former member of a club, or a Rotaractor or Rotary alumnus as defined by the
45 board of directors of RI, shall not preclude election to active membership even if
46 the election results in club membership temporarily exceeding the above
47 limitations. If a member changes classification, the club may continue the
48 member's membership under the new classification notwithstanding these
49 limitations.

1 **Section 2 — Club Membership Composition as a Tool to Promote Diverse Club**
2 **Membership.** This club’s membership should represent a cross section of the
3 businesses, professions, occupations, and civic organizations in its community,
4 including age, gender and ethnic diversity.

5
6 and in article 15 (pages 94-96 MOP)

7
8 **Article 15 Duration of Membership**

9
10 **Section 2 — Automatic Termination.**

11
12 (b) *How to Rejoin.* When the membership of a member has terminated as
13 provided in subsection (a) of this section, such person, provided such
14 person’s membership was in good standing at the time of termination, may
15 make new application for membership, under the same or another
16 classification business, profession, occupation, community service, or other
17 classification.

18
19 **Section 3 — Termination – Non-payment of Dues.**

20
21 (b) *Reinstatement.* The board may reinstate the former member to
22 membership upon the former member’s petition and payment of all
23 indebtedness to this club. ~~However, no former member may be reinstated~~
24 ~~to active membership if the former member’s classification is in conflict~~
25 ~~with article 11, section 2.~~

26
27 **Section 5 — Termination – Other Causes.**

28
29 ~~(e) *Filling Classification.* When the board has terminated the membership of a~~
30 ~~member as provided for in this section, this club shall not elect a new~~
31 ~~member under the former member’s classification until the time for~~
32 ~~hearing any appeal has expired and the decision of this club or of the~~
33 ~~arbitrators has been announced. However, this provision shall not apply if,~~
34 ~~by election of a new member, the number of members under the said~~
35 ~~classification would remain within provided limitations even if the board’s~~
36 ~~decision regarding termination is reversed.~~

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

37 This proposal seeks to update the language of the constitutional documents
38 regarding classification and to enhance the concept of membership diversity.
39 This proposal adds the word “occupation” to reflect that some members may have
40 an occupation that is different than a “profession.” It also eliminates the current
41 classification limitations. These changes would allow clubs to remain flexible in
42 their membership composition.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 This enactment could potentially result in an increase in revenues for RI if there
- 2 is an increase in membership or membership retention due to greater flexibility
- 3 for current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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Compromise Legislation

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-40

To amend the process for filling a vacancy in the office of president-elect or president-nominee

Proposer(s): District 6040, USA
District 6080, USA

Endorsed by: District 6040 through an annual district conference, Kansas City, Missouri, USA, 28 October 2017
District 6080 through an annual district conference, Lake Ozark, Missouri, USA, 28-29 October 2017

1 To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows
2
3 in article 6 (pages 26-27 MOP)

4 **Article 6 Officers**

5 **6.080. Vacancy in the Office of President-elect or President-nominee.**

6 **6.080.1. Vacancy Prior to Next Convention.**

7 Where the position of president-elect becomes vacant prior to the adjournment of
8 the next convention, the nominating committee for president shall select a new
9 nominee for president for the year during which such president-elect would have
10 served as president. Such selection shall be made as soon as practicable at its
11 regularly scheduled meeting or in an emergency meeting of the committee. If
12 such meeting is not practicable, the selection may be made in a ballot by mail or
13 by other rapid means of communication.
14

15 **6.080.2. Filling Vacancy by Nominating Committee Procedure.**

16 A nominee for president selected pursuant to sections 12.050. and 12.060. may
17 be named by the committee to be the new nominee for president. In such cases,
18 the committee shall select a new nominee for the position of president-elect.
19

20 **6.080.3. Presidential Duties in Filling Vacancies.**

21 The president shall determine the procedure for nominations to fill a vacancy in
22 the position of president-elect. The procedures shall include transmitting the
23 report of the committee to clubs and for nominations by clubs. Such provisions
24 shall be in harmony with sections 12.060., 12.070., and 12.080. to the extent that
25 time permits. In the event the proximity of the date of the vacancy to the
26 convention does not permit a suitable period of time for the report of the
27 committee to be mailed to all clubs and for nomination by clubs of challenging
28 candidates in advance of the convention, the general secretary shall give such
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31

1 notice of the report of the committee as is reasonably possible and nominations
2 by club delegates of challenging candidates on the floor of the convention shall be
3 permitted.

4
5 6.080.1. Alternates.

6 At any time if the office of president-elect or president-nominee becomes vacant,
7 due to whatever reason, the board shall elect the alternate selected at the time the
8 president-elect or president-nominee was elected to serve.

9
10 6.080.2. Alternate Unable to Serve.

11 If the alternate is unable to serve for any reason, the nominating committee for
12 the president currently serving shall select a new nominee for president for the
13 year during which such president-elect or president-nominee would have served
14 as president. Such selection shall be made from among the past directors who
15 previously indicated they were willing to serve as president in that year and shall
16 be made as soon as practicable at its regularly scheduled meeting or in an
17 emergency meeting of the committee. If such meeting is not practicable, the
18 selection may be made by an electronic ballot or by other rapid means of
19 communication as determined by the committee chair and the president. Past
20 directors currently serving on the nominating committee shall be provided the
21 opportunity to resign from the committee if they would otherwise be eligible for
22 selection.

23
24 ~~6.080.4.~~ 6.080.3. Vacancy Immediately Preceding Assumption of Office.

25 Where the position of president-elect becomes vacant following the adjournment
26 of the convention immediately preceding assumption of the office of president,
27 such vacancy shall be considered as occurring on 1 July and be filled in
28 accordance with section 6.070.

29
30 ~~6.080.5.~~ 6.080.4. Contingencies Pertaining to Vacancies.

31 The president shall determine the procedure to be followed where a contingency
32 arises for which there is no provision in this section.

33
34 *and in article 12 (page 50 MOP)*

35
36 **Article 12 Nominations and Elections for President**

37
38 **12.050. Nomination by the Committee.**

39
40 12.050.1. Best Qualified Rotarian.

41 The committee shall meet and nominate from among the list of past directors
42 who have indicated they are willing to serve as president the best qualified
43 Rotarian available to perform the functions of the office. The committee shall
44 also select an alternate who shall serve in the event of a vacancy in the office of
45 president-nominee or president-elect.

1 12.050.2. *Committee Meeting.*

2 The committee shall meet no later than 15 August at a time and place determined
3 by the board. All candidates shall be given an opportunity to be interviewed by
4 the committee according to procedures determined by the board.

5
6 12.050.3. *Quorum and Voting.*

7 Twelve members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. The transaction of
8 all business of the committee shall be by majority vote, except that in the
9 selection of the committee's nominee for president and alternate, the votes of at
10 least ~~ten members~~ 60 percent of the committee present and voting shall be cast in
11 favor of such nominee and alternate.

12
13 ~~12.050.4. *Resignation of Nominee for President and Procedure for New*~~
14 ~~*Selection.*~~

15 ~~Where the nominee for president is unable to serve or submits a resignation to~~
16 ~~the president, such nominee shall no longer be eligible for nomination or election~~
17 ~~to the office of president in such year. The president shall so notify the chair of~~
18 ~~the committee and the committee shall select another qualified Rotarian as~~
19 ~~nominee for president. In such circumstances, the following procedure shall be~~
20 ~~utilized.~~

21
22 ~~12.050.4.1. *Procedures for Committee.*~~

23 ~~At its meeting, the committee shall authorize the chair to act on its behalf to~~
24 ~~initiate promptly the procedures for meeting such contingency.~~

25
26 ~~12.050.4.2. *Committee Voting Procedure.*~~

27 ~~Such procedures could include a ballot by mail or other rapid means of~~
28 ~~communication, or an emergency meeting of the committee to be held as~~
29 ~~determined by the president on behalf of the board.~~

30
31 ~~12.050.4.3. *Challenging Candidates.*~~

32 ~~Where the committee must select another nominee as hereinbefore provided, the~~
33 ~~clubs shall to the extent possible be given a reasonable period as determined by~~
34 ~~the board to submit challenging candidates. Such challenges shall be in~~
35 ~~accordance with section 12.070., except with reference to specified filing dates.~~

36
37 ~~12.050.4.4. 12.050.4. *Contingency Not Provided For in Bylaws.*~~

38 ~~Where a contingency arises that has not been provided for by the committee, the~~
39 ~~board shall determine the procedure to be followed by the committee.~~

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

40 The proposed enactment would instruct the nominating committee for president
41 at the time of its meeting to select an alternate to serve if there is a vacancy in the

1 office of president-nominee or president-elect. This would allow any vacancy to
2 be filled quickly with an alternate candidate previously chosen by the nominating
3 committee for this purpose.

4
5 Currently, the RI Bylaws have different provisions for filling a vacancy in the
6 offices of president-nominee and president-elect. Both call for the current
7 nominating committee to reconvene to select a new candidate, but both also leave
8 questions regarding eligible candidates and the timeline to be followed
9 unanswered. In addition, the process for filling a vacancy can take several
10 months to complete.

11
12 The proposed enactment mirrors the RI Bylaws' provisions for filling a vacancy in
13 the office of RI director. The proposed legislation also follows the director
14 nominating committee provisions by requiring the committee to obtain a 60
15 percent majority for its selection of the president and alternate.

16
17 This proposed enactment would not affect the current policy for filling a vacancy
18 in the office of RI president, which, under RI Bylaws section 6.070., is filled by
19 the RI vice-president.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

20 This enactment could potentially result in a decrease in expenses for RI if there is
21 a decrease in the number of times the nominating committee meets. If the
22 nominating committee does not have to reconvene to select a new candidate for
23 president-nominee or president-elect in the event of a vacancy, there will be a
24 reduction in expenses. The expenses for the committee meeting and travel for
25 candidates are approximately US\$77,000.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-41

To amend the rules for selecting the president-nominee

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 50 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 12 Nominations and Elections for President**

4

5 **12.050.** *Nomination by the Committee.*

6

7 12.050.1. *Best Qualified Rotarian.*

8 The committee shall meet and nominate from among the list of past directors
9 who have indicated they are willing to serve as president the best qualified
10 Rotarian available to perform the functions of the office regardless of their
11 country of residence. However, the committee shall not nominate candidates
12 from the same country of residence two years consecutively.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

13 The purpose of this enactment is to encourage all candidates to submit their
14 names for consideration by the nominating committee regardless of geography
15 and timing. As this could lead to Rotarians from the same country being selected
16 multiple years in a row, this enactment directs the nominating committee not to
17 select a candidate from the same country as the previous year's nominee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

18 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-42

To amend the provisions regarding club voting for president

Proposer(s): District 3261, India

Endorsed by: District 3261 through a ballot-by-mail, 7 December 2017

1 To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 48-49 MOP)

2

3 **Article 12 Nominations and Elections for President**

4

5 **12.030.** *Election of Members to the Nominating Committee for President.*

6

7 12.030.4. *Club Voting.*

8 Only clubs with more than 15 members shall be entitled to ~~at least~~ one vote. Any

9 club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote

10 for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members. Such

11 membership shall be determined by the number of members in the club as of the

12 date of the most recent club invoice preceding the date on which the vote is to be

13 held. However, any club whose membership in RI has been suspended by the

14 board shall not be entitled to participate in the voting.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

15 The purpose of this enactment is to amend the RI Bylaws to encourage clubs to
16 maintain a minimum membership of 15. In this way, only vibrant clubs will be
17 entitled to vote and each vote will have a value that is proportionate to the size of
18 the club.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

19 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-43

To increase by 15 days when the nominating committee for director may meet

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 56-57 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 13 Nominations and Elections for Directors**

4

5 **13.020. Selection of Director-nominee and Alternate by Nominating**
6 *Committee Procedure.*

7

8 *13.020.13. Designation of Convener, Time and Place of Meeting, Election of*
9 *Chair.*

10 The board shall designate a convener from the members of the nominating
11 committee no later than 15 June in the year preceding the year in which a
12 director and alternate are to be nominated. The board shall likewise designate
13 the place of its meeting. Such meeting must be held between 15 September and
14 30 of the following September 15 October, unless otherwise authorized by the
15 board. The committee shall elect a chair from its members at the time of its
16 meeting.

17

18 *13.020.18. Report of Selection of Committee.*

19 The committee's nomination for the office of director and alternate from the zone
20 shall be filed with the general secretary within ten days following the
21 adjournment of its meeting. The general secretary shall inform all clubs in the
22 zone or section of the selection of the nominating committee by ~~15~~ 30 October.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

23 This proposed legislation would increase the amount of time in which
24 nominating committees for director could meet as the two-week window
25 currently specified in the bylaws has proven to present scheduling difficulties for
26 many nominating committees. The proposed legislation would also allow the
27 Board to authorize meetings outside this time frame if necessary.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

28 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-44

To revise the qualifications for director

Proposer(s): District 1870, Germany
Rotary Club of Aarau, District 1980, Switzerland
Rotary Club of Winterthur, District 2000, Liechtenstein and
Switzerland

Endorsed by: District 1870 through a ballot-by-mail, 2 November 2017
District 1980 through a ballot-by-mail, 22 November-18
December 2017
District 2000 through a ballot-by-mail, 25 November-15
December 2017

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 25 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 6 Officers**

4

5 **6.050. Qualifications of Officers.**

6

7 6.050.3. *Director.*

8 A candidate for the office of director of RI shall have served a full term as a
9 governor of RI prior to being proposed as such candidate (except where service
10 for less than a full term may be determined by the board to satisfy the intent of
11 this provision) ~~with at least three years of time having elapsed since service as a~~
12 ~~governor.~~ Such candidate shall also have attended at least ~~two institutes and one~~
13 ~~convention in the 36-month period~~ prior to being proposed.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

14 Younger RI officers improve the representation of younger Rotarians within the
15 RI Board, which in turn increases the attractiveness of Rotary for younger
16 members. It also increases the number of eligible candidates. The waiting period
17 currently required after completing the year as governor appears to be
18 unreasonable.

19

20 The requirement of attending one RI Convention sufficiently supplements the
21 leadership experience acquired as a governor. Attending more international
22 events does not necessarily increase a candidate's qualifications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-45

To amend the process for selecting the member and alternate member of the nominating committee for director

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Boothbay Harbor, District 7780, USA

Endorsed by: District 7780 through an annual district conference, Rockland, Maine, USA, 19-21 May 2017

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 55 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 13 Nominations and Elections for Directors**

4

5 **13.020.** *Selection of Director-nominee and Alternate by Nominating*
6 *Committee Procedure.*

7

8 **13.020.4.** *Election.*

9 Except as provided in subsections 13.020.9., ~~and~~ 13.020.10., 13.020.11., and
10 13.020.12., the member and the alternate member of the nominating committee
11 shall be elected at the annual conference of the district in the year preceding the
12 scheduled nomination.

13

14 13.020.9. Selection of Members by Nominating Committee Procedure.

15 The member and the alternate member of the nominating committee may be
16 selected by a nominating committee procedure. The nominating committee
17 procedure, including any challenges and a resulting election, shall be conducted
18 and completed in the year preceding the scheduled nomination. The nominating
19 committee procedure shall be based on the nominating committee procedure for
20 district governors set forth in section 14.020.2. to the extent it is not in conflict
21 with this section. A candidate for member shall not be eligible to serve on the
22 committee.

23

24 13.020.10. Failure to Adopt a Method for Selecting Members of a Nominating
25 Committee.

26 Any district that chooses to select the member and the alternate member of the
27 nominating committee by a nominating committee procedure but fails to adopt a
28 method for selecting members of the nominating committee shall utilize as its
29 nominating committee all past governors who are members of a club in that
30 district and are willing and able to serve. A candidate for member shall not be
31 eligible to serve on the committee.

(Subsequent subsections will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 This enactment would amend the RI Bylaws to allow districts to select their
 2 member and alternate member of the nominating committee for director by
 3 nominating committee procedure. Members of a nominating committee will
 4 often be more familiar than the electors at a district conference not only with the
 5 candidates and their qualifications, but also with the requirements of the position
 6 to be filled. Adoption of this enactment would enable districts to take advantage
 7 of that knowledge.
 8
 9 The procedure parallels that for selection of the district representative and
 10 alternate representative to the Council on Legislation and Council on Resolutions
 11 in section 9.060.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

12 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-46

To revise the qualifications of a governor-nominee

Proposer(s): District 1913, Croatia

Endorsed by: District 1913 through a district legislation meeting, Zagreb, Croatia, 30 October 2017

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 70 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 16 Districts**

4

5 **16.070. Qualifications of a Governor-nominee.**

6 Unless specifically excused by the board, no person shall be selected as nominee
7 for governor unless the Rotarian has the following qualifications at the time of
8 selection.

9

10 16.070.1. *Rotarian in Good Standing.*

11 The Rotarian must be a member in good standing of a functioning club, which
12 has both female and male members, in the district.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

13 Even though RI policy prohibits clubs from limiting membership based on
14 gender (section 4.070. of the RI Bylaws), and despite the fact that according to
15 the RI Strategic Plan membership diversity is one of the core Rotary values, at the
16 moment we have 18 percent single-gender clubs in the world. Fortunately, there
17 are no single-gender districts.

18

19 If we observe The Four-Way Test, it is clear that single-gender clubs have no
20 justification in either the RI Bylaws or the RI Strategic Plan.

21

22 Rotary must lead by example. How should we explain to former female Rotaract
23 members that they cannot join a club because it does not accept female members,
24 especially, though not uniquely, in a place where there is only one single-gender
25 club?

26

27 The district governor is a leader and if he or she cannot achieve multi-gender
28 structure in his or her own club, it transmits that probably his or her leadership
29 skills are neither good enough for the district level nor solid enough to enhance
30 underlying Rotary values.

- 1 The purpose of this enactment is to send a clear message to the community and
- 2 to clubs about Rotary values, as well as to encourage faster transformation of
- 3 single-gender clubs into multi-gender clubs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 4 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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Compromise Legislation

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-47

To revise the qualifications for governor-nominee

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Kushiro, District 2500, Japan
Rotary Club of Indore Galaxy, District 3040, India

Endorsed by: District 2500 through a ballot-by-mail, 4 December 2017
District 3040 through a ballot-by-mail, 15 November 2017

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 70 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 16 Districts**

4

5 **16.070. Qualifications of a Governor-nominee.**

6 Unless specifically excused by the board, no person shall be selected as nominee
7 for governor unless the Rotarian has the following qualifications at the time of
8 selection.

9

10 16.070.4. *Rotarian's Ability to Fulfill Duties of Governor.*

11 The Rotarian must have experience in district administration, such as serving as
12 an assistant governor, and demonstrate willingness, commitment, and ability,
13 physically and otherwise, to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office of
14 governor as provided in section 16.090.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

15 RI has adopted the core values as a part of its Strategic Plan. Governors play a
16 key role in the implementation of the RI Strategic Plan and the adoption of the
17 core values by clubs. They can achieve this by administering the district with a
18 long-term perspective.

19

20 Enactment 01-456, "To revise the duties of the governor," was adopted by the
21 2001 Council on Legislation after the completion of the District Leadership Plan
22 pilot program, and the district leadership plan was introduced forcibly to all
23 districts beginning July 2002.

24

25 The purpose of the district leadership plan was to provide (1) well-trained district
26 leaders, (2) a more challenging role for the governor, and (3) governors with
27 more time to work on more important issues. The new role of assistant governor
28 was also created to develop leadership and secure a larger pool of candidates for
29 future governors.

1 15 years after the implementation of the district leadership plan, it should be
2 recognized that having experience in district administration, such as serving as
3 an assistant governor, as well as experience as a club president, should be added
4 to the qualifications for the office of governor in order to implement RI's
5 Strategic Plan from a long-term perspective.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

6 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-48

To revise the qualifications for governor-nominee

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Ketchikan, District 5010, Canada and USA

Endorsed by: District 5010 through a ballot-by-mail, 20 December 2017

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 71 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 16 Districts**

4

5 **16.080. Qualifications of a Governor.**

6 Unless specifically excused by the board, a governor at the time of taking office

7 must have attended the international assembly for its full duration, been a

8 member of one or more Rotary clubs for at least ~~seven~~ five years, and must

9 continue to possess the qualifications in section 16.070.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

10 This enactment seeks to encourage the nomination of candidates for governor
11 who are below the age of 50.

12

13 The Young Past Governors Task Force has met monthly since August 2017, with
14 direction from RI President Ian Riseley, to offer recommendations that will help
15 secure Rotary's future.

16

17 The committee discussed ideas on how to encourage younger Rotarians to apply
18 to serve in the role of governor.

19

20 With the current timeline for becoming a leader within Rotary, Rotary senior
21 leaders may not reflect Rotary membership in both age and gender. Rotarians
22 have repeatedly expressed the need for younger and more diverse leadership at
23 the district and zone level to ensure the strong future of the organization and to
24 help attract younger and more diverse members.

25

26 Lowering the club membership requirement to five years and adhering to the
27 other current requirements to be a district governor will enable younger
28 members to serve as leaders and inspire younger qualified Rotarians to seek out
29 leadership roles at the district and zone level.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-49

To amend the provisions regarding voting for governors-nominee

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Madras, District 3232, India

Endorsed by: District 3232 through a district legislation meeting, Chennai,
Tamil Nadu, India, 23 November 2017

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 63 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 14 Nominations and Elections for Governors**

4

5 **14.040. Ballot-by-Mail Specifications.**

6

7 14.040.1. *Club Voting.*

8 Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of
9 more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or
10 major fraction thereof, of its members. Such membership shall be determined by
11 the number of members in the club as of the ~~date of the most recent~~ club invoice
12 ~~preceding the date on which the vote is to be held~~ dated 1 July. However, any
13 club whose membership in RI has been suspended by the board shall not be
14 entitled to participate in the voting. If a club is entitled to cast more than one
15 vote, the club shall cast all votes for the same candidate. The name of the
16 candidate for whom the club has cast its vote(s) shall be verified by the secretary
17 and president of the club and forwarded to the governor in a sealed envelope
18 provided therefor.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

19 Candidates and clubs in districts in India become involved in the unethical
20 practice of increasing membership figures in clubs during the first half of the
21 Rotary year in order to increase the clubs' entitlement to additional votes. When
22 club membership is increased with the sole purpose of district elections and the
23 votes to which such membership is entitled, this goes against the membership
24 policies and goals of RI. Such memberships are often terminated within six
25 months, which financially impacts RI as well as its membership growth and
26 retention policies. The above amendment to RI Bylaws subsection 14.040.1. will
27 lead to healthy and stable membership growth in clubs. It will increase member
28 retention and improve financial revenues to RI as such memberships are
29 maintained rather than terminated immediately after district elections.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-50

To allow all club members to vote electronically for the governor-nominee

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Nagercoil Emerald, District 3212, India
Rotary Club of Nagercoil South, District 3212, India

Endorsed by: District 3212 through a ballot-by-mail, 5 December 2017

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 62-63 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 14 Nominations and Elections for Governors**

4

5 **14.040. ~~Ballot-by-Mail~~ Ballot-by-Email Specifications.**

6 The governor shall prepare one ~~ballot~~ e-ballot for each ~~club member~~, giving the
7 name of any candidate selected by the district nominating committee. The ballot
8 shall then list in alphabetical order the names of any candidates received by the
9 governor. Where there are more than two candidates, balloting shall be by the
10 single transferable ballot system. The governor shall ~~mail~~ e-mail a copy of said
11 ballot signed by all members of the balloting committee to each ~~club member~~
12 with instructions that the completed ballot be returned to and received by the
13 governor. The ballots shall be returned by a date fixed by the governor. Such
14 date shall be no less than 15 days or more than 30 days following the date of the
15 governor's mailing of the ballots to the clubs.

16

17 14.040.1. *Club Voting.*

18 Each ~~club member~~ shall be entitled to at least one vote. ~~Any club with a~~
19 ~~membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each~~
20 ~~additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members. Such membership shall~~
21 ~~be determined by the number of members in the club as of the date of the most~~
22 ~~recent club invoice preceding the date on which the vote is to be held. However,~~
23 ~~any club member of a club whose membership in RI has been suspended by the~~
24 ~~board shall not be entitled to participate in the voting. If a club is entitled to cast~~
25 ~~more than one vote, the club shall cast all votes for the same candidate. The~~
26 ~~name of the candidate for whom the club has cast its vote(s) shall be verified by~~
27 ~~the secretary and president of the club and forwarded to the governor in a sealed~~
28 ~~envelope provided therefor.~~

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

29 The purpose of this enactment is to give the right of participation to all eligible
30 Rotarians in a democratic way. All Rotarians will have a sense of participation.
31 This is the right way to do things in a democracy, where the responsibility of

1 selecting the governor-nominee is given to all eligible Rotarians and it is their
2 right to exercise their franchise. Conducting elections for governor-nominee by
3 electronic means, and giving voting rights to individual Rotarians, will pave the
4 way for fair elections in the district. This will also reduce the politics and
5 influence of past governors in the election process.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

6 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-51

To amend the provisions for challenging candidates for governors-nominee

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Ruryila, District 3272, Pakistan

Endorsed by: District 3272 through a district legislation meeting, Lahore, Punjab, Pakistan, 15 May 2017

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 61-63 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 14 Nominations and Elections for Governors**

4

5 **14.020. Nominating Procedure for Governor.**

6

7 14.020.8. *Challenging Candidates.*

8 Any club in the district which has been in existence for at least ~~one year~~ two years
9 as of the beginning of that year may also propose a challenging candidate for
10 governor-nominee provided this club has previously suggested such candidate to
11 the nominating committee. A club in existence for less than ~~one year~~ two years as
12 of the beginning of that year may propose a challenging candidate provided such
13 candidate is a member of that club and the challenging candidate must have been
14 duly suggested to the nominating committee. The name of the challenging
15 candidate shall be submitted pursuant to a resolution by the club adopted at a
16 regular meeting. The club must file the resolution with the governor by the date
17 determined by the governor. Such date shall be not more than 14 days after
18 publication of the announcement of the selection for governor-nominee by the
19 governor.

20

21 **14.040. Ballot-by-Mail Specifications.**

22

23 14.040.1. *Club Voting.*

24 Each club that has been in existence for at least two years as of the beginning of
25 the year shall be entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of
26 more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or
27 major fraction thereof, of its members. Such membership shall be determined by
28 the number of members in the club as of the date of the most recent club invoice
29 preceding the date on which the vote is to be held. However, any club whose
30 membership in RI has been suspended by the board shall not be entitled to
31 participate in the voting. If a club is entitled to cast more than one vote, the club
32 shall cast all votes for the same candidate. The name of the candidate for whom
33 the club has cast its vote(s) shall be verified by the secretary and president of the
34 club and forwarded to the governor in a sealed envelope provided therefor.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 It has been noted that clubs are formed in districts to gain strength in voting for
2 the governor-nominee. The governor and the club advisor control the decision to
3 vote, as the club president and other officers do not have any interaction with the
4 Rotarians in the district. It is therefore necessary to know the candidates, for
5 which attending district events and conferences can give such opportunity to the
6 new clubs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

7 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-52

To revise the challenge period for the nomination and election of governors

Proposer(s): Rotary E-Club of Mumbai Aces, District 3141, India

Endorsed by: District 3141 through a ballot-by-mail, 27 November-27 December 2017

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 62 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 14 Nominations and Elections for Governors**

4

5 **14.020. Nominating Procedure for Governor.**

6

7 14.020.11. *Challenging Nominations.*

8 The governor shall notify, within seven days following the deadline, all clubs in
9 the district where a valid challenging nomination has been received by the
10 deadline. Such notice shall include the name and qualifications of each such
11 challenging candidate, the names of the challenging and concurring clubs and
12 state that such candidates will be balloted upon in a ballot-by-mail or
13 alternatively at the district conference if the challenge remains effective ~~up to the~~
14 ~~date set by the governor~~ for 15 days.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

15 The purpose of this enactment is to define the length of the challenge period in
16 order to provide governors with guidelines as to the time and schedule of district
17 elections.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

18 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-53

To require that, if a governor becomes unable to serve, and there is no vice-governor, only a past governor shall be eligible to serve

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Mumbai Andheri, District 3141, India

Endorsed by: District 3141 through a ballot-by-mail, 27 November-27 December 2017

1 To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 27 MOP)

2

3 **Article 6 Officers**

4

5 **6.120. Vacancy in the Office of Governor.**

6

7 6.120.2. *Authority of Board and President.*

8 If there is no vice-governor, the board is authorized to elect a ~~qualified Rotarian~~
9 past governor, preferably from the same district, to fill a vacancy in the office of
10 governor for the unexpired term. The president may appoint a ~~qualified Rotarian~~
11 past governor, preferably from the same district, as acting governor until such
12 vacancy is filled by the board.

13

14 6.120.3. *Temporary Inability to Perform Duties of Governor.*

15 If there is no vice-governor, the president may appoint a ~~qualified Rotarian~~ past
16 governor, preferably from the same district, as acting governor during a period of
17 temporary inability of a governor to perform the duties of governor.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

18 Any replacement of a district governor should be done with a past governor. All
19 past governors have been trained at the International Assembly. Completion of
20 such training is mandatory before the governor-elect can take office as a
21 governor. Hence, any replacement of a governor has to be done by a past
22 governor who has undergone this training at the International Assembly. This
23 will ensure that district affairs are conducted in accordance with RI policies and
24 procedures.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

25 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-54

To amend the provisions for club voting at the district level

Proposer(s): District 9125, Nigeria

Endorsed by: District 9125 through a ballot-by-mail, 9-20 December 2017

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

2

3 *in article 13 (page 55 MOP)*

4

5 **Article 13 Nominations and Elections for Directors**

6

7 **13.020. Selection of Director-nominee and Alternate by Nominating**
8 **Committee Procedure.**

9

10 13.020.4. *Election.*

11 Except as provided in subsections 13.020.9. and 13.020.10., the member and the
12 alternate member of the nominating committee shall be elected at the annual
13 conference of the district in the year preceding the scheduled nomination.

14 For a club to participate in district voting for the selection of a member and
15 alternate member of the nominating committee for director, the club shall have
16 paid the approved district fund for the Rotary year in which the voting is taking
17 place and shall not be indebted to the district. The financial status of the club is
18 determined by the governor.

19

20 *and in article 14 (page 60 MOP)*

21

22 **Article 14 Nominations and Elections for Governors**

23

24 **14.020. Nominating Procedure for Governor.**

25

26 14.020.1. *Method of Selection of Governor-Nominee.*

27 Except for those districts in RIBI, a district shall select its governor-nominee
28 either by a nominating committee procedure as hereinafter provided or by a
29 ballot-by-mail as provided in sections 14.030. and 14.040. or, alternatively, at the
30 district conference as provided in subsection 14.020.13., the choice of which shall
31 be decided by a resolution adopted at a district conference by a majority of the
32 votes of the electors of the clubs present and voting. For a club to participate in
33 district voting for the election of governors-nominee, the club shall have paid the
34 approved district fund for the Rotary year in which the voting is taking place and
35 shall not be indebted to the district. The financial status of the club is determined
36 by the governor.

1 *and in article 16 (page 68 MOP)*

2
3 **Article 16 Districts**

4
5 **16.050. Conference and District Legislation Meeting Voting.**

6
7 16.050.1. *Electors.*

8 Each club in a district shall select, certify, and send to its annual district
9 conference and district legislation meeting (if one is held) at least one elector.

10 Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional
11 elector for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members. That is,
12 a club with a membership of up to 37 members is entitled to one elector, a club
13 with 38 to 62 members is entitled to two electors, a club with 63 to 87 members is
14 entitled to three electors and so on. Such membership shall be determined by the
15 number of members in the club as of the date of the most recent club invoice
16 preceding the date on which the vote is to be held. However, any club whose
17 membership in RI has been suspended by the board shall not be entitled to any
18 electors. Each elector shall be a member of the club. An elector must be present
19 at the district conference or a district legislation meeting to vote. For a club to
20 participate in any voting by electors at the district conference, the club shall have
21 paid the approved district fund for the Rotary year in which the voting is taking
22 place and shall not be indebted to the district. The financial status of the club is
23 determined by the governor.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

24 For a club to participate in district voting, such as the election of Council
25 representatives and alternates, the election of governors-nominee (by any of the
26 means approved by RI and adopted by the district), the selection of a member
27 and alternate member of the nominating committee for RI director, voting by
28 electors at the district conference, and any other voting at the district level, the
29 club shall have paid the approved district fund for the Rotary year in which the
30 voting is taking place and shall not be indebted to the district. The financial
31 status of the club is determined by the governor.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

32 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-55

To amend the process for nominations and elections by clubs in RIBI

Proposer(s): General Council of RIBI, England

Endorsed by: RIBI General Council, Manchester, Greater Manchester, England, April 2017

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

2

3 *in article 12 (page 47 MOP)*

4

5 **Article 12 Nominations and Elections for President**

6

7 **12.020. Nominating Committee for President.**

8

9 *12.020.2. Member from RIBI.*

10 The member from a zone wholly within RIBI shall be elected by ~~the clubs of that~~
11 ~~zone~~ all the clubs in RIBI by a ballot-by-mail in such form and at such time as the
12 general council of RIBI shall determine. The name of such member shall be
13 certified to the general secretary by the secretary of RIBI.

14

15 *and in article 13 (page 54 MOP)*

16

17 **Article 13 Nominations and Elections for Directors**

18

19 **13.010. Nominations for Directors by Zones.**

20 Nominations for directors shall be by zones, as hereinafter provided:

21

22 *13.010.7. Director from Zone in RIBI.*

23 The director from a zone or section of a zone wholly within RIBI shall be
24 nominated by ~~the clubs of that zone or section of a zone~~ all the clubs in RIBI by a
25 ballot-by-mail in such form and at such time as the general council of RIBI shall
26 determine. The name of such nominee shall be certified to the general secretary
27 by the secretary of RIBI.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

28 Nomination and election of the RI director in RIBI is currently per zone, with 11
29 RIBI districts in Zone 18a and 14 RIBI districts in Zone 17. This represents a fair
30 division of clubs by members in each zone for director nominations and elections.

1 Rezoning places seven RIBI districts out of the total 25 into a zone section,
2 leaving 18 districts wholly in one zone. This creates a likely imbalance of
3 availability for qualified Rotarians within RIBI to serve as director at the due
4 time.

5
6 Where either Zone 19 or Zone 20A are called to nominate a director, this
7 enactment will provide for all clubs in RIBI to nominate a qualified Rotarian
8 from either Zone 19 or Zone 20A for the position of director and for all clubs to
9 vote equally in the director elections. This enactment does not adversely impact
10 on any other zone within RI.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

11 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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Compromise Legislation

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-56

To eliminate the position of vice-governor

Proposer(s): District 3590, Korea
District 3662, Korea

Endorsed by: District 3590 through a ballot-by-mail, 30 October 2017
District 3662 through a ballot-by-mail, 27 December 2017

1 To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 27 MOP)

2

3 **Article 6 Officers**

4

5 **6.120. Vacancy in the Office of Governor.**

6

7 ~~6.120.1. Vice-Governor.~~

8 ~~The nominating committee for governor may select one available past governor,~~
9 ~~proposed by the governor elect, to be named vice-governor who shall serve~~
10 ~~during the year following selection. The role of the vice-governor will be to~~
11 ~~replace the governor in case of temporary or permanent inability to continue in~~
12 ~~the performance of the governor's duties. If no selection is made by the~~
13 ~~nominating committee, the governor elect may select a past governor as vice-~~
14 ~~governor.~~

15

16 ~~6.120.2. 6.120.1. Authority of Board and President.~~

17 ~~If there is no vice-governor~~ In the event of a vacancy in the office of governor, the
18 board is authorized to elect a qualified Rotarian past governor to fill a vacancy in
19 the office of governor for the unexpired term. The president may appoint a
20 qualified Rotarian past governor as acting governor until such vacancy is filled by
21 the board. If there is no available or qualified past governor, a qualified Rotarian
22 may be selected.

23

24 ~~6.120.3. 6.120.2. Temporary Inability to Perform Duties of Governor.~~

25 ~~If there is no vice-governor~~ In the event of a vacancy in the office of governor, the
26 president may appoint a qualified Rotarian past governor as acting governor
27 during a period of temporary inability of a governor to perform the duties of
28 governor. If there is no available or qualified past governor, a qualified Rotarian
29 may be selected.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 1 Eliminating the position of vice-governor will prevent the formation of a parallel
- 2 power structure within the district, thereby protecting against any undermining
- 3 of the governor’s leadership, possible lack of interest in district affairs among
- 4 past governors who are not the vice-governor, and a diminishment in past
- 5 governors’ sense of pride.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 6 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-57

To extend the deadline to submit the annual district statement

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

1 To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 69-70 MOP)

2

3 **Article 16 Districts**

4

5 **16.060. District Finances.**

6

7 16.060.4. *Annual Statement and Report of District Finances.*

8 ~~The~~ Within one year of serving as governor, the immediate past governor must
9 provide an independently reviewed annual statement and report of the district
10 finances ~~that has been independently reviewed~~ to each club in the district ~~within~~
11 ~~three months of the completion of the governor's year in office.~~ The immediate
12 past governor must provide the statement and report and have it discussed and
13 adopted at a district meeting to which all clubs are entitled to send a
14 representative and for which 30-days notice has been given. Alternatively, within
15 one year of ending his or her governor term, the immediate past governor may
16 ask the governor to conduct a ballot-by-mail for adoption of the statement and
17 report. The statement and report shall be sent no less than 30 days prior to the
18 ballot-by-mail. The governor shall start this process within 30 days of receiving
19 the request from the immediate past governor.

20

21 ~~It may~~ The statement and report shall be reviewed either by a qualified
22 accountant or by a district audit committee ~~as may be decided by the district~~
23 ~~conference.~~ If an the audit committee approach is selected, then ~~it~~ the committee
24 must:

25

(a) be composed of at least three members;

26

(b) ~~have all the members be active Rotarians~~ have its members selected in
27 accordance with established district procedures;

28

(c) ~~have~~ contain at least one member who is a past governor or a ~~person with~~
29 audit experience an independent person with financial literacy; and

30

(d) ~~not allow~~ contain the following ~~to serve on the audit committee~~ individuals
31 for the year in which they serve in these positions: governor, treasurer,
32 signatories of district bank accounts, and members of the finance
33 committee; and

34

(e) ~~have the members selected by the district in accordance with the~~
35 procedures established by the district.

- 1 ~~This annual~~ The statement and report shall include but not be limited to details
2 of:
3 (a) all sources of the district's funds (RI, The Rotary Foundation, district and
4 club);
5 (b) all funds received by or on behalf of the district from fundraising activities;
6 (c) grants received from The Rotary Foundation or funds of The Rotary
7 Foundation designated by the district for use;
8 (d) all financial transactions of district committees;
9 (e) all financial transactions of the governor by or on behalf of the district;
10 (f) all expenditures of the district's funds; and
11 (g) all funds received by the governor from RI.

12 ~~The annual statement and report shall be presented for discussion and adoption~~
13 ~~at the next district meeting to which all clubs are entitled to send a representative~~
14 ~~and for which 30 days notice has been given that the statement and report of~~
15 ~~district finances will be presented. If no such district meeting is held, the~~
16 ~~statement and report shall be presented for discussion and adoption at the next~~
17 ~~district conference. If the statement is not adopted after presentation, it shall be~~
18 ~~discussed and adopted within three months of the conclusion of the district~~
19 ~~conference at the next district meeting to which all clubs are entitled to send a~~
20 ~~representative and for which 30 days notice has been given that the statement~~
21 ~~and report of district finances will be presented. If a district meeting does not~~
22 ~~take place, the governor shall conduct a ballot by mail within 60 days thereafter.~~

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

23 The purpose of this enactment is to extend the deadline and simplify the process
24 for governors to seek approval from clubs regarding their annual statement and
25 report of district finances. Approximately 75% of districts are located in regions
26 with financial regulations and timelines that do not permit compliance with
27 reporting within the current three-month deadline. This change simplifies the
28 process and allows districts to comply with both local regulations and the RI
29 Bylaws.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

30 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

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_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-58

To amend the process for convening a district legislation meeting

Proposer(s): District 2640, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2640 through an annual district conference, Wakayama, Wakayama, Japan, 4 November 2017

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 67 MOP)*

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3 **Article 16 Districts**

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5 **16.040. District Conference and District Legislation Meeting.**

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7 16.040.1. *Time and Place.*

8 A conference of Rotarians of each district shall be held annually at such time and
9 place as agreed upon by the governor and the presidents of a majority of the clubs
10 of the district. The conference dates shall not conflict with the district training
11 assembly, the international assembly, or the international convention. The board
12 may authorize two or more districts to hold their conferences together. Further,
13 the district may hold a district legislation meeting at a time and place determined
14 by the governor, provided 21 days notice is given to all clubs in the district. If
15 one-third of the club presidents in a district submit to the governor a request to
16 convene a district legislation meeting, along with the items to be discussed, the
17 governor shall convene a district legislation meeting within eight weeks of such
18 request.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

19 When a district legislation meeting is requested by a certain number of club
20 presidents within the district, the governor should comply with their request and
21 make arrangements for the meeting. The governor should also decide on specific
22 procedures for the meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

23 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-59

To require codification of and continuing effect to recommendations adopted at a district conference or legislation meeting

Proposer(s): District 3662, Korea

Endorsed by: District 3662 through a ballot-by-mail, 27 December 2017

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 67 MOP)*

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3 **Article 16 Districts**

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5 **16.040. District Conference and District Legislation Meeting.**

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7 *16.040.3. Conference and District Legislation Meeting Actions.*

8 A district conference and district legislation meeting may adopt
9 recommendations upon matters of importance in its district, provided such
10 action shall be in accordance with the constitution and bylaws and in keeping
11 with the spirit and principles of Rotary. Any adopted recommendation shall
12 remain in effect unless it is repealed or revised through a resolution at a
13 subsequent district conference or legislation meeting. For effective
14 implementation, each district shall compile a manual (district code of policies) of
15 recommendations adopted in the previous three to five years, which it
16 consistently manages and shares with clubs. Each district conference and district
17 legislation meeting shall also consider and act upon all matters submitted to it for
18 consideration by the board and may adopt resolutions thereon.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

19 Each district may have long-term or limited-term projects and policies that it
20 wishes to implement on the basis of its unique circumstances. Such projects or
21 policies can be launched via a resolution at a district conference or legislation
22 meeting, but there is no written provision on their effective period or
23 enforceability, nor are they managed systematically in a document like the Rotary
24 Code of Policies. This has led to the following issues:

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- 26 • Resolutions are often neglected and abandoned after two or three years.
- 27 • Some governors either overlook or purposely disregard the resolutions
- 28 adopted during their predecessor's term.
- 29 • The majority of governors focus on short-term projects and policies that can
- 30 be achieved within a year, rather than on long-term, multiyear projects.
- 31 • It is difficult to implement policies that seek to advance the district from a
- 32 long-term perspective.

1 Therefore, by mandating that the effective periods of resolutions be established in
2 writing and that such resolutions be collected and compiled into a district code of
3 policies for distribution and maintenance at the district and club level, we can
4 increase interest in and awareness of district resolutions and create the
5 conditions for their long-term continuation and implementation, thus
6 contributing to the advancement of the district.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

7 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-60

To provide for a uniform process for removing officers and committee members for cause

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

1 To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows

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in article 5 (page 23 MOP)

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Article 5 Board of Directors

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5.040. Powers of the Board.

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5.040.2. Controls and Supervises Officers and Committees.

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The board shall exercise control and supervision over all officers, officers-elect, officers-nominee, officers-nominee-designate, and committees of RI.

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5.040.3. Suspension and Removal of Officers and Committee Members

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The president or board may remove suspend an officer, officer-elect, officer-nominee, officer-nominee-designate or committee member for cause, ~~following a hearing which may include the inability to fulfill satisfactorily the duties and responsibilities of the office or position as provided in the bylaws.~~ The person to ~~be removed~~ suspended must be provided written notice ~~containing a copy of the charges at least 60 days before the hearing thereon of the suspension, including the basis for the suspension, and shall be given an opportunity to submit to the board, through the general secretary, any relevant information.~~ Such notice shall specify the time and place of such hearing and shall be served personally, by mail, or other rapid means of communication. At the hearing, such person may be represented by counsel. A vote to remove such officer, officer-elect, officer-nominee, or committee member must be passed by a two-thirds vote of the entire board. After considering all pertinent information, the board shall, within one year of the date the suspension begins, either remove the person from office or position by a two-thirds vote or withdraw the suspension. The board shall also have the ~~additional~~ powers provided in section 6.120.

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A person removed from office shall not be considered a past officer. A vacancy in any office or position shall be filled in accordance with the bylaws.

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and in article 14 (page 64 MOP)

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Article 14 Nominations and Elections for Governors

38

14.060. Rejection ~~or Suspension~~ of Governor-nominee.

1 ~~14.060.1. Failure to Meet Qualifications.~~

2 Any nominee for governor who does not meet the prescribed qualifications and
3 requirements shall be rejected and shall not be presented by the general secretary
4 to the convention for election.

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6 ~~14.060.2. Suspension of Nomination.~~

7 Notwithstanding the receipt of a signed statement from a governor nominee, the
8 board may suspend such nomination where it has cause to believe that the
9 nominee would be unable to fulfill satisfactorily the duties and responsibilities of
10 the office as provided in the bylaws. The governor and nominee shall be
11 informed of such suspension and the nominee shall be given an opportunity to
12 submit to the board, through the governor and the general secretary, additional
13 information with reference to the nominee's ability to assume the duties and
14 responsibilities of the office of governor. The board shall consider all pertinent
15 circumstances including such information as may be submitted by the nominee
16 and either reject the nomination of the nominee by a two-thirds vote or withdraw
17 the suspension.

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19 ~~14.060.3. Rejection of Nominee.~~

20 The general secretary shall advise the governor of the district concerned where
21 the nomination of the nominee has been rejected by the board. The general
22 secretary shall provide the reasons for such rejection and the governor shall so
23 advise such nominee. Where time permits, the governor shall conduct a ballot
24 by mail in the district to select another nominee for governor in accordance with
25 the provisions of the bylaws. Where a district fails to select an acceptable and
26 qualified nominee for governor, such nominee shall be selected in accordance
27 with section 14.070.

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29 and in article 16 (page 72 MOP)

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31 **Article 16 Districts**

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33 ~~16.110. Removal from Office.~~

34 The president may remove a governor from office for cause where a governor is
35 not performing the duties and responsibilities of the office as deemed sufficient
36 by the president. In such cases, the president shall notify and advise the
37 governor that said officer has 30 days to show reason why the governor should
38 not be removed from office. The president may remove the governor from office
39 at the end of the 30-day period where the governor has failed to provide adequate
40 reason, in the judgment of the president. A governor removed from office under
41 this section shall not be considered to be a past governor.

(Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 1 The current RI Bylaws provide multiple procedures for suspending or removing
- 2 officers for cause. It is recommended that there be one, uniform procedure for
- 3 suspending and removing RI officers, officers-elect, officers-nominee, officers-
- 4 nominee-designate, and committee members. The proposed enactment ensures
- 5 that individuals have an opportunity to provide information to the RI Board,
- 6 before it decides whether to remove the individual from office or position for
- 7 cause, or to withdraw the suspension.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 8 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-61

To amend the duties of the Board

Proposer(s): District 2740, Japan
District 2840, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2740 through an annual district conference, Saga, Saga, Japan, 18 November 2017
District 2840 through an annual district conference, Takasaki, Gunma, Japan, 19 November 2017

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 22 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 5 Board of Directors**

4

5 **5.010. Duties of the Board.**

6 The board is responsible for doing whatever may be necessary for the furtherance
7 of the purposes of RI, the attainment of the Object of Rotary, the study and
8 teaching of its fundamentals, the preservation of its ideals, ethics, and unique
9 features of organization, and its extension throughout the world. In order to
10 fulfill the purposes of article 3 of the RI constitution, the board shall adopt a
11 strategic plan. The board shall oversee its implementation in each zone. The
12 board shall report on the progress of the strategic plan at each meeting of the
13 council on legislation. Each director shall regularly report on the decisions of the
14 board and his/her activities as director to the members in his/her zone and the
15 alternate/paired zone.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

16 Many Rotarians are provided with little opportunity to learn of the decisions
17 made within RI and the decisions that will determine its direction for the future.
18 This is particularly true in countries where English is not spoken and Rotarians
19 do not receive the latest information about Rotary. The purpose of this
20 enactment is to enhance communications for Rotarians by requesting each
21 director to publish articles on the updates of RI and the activities of the RI Board,
22 including Board decisions, in the monthly Rotary regional magazines or the
23 website of each zone or district, in order to promote awareness of the Rotary
24 movement and share information, as well as vision.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

25 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-62

To provide that the general secretary is the chief executive officer of RI

Proposer(s): District 5190, USA

Endorsed by: District 5190 through a ballot-by-mail, 11-27 December 2017

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 28 MOP)*

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3 **Article 6 Officers**

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5 **6.140. Duties of Officers.**

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7 6.140.3. *General Secretary.*

8 The general secretary shall be the chief ~~operating~~ executive officer of RI. As chief
9 ~~operating executive~~ officer, the general secretary shall be responsible for the day-
10 to-day management of RI under the direction and control of the board. The
11 general secretary shall be responsible to the president and board for the
12 implementation of its policies and for the operations and administration,
13 including the financial operation, of RI. The general secretary also shall
14 communicate with Rotarians and clubs the policies established by the board. The
15 general secretary shall be solely responsible for the supervision of the secretariat
16 staff. The general secretary shall make an annual report to the board. Upon
17 approval by the board, the annual report shall be submitted to the convention.
18 The general secretary shall give bond for the faithful discharge of those duties in a
19 sum and with sureties as required by the board.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

20 This proposal seeks to update the designation of the general secretary from chief
21 operating officer to chief executive officer. This proposal does not seek to
22 eliminate the title of general secretary or change the existing duties and
23 responsibilities of the general secretary.

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25 This proposal recognizes that the role of the general secretary has evolved over
26 the years and is currently much closer to that of a chief executive officer than
27 simply a chief operating officer. In addition to the responsibilities currently
28 listed in RI Bylaws subsection 6.140.3., for instance, the RI Board also requests
29 the general secretary to assist the RI Board and Trustees in long-range planning
30 and policy formation and to act on its behalf in carrying out many of the Board's
31 responsibilities between meetings. Not only is the title "chief executive officer" a
32 more accurate description of the general secretary's role, but this change would

- 1 clarify the role and responsibilities of the general secretary to Rotarians and non-
- 2 Rotarians.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 3 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-63

To remove the delay before a change to district boundaries takes effect

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Maryville, District 6780, USA

Endorsed by: District 6780 through a ballot-by-mail, 25 September-16 October 2017

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 66 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 16 Districts**

4

5 **16.010. How Established.**

6 The board is authorized to group the clubs into districts. The president shall
7 promulgate a list of such districts and their boundaries. Such action shall be at
8 the direction of the board. The board may assign a club that conducts interactive
9 activities to any district.

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11 *16.010.1. Eliminating and Changing Boundaries.*

12 The board may eliminate or change the boundaries of any district with more than
13 100 clubs or fewer than 1,100 Rotarians, and in conjunction with any such
14 change, the board may move the clubs from such districts into adjacent districts.
15 The board also may merge such districts with other districts or divide the
16 districts. Otherwise, no change shall be made to the boundaries of any district
17 over the objection of a majority of the total number of clubs in the district. The
18 board may eliminate or change the boundaries of a district only after consulting
19 with and providing reasonable opportunity for the governors and clubs of the
20 districts involved to provide a recommendation on the proposed change. The
21 board shall take into account geographical boundaries, potential for district
22 growth, and cultural, economic, language, and other relevant factors. ~~Any~~
23 ~~decision by the board to eliminate or change district boundaries shall not be~~
24 ~~effective for at least two years.~~ The board shall establish procedures as to
25 administration, leadership and representation for future or merged districts.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

26 The sentence in subsection 16.010.1. that this enactment eliminates was added by
27 the 2016 Council on Legislation, and clubs and districts have experienced
28 unintended negative impacts as a result of the minimum two-year time
29 restriction for districting changes to take effect. The restriction is unnecessary
30 since the RI Board and the Districting Committee have always worked with
31 districts for a minimum of two years prior to a merger and will often grant

1 extensions beyond that time unless the districts request a shorter time frame.
2 Districts subject to a merger have two years to develop their membership growth
3 plan and a plan for reorganizing clubs. In the case of a district split, the district
4 determines the time frame, but a minimum of two years is recommended and
5 allowed. From time to time, districts request that a redistricting merger or split
6 take place in less than two years, which subsection 16.010.1. now prevents.
7 Additionally, the Rotary Code of Policies provides that the RI Board can transfer
8 up to 10 clubs from one district to another with approval from the clubs and both
9 districts. Clubs often request that the movement take place in less than two
10 years.

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12 The rationale of the 2016 Council on Legislation in adding the two-year
13 restriction was to ensure that districts have adequate time for the governor-elect
14 and governor-nominee to serve. The change was unnecessary because the two-
15 year time frame has always been allowed and elected and nominated governors
16 serve prior to the districting changes taking effect.

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18 The current restriction now requires the minimum two-year period before a
19 districting action takes effect even if the districts and/or clubs affected would
20 prefer a shorter time frame. The proposal to remove this restriction enables each
21 case of a merger, split, or transfer of clubs to be handled in a manner that the
22 affected districts recommend and request.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

23 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-64

To revise the Board's authority to change district boundaries

Proposer(s): District 9810, Australia

Endorsed by: District 9810 through a ballot-by-mail, 29 November-15
December 2017

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 66 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 16 Districts**

4

5 **16.010. How Established.**

6 The board is authorized to group the clubs into districts. The president shall
7 promulgate a list of such districts and their boundaries. Such action shall be at
8 the direction of the board. The board may assign a club that conducts interactive
9 activities to any district.

10

11 *16.010.1. Eliminating and Changing Boundaries.*

12 The board may eliminate or change the boundaries of any district with more than
13 100 clubs or fewer than 1,100 Rotarians, and in conjunction with any such
14 change, the board may move the clubs from such districts into adjacent districts.
15 The board also may merge such districts with other districts or divide the
16 districts. Otherwise, no change shall be made to the boundaries of any district
17 over the objection of a majority of the total number of clubs in the district. The
18 board may eliminate or change the boundaries of a district only after consulting
19 with and providing reasonable opportunity for the governors and clubs of the
20 districts involved to provide a recommendation on the proposed change. The
21 board shall take into account the effectiveness of a district's contribution to
22 Rotary's mission, geographical boundaries, potential for district growth, and
23 cultural, economic, language, and other relevant factors before eliminating or
24 changing the boundaries of districts with fewer than 1,100 Rotarians. Any
25 decision by the board to eliminate or change district boundaries shall not be
26 effective for at least two years. The board shall establish procedures as to
27 administration, leadership and representation for future or merged districts.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

28 This enactment seeks to mitigate the risk of unintended consequences of
29 eliminating districts and changing boundaries. It will enable the RI Board to
30 provide exemptions to highly effective undersized districts to continue to operate;
31 whereby, eliminating a district or changing its boundaries based on numbers of

1 Rotarians risks further decline in membership and productivity, impacting on
2 districts' achieving Rotary's mission.

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4 While eliminating districts to create larger geographic units to satisfy club and
5 Rotarian numbers criteria may generate savings for RI, additional costs are
6 passed on to districts and Rotarians through increased operating expenses in
7 administering larger geographic areas (such as travel and accommodation
8 expenses for each Rotarian whenever training and group communication
9 meetings are required). Experience in Australia has shown that membership
10 decline continues after district restructuring, with the loss of nearly 6,000
11 Rotarians across Australia despite restructuring.

12
13 Reworking district boundaries does not address the ubiquitous issues in many
14 clubs of ageing membership and outdated meeting culture, issues that keep clubs
15 out of step with the current needs of society.

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17 District restructuring continues to mask the underlying problem, by joining up
18 larger numbers of under-performing smaller clubs (dilution of energy and effort).
19 This suggests that the first step in the sequence of revitalizing Rotary in Australia
20 is not a numbers game (clubs/members), but linked to strong, visionary
21 leadership and greater Rotarian engagement (concentration of energy and effort).
22 This can be facilitated by geographically optimized groupings of clubs with a
23 natural affinity for working together. The unintended consequences of
24 restructuring may be a one-way street for many Australian Rotary districts, that
25 may reach a tipping point beyond which Rotary in Australia cannot recover
26 (similar to the demise of Apex Clubs in Australia).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

27 This enactment could have a substantial financial impact on RI that cannot be
28 determined at this time. Cost would increase if the RI Board maintains districts
29 with fewer than 1,100 Rotarians.

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31 The estimated average RI cost per district is US\$35,000 for direct expenses only,
32 which is primarily driven by funding for district governors, governors-elect
33 training at the International Assembly, and district representative expenses for
34 the Council on Legislation.

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36 Currently, there are 36 districts with fewer than 1,100 members.

VOTE TOTALS

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_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-65

To revise the Board's authority to change district boundaries and base zones on the number of clubs

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Santiago del Estero, District 4849, Argentina
Endorsed by: District 4849 through an annual district conference, Termas de Río Hondo, Santiago del Estero, Argentina, 27 May 2017

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

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3 *in article 13 (page 53 MOP)*

4

5 **Article 13 Nominations and Elections for Directors**

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7 **13.010. Nominations for Directors by Zones.**

8 Nominations for directors shall be by zones, as hereinafter provided:

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10 13.010.1. *Number of Zones.*

11 The world shall be divided into 34 zones that are approximately equal in number
12 of Rotarians clubs.

13

14 *and in article 16 (page 66 MOP)*

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16 **Article 16 Districts**

17

18 **16.010. How Established.**

19

20 16.010.1. *Eliminating and Changing Boundaries.*

21 The board may eliminate or change the boundaries of any district with more than
22 100 clubs or fewer than 1,100 Rotarians or fewer than 55 clubs, and in

23 conjunction with any such change, the board may move the clubs from such
24 districts into adjacent districts. The board also may merge such districts with
25 other districts or divide the districts. Otherwise, no change shall be made to the
26 boundaries of any district over the objection of a majority of the total number of
27 clubs in the district. The board may eliminate or change the boundaries of a
28 district only after consulting with and providing reasonable opportunity for the
29 governors and clubs of the districts involved to provide a recommendation on the
30 proposed change. The board shall take into account geographical boundaries,
31 potential for district growth, and cultural, economic, language, and other relevant
32 factors. Any decision by the board to eliminate or change district boundaries
33 shall not be effective for at least two years. The board shall establish procedures
34 as to administration, leadership and representation for future or merged districts.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 For more than 20 years, RI has been growing only in the number of clubs, not in
2 the number of members. As Rotary is an organization of Rotary clubs, this
3 growth is unobjectionable, but it is regrettable that our clubs are getting smaller.

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5 According to the current numbers, there are approximately 35,200 clubs with
6 1,230,000 members. Administratively, there are 535 districts and 34 zones.
7 Twenty years ago, there were 27,000 clubs, a very similar number of members,
8 and 516 districts.

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10 This means that in 20 years, the number of clubs has increased by approximately
11 30 percent.

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13 It is the intent of this enactment that the number of clubs and not the number of
14 members be taken into consideration when designating zones and districts. This
15 will help to make the administrative operations run more efficiently, it will avoid
16 forced alliances, etc.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

17 This enactment could have a financial impact on RI which cannot be determined
18 at this time. Cost would depend on the scope and extent of support provided by
19 the RI Board to eliminate and change district boundaries.

20
21 The estimated average RI cost per district is US\$35,000 for direct expenses only,
22 which is primarily driven by funding for district governors, governors-elect
23 training at the International Assembly, and district representative expenses for
24 the Council on Legislation.

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26 Currently, 197 districts would be potentially impacted:

- 27 • 36 districts with fewer than 1,100 members
28 • 189 districts with fewer than 55 clubs (of which 28 districts also have fewer
29 than 1,100 members)

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Adopted as Amended

Referred to Board

Rejected

Postponed

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-66

To remove the name of the official magazine from the RI Bylaws

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

1 To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 81 MOP)

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3 **Article 21 Official Magazine**

4

5 **21.010. Authority for Publishing Official Magazine.**

6 The board shall be responsible for publishing an official magazine of RI. The
7 official magazine shall be published in as many editions as the board shall
8 authorize, the basic edition being published in English ~~and being known as~~ *THE*
9 *ROTARIAN*. The purpose of the official magazine shall be to serve as a medium
10 to assist the board in furthering the purposes of RI and the Object of Rotary.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

11 This proposal removes the requirement from the RI Bylaws that the official
12 magazine of RI will be named *The Rotarian*. It is intended to give the Board the
13 ability to change the name of the official magazine and allow the Board to be
14 more nimble and flexible to achieve Rotary's marketing objectives to increase
15 awareness and interest in Rotary.

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17 Globally, 29 out of the 33 Rotary-licensed magazines have already made the
18 transition to using *Rotary* in their titles, with the localized name below the title
19 (i.e., *Rotary Down Under*, *Rotary No Tomo*, *Rotary Brasil*). This naming model
20 is clear, concise, and resonates with members and the broader public.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

21 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-67

To remove the publication and subscription requirements for the official magazine and regional magazines

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Parys, District 9370, Lesotho and South Africa
Endorsed by: District 9370 through a ballot-by-mail, November-December 2017

1 To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 81-82 MOP)

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3 ~~**Article 21 Official Magazine**~~

4
5 ~~**21.010. Authority for Publishing Official Magazine.**~~

6 The board shall be responsible for publishing an official magazine of RI. The
7 official magazine shall be published in as many editions as the board shall
8 authorize, the basic edition being published in English and being known as *THE*
9 *ROTARIAN*. The purpose of the official magazine shall be to serve as a medium
10 to assist the board in furthering the purposes of RI and the Object of Rotary.

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12 ~~**21.020. Subscription Prices.**~~

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14 ~~**21.020.1. Price.**~~

15 The board shall determine the subscription price of all editions of the official
16 magazine.

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18 ~~**21.020.2. Required Subscription.**~~

19 Each member of a club in the United States and Canada shall become a paid
20 subscriber to the official magazine for the duration of such membership. Two
21 Rotarians residing at the same address have the option to subscribe jointly to the
22 official magazine. Such subscription shall be collected by the club from its
23 members and forwarded to RI on behalf of the member. Each member shall have
24 the option to choose to receive either a printed copy by mail or an electronic copy
25 via the internet.

26
27 ~~**21.020.3. Magazine Income.**~~

28 The income generated by the magazine in a year shall not be used during that
29 year for purposes other than its publication and improvement. Any excess
30 income over expenditure shall be transferred to the general fund surplus of RI at
31 the end of the year, unless otherwise provided by the board.

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33 ~~**21.030. Subscription to Magazines.**~~

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35 ~~**21.030.1. Required Subscription.**~~

36 Each member of a club not located in the United States or Canada shall become a
37 paid subscriber to the official magazine of RI or to a Rotary magazine approved

1 and prescribed for that club by the board. Two Rotarians residing at the same
2 address have the option to subscribe jointly to the official magazine or the Rotary
3 magazine approved and prescribed by the board for their club or clubs. The
4 members shall maintain such subscriptions for the duration of their membership.
5 Each member shall have the option to choose to receive either a printed copy by
6 mail or an electronic copy via the internet where available.

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8 ~~21.030.2. Exceptions to Subscription Requirement.~~

9 A club may be excused by the board from complying with the provisions of this
10 section if its members are not literate in any of the languages of the official
11 magazine or the Rotary magazine approved by the board for such club.

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13 (Subsequent articles will be renumbered as appropriate)

14
15 And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows
16 (page 98 MOP)

17
18 **Article 17 Rotary Magazines**

19 **Section 1** — ~~Mandatory Subscription.~~ Unless, in accordance with the bylaws of
20 RI, this club is excused by the board of directors of RI from complying with the
21 provisions of this article, each member shall, for the duration of membership,
22 subscribe to the official magazine or to the magazine approved and prescribed
23 for this club by the board of directors of RI. Two Rotarians residing at the same
24 address have the option to subscribe jointly to the official magazine or the
25 Rotary magazine approved and prescribed by the board for their club or clubs.
26 The subscription shall be paid on such dates as established by the board for the
27 payment of per capita dues for the duration of membership in this club.

28 **Section 2** — ~~Subscription Collection.~~ The subscription shall be collected by this
29 club from each member in advance and remitted to the Secretariat of RI or to
30 the office of such regional publications as may be determined by the board of
31 directors of RI.

(Subsequent articles will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

32 Traditionally, official Rotary magazines have been an important way for the RI
33 president and the RI Board to reach all Rotary members all over the world to give
34 information and to spread ideas.

35
36 However, the world has changed. More people now reach for their news on their
37 smartphone, tablet, or laptop, than pick up a traditional magazine or newspaper.
38 Both RI and RIBI have recognized this. RI has made a major investment in
39 rotary.org to showcase Rotary to the general public and in My Rotary for
40 Rotarians worldwide. RIBI relaunched its magazine, *Rotary*, as an online news

1 portal in February 2018. Updated daily, members will be able to submit their
2 own news, images, and videos.

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4 Most Rotary clubs now use social media and messaging apps such as Whats App
5 to communicate both internally and with their local community. There are new
6 free Rotary online newspapers, such as *The Rotary World* on Twitter daily. For
7 local printed publicity material, there is now a club brochure on the RI website
8 which can be downloaded and customized. This is likely to be more relevant to
9 the local community.

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11 The cost is also an issue, particularly in areas of the world such as Asia and Africa
12 where wages are much lower than in the USA or Europe. In these areas, the
13 magazine is a significant part of the cost of Rotary.

14
15 The effect is that RI has no responsibility to produce a magazine and no Rotarian
16 has an obligation to subscribe to one.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

17 This enactment would result in a substantial decrease in revenues and expenses if
18 RI is not required to publish a magazine and subscription is not mandatory.

19
20 If the magazine is eliminated (based on 2016-2017 data):

- 21
22 • revenues would decrease by US\$6.2 million (subscriptions US\$5.9 million
23 and advertising US\$300,000)
- 24
25 • direct expenses would decrease by US\$4.7 million (primarily paper, printing,
26 postage, and editorial staffing)
- 27
28 • indirect expenses estimated at US\$1.3 million would also be impacted
29 (primarily technology, visual media, and Secretariat staffing outside of
30 editorial and overheads)

31
32 If the requirement to subscribe to an official magazine were removed from the RI
33 Bylaws, the RI Board would have discretion to continue publishing a magazine or
34 to eliminate it. If the RI Board continued to publish the magazine in its current
35 format, this would result in an increased cost per copy of each magazine due to a
36 smaller print run. There would also be increased expenses for technology
37 modifications required to maintain appropriate subscriber data.

38
39 Revenues and expenses for regional magazines are not recorded by RI. However,
40 the publishers of regional magazines would experience a similar unfavorable
41 impact on their circulation, revenues, and expenses.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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Compromise Legislation

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-68

To amend the subscription requirements for the official magazine and regional magazines

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Helsingborg-Kärnan, District 2390, Sweden
Rotary Club of Cromwell, District 9980, New Zealand

Endorsed by: District 2390 through an annual district conference, Malmö, Sweden, 7 October 2017
District 9980 through an annual district conference, Wanaka, Otago, New Zealand, 13 May 2017

1 To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 81-82 MOP)

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3 **Article 21 Official Magazine**

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5 **21.020. Subscription Prices.**

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7 21.020.2. *Required Subscription.*

8 Each member of a club in the United States and Canada shall have the option to
9 become a paid subscriber to the official magazine for the duration of such
10 membership. Two Rotarians residing at the same address ~~have the option to~~ may
11 subscribe jointly to the official magazine. Such subscription shall be collected by
12 the club from its subscribing members and forwarded to RI on behalf of the
13 subscribing member. Each subscribing member shall have the option to choose
14 to receive either a printed copy by mail or an electronic copy via the internet.

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16 **21.030. Subscription to Magazines.**

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18 21.030.1. *Required Subscription.*

19 Each member of a club not located in the United States or Canada shall have the
20 option to become a paid subscriber to the official magazine of RI or to a Rotary
21 magazine approved and prescribed for that club by the board. Two Rotarians
22 residing at the same address ~~have the option to~~ may subscribe jointly to the
23 official magazine or the Rotary magazine approved and prescribed by the board
24 for their club or clubs. The subscribing members shall maintain such
25 subscriptions for the duration of their membership. Each subscribing member
26 shall have the option to choose to receive either a printed copy by mail or an
27 electronic copy via the internet where available.

28

29 ~~21.030.2. *Exceptions to Subscription Requirement.*~~

30 ~~A club may be excused by the board from complying with the provisions of this~~
31 ~~section if its members are not literate in any of the languages of the official~~
32 ~~magazine or the Rotary magazine approved by the board for such club.~~

1 And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows
2 (page 98 MOP)

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4 **Article 17 Rotary Magazines**

5 **Section 1** — *Mandatory Subscription*. ~~Unless, in accordance with the bylaws of~~
6 ~~RI, this club is excused by the board of directors of RI from complying with the~~
7 ~~provisions of this article, each member shall, for the duration of membership,~~
8 Each member may subscribe to the official magazine or to the magazine
9 approved and prescribed for this club by the board of directors of RI. Two
10 Rotarians residing at the same address ~~have the option to~~ may subscribe jointly
11 to the official magazine or the Rotary magazine approved and prescribed by the
12 board for their club or clubs. ~~The subscription shall be~~ Each member who
13 subscribes shall ensure the subscription is paid on such dates as established by
14 the board for the payment of per capita dues for the duration of membership in
15 this club.

16 **Section 2** — *Subscription Collection*. ~~The subscription~~ Subscriptions payable (if
17 any) shall be collected by this club from each member who subscribes in
18 advance and remitted to the Secretariat of RI or to the office of such regional
19 publications as may be determined by the board of directors of RI.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

20 Traditionally, official Rotary magazines have been an important way for the RI
21 president and the RI Board to reach Rotarians all over the world to give
22 information and to disseminate ideas. Rotarians all over the world were also able
23 to use the magazines to exchange ideas and information. This traditionally was
24 the accepted format to distribute this type of information.

25
26 Today, communication of information and ideas throughout the world, including
27 from RI, tends to prefer the digital channels. Such channels are considered to be
28 more cost effective and timely, as they provide for more immediate distribution
29 to Rotarians with a lower cost structure.

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31 RI has been using such digital channels via blogs, targeted specific topic email
32 newsletters, and social media postings to inform members and disseminate ideas
33 through the RI website for some time now. As a result of the digital information
34 provided, much of the material in the magazines is similar to that already
35 provided by digital media. It is, therefore, of lesser interest when it reaches
36 Rotarians. Where the articles presently contained in the official Rotary
37 magazines are not already duplicated, they could easily be incorporated into the
38 other digital channels to consolidate the many forms of communications now
39 available.

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41 RI communications such as blogs, social media stories, and specific topic
42 newsletters are paid from Rotarian member dues rather than by a special

1 subscription. This causes members to question why they are also required to pay
2 separately for information that could be considered already available for no
3 additional cost. While appreciating that there is still a cost to provide the
4 information in digital form, the discrepancy between paying separately for the
5 magazine and not paying separately for digital media creates an inequity that
6 does not appear fair and reasonable.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

7 This enactment could result in a substantial decrease in net revenues for RI
8 which cannot be determined at this time, dependent upon the number of
9 Rotarians who opt to subscribe to *The Rotarian*.

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11 A reduced circulation will decrease subscription and advertising revenues, but
12 the cost per copy of each magazine will increase as a result of a smaller print run.

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14 Current revenue and expenses based on 2016-2017 data for 427,000 subscribers:

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- revenues US\$6.2 million (subscriptions US\$5.9 million and advertising US\$300,000)
- direct expenses US\$4.7 million (primarily paper, printing, postage, and editorial staffing)
- indirect expenses estimated at US\$1.3 million (primarily technology, visual media, and secretariat staffing outside of editorial and overheads)

Additional expenses would be incurred for process and technology modifications required to maintain appropriate subscriber data.

Revenues and expenses for regional magazines are not recorded by RI. However, the publishers of regional magazines would experience a similar unfavorable impact on their circulation, revenues, and expenses.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-69

To prohibit the release of members' personal information

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Potomac-Bethesda, District 7620, USA

Endorsed by: District 7620 through an annual district conference, College Park, Maryland, USA, 5-7 May 2017

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 22 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 4 Membership in Clubs**

4

5 **4.120. Member Information.**

6 RI shall not release Rotarians' personal information to outside organizations (i.e.,
7 any entity that is not managed by, administered by, or otherwise associated with
8 RI, The Rotary Foundation, or any Rotary entity) without the express permission
9 of the member. However, RI may release information as required by law or if
10 pertinent to judicial or governmental investigations.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

11 Rotarians are reporting that they are receiving solicitations because of the release
12 of Rotarians' contact information from RI. The Rotary Code of Policies states
13 that RI "collects personal information about Rotary club members to be used
14 solely for the purpose of conducting...core business activities." However, the
15 Rotary Code of Policies allows for the RI Board to release information to outside
16 organizations without requesting the Rotarian's express permission. The Rotary
17 Code of Policies states:

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19 At the direction of the RI Board of Directors, RI may occasionally participate in
20 special advertising and/or marketing initiatives that involve the release of
21 membership information. RI will notify Rotarians about these initiatives and
22 give them the opportunity to decline to participate.

23

24 This proposed enactment would add a new section to the RI Bylaws that reflects
25 some of the current language in the Rotary Code of Policies, but makes clear that
26 "RI shall not release Rotarians' personal information to outside organizations
27 (i.e., any entity that is not managed by, administered by, or otherwise associated
28 with RI, The Rotary Foundation, or any Rotary entity) without the express
29 permission of the member." The method of determining express permission is at
30 the discretion of the RI Board.

1 Note: Rotary’s website privacy policy, posted at
2 <https://www.rotary.org/en/privacy-policy>, states “Rotary may change, add,
3 modify or remove portions of this policy at any time, which shall become effective
4 immediately upon posting on this page.”

FINANCIAL IMPACT

5 This enactment is unlikely to have a substantial financial impact on RI because
6 Rotary has a project in progress to address data protection and data privacy
7 matters. Rotary’s policy regarding Rotarian data and information has been
8 amended to comply with the European Union’s General Data Protection
9 Regulation (GDPR). The project is scheduled to be completed prior to the 2019
10 Council on Legislation meeting.

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12 In 2017, Rotary began evaluating its data privacy policies, data management
13 practices, and data-sharing agreements with third parties as part of the effort to
14 adopt and achieve compliance with GDPR. GDPR is regulation intended to
15 strengthen and unify data protection for individuals within the European Union;
16 however, organizations that are impacted by GDPR are adopting these
17 regulations globally. To minimize risks and costs, Rotary plans to not implement
18 a person-by-person position to data privacy but instead adopt an all-inclusive
19 policy that complies with GDPR standards.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-70

To amend the provisions for terminating the membership of a club

Proposer(s): District 1760, France

Endorsed by: District 1760 through an annual district conference, Mazan, France, 24 June 2017

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 19 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 3 Resignation, Suspension or Termination of Membership in**
4 **RI**

5

6 **3.030. Board Authority to Discipline, Suspend, or Terminate a Club.**

7

8 3.030.3. Termination for Lack of Members.

9 The board may terminate a club upon the request of the governor if its
10 membership falls below six members.

(Subsequent subsections will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

11 It seems desirable for the governor to be able to request the RI Board to
12 terminate clubs whose membership falls below six members.

13

14 Without this possibility, the governor is currently unable to ask for the
15 termination of clubs which, because of their insufficient membership, are no
16 longer able to contribute to the goals of Rotary or to have any serious prospect of
17 development.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

18 This enactment would result in a decrease in per capita dues revenue for RI.
19 Based on July 2017 data regarding club membership, there are approximately
20 300 clubs with fewer than 6 members. The total number of members in those
21 clubs is approximately 1,300. This proposed enactment would impact clubs with
22 five members or fewer. If these clubs were to be terminated, this would decrease
23 annual revenues by approximately US\$83,000 based on US\$64 annual per capita
24 dues. However, it is possible that clubs with six or fewer members may merge
25 with larger clubs in their vicinity.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-71

To remove past RI presidents as members of the Councils and eliminate the Council of Past Presidents

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Parys, District 9370, Lesotho and South Africa
Endorsed by: District 9370 through a ballot-by-mail, November-December 2017

1 To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows

2
3 in article 9 (page 34 MOP)

4
5 **Article 9 Members of the Council on Legislation and Council on**
6 **Resolutions**

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8 **9.010. Members of the Council on Legislation and Council on Resolutions.**

9 The council on legislation and the council on resolutions shall be composed of the
10 following voting and non-voting members:

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12 ~~9.010.5. Past Presidents.~~

13 All past presidents of RI shall be non-voting members of the councils.

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15 (Subsequent subsections will be renumbered as appropriate)

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17 and in article 20 (pages 80-81 MOP)

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19 **Article 20 Other Meetings**

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21 ~~20.030. Council of Past Presidents.~~

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23 ~~20.030.1. How Constituted.~~

24 There shall be a council of past presidents which shall be a standing council
25 composed of past presidents holding membership in a club. The president shall
26 be *ex officio* a member of the council of past presidents with the privilege of
27 attending its meetings and taking part in its deliberations, but shall have no vote
28 in the proceedings thereof.

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30 ~~20.030.2. Officers.~~

31 The penultimate past president shall serve as chair of the council of past
32 presidents. The member of the council who is the immediate past president shall
33 serve as vice chair of the council. The general secretary shall be the secretary of
34 the council of past presidents but shall not be a member thereof.

1 ~~20.030.3. Duties.~~

2 ~~The council of past presidents shall consider, through correspondence, matters~~
3 ~~referred by the president or board and may give advice and recommendations to~~
4 ~~the board thereon. The council shall also, upon request of the board, act as~~
5 ~~mediators in matters involving clubs, districts and officers.~~

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7 ~~20.030.4. Meetings.~~

8 ~~The president or the board may call a meeting of the council of past presidents~~
9 ~~where concerted consideration and recommendation of the council is required.~~
10 ~~Such meeting shall have an agenda which shall include topics referred by the~~
11 ~~president or the board. The chair of the council shall make a report to the board~~
12 ~~subsequent to each meeting. Such report shall receive no publicity unless it is~~
13 ~~released in whole or in part for that purpose by the board.~~

14
15 ~~20.030.4.1. Meeting at Convention and International Assembly.~~

16 ~~The council of past presidents shall meet at the annual convention and/or~~
17 ~~international assembly.~~

(Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

18 It is unclear what, if anything, past presidents add to the governance of RI. They
19 have neither clear terms of reference nor deliverables.

20
21 If they do have a formal role, then the RI Board or Council on Legislation should
22 bring forward suggestions for terms of reference.

23
24 The effect of this enactment would be to remove past RI presidents from any
25 formal role in the governance of RI.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

26 This enactment could have a financial impact on RI which cannot be determined
27 at this time and would be contingent upon the specific actions taken by the RI
28 Board.

29
30 The approximate expenses for past president attendance at meetings are as
31 follows:

- 32 • US\$133,000 annually for the International Assembly
- 33 • US\$111,000 annually for the International Convention
- 34 • US\$70,000 triennially for the Council on Legislation

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-72

To clarify that Rotaract clubs may seek admission to RI

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 17 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 2 Membership in Rotary International**

4

5 **2.010.** *Application for Membership in RI.*

6

7 2.010.2. Rotaract Clubs.

8 A Rotaract club may seek admission to membership in RI. Such club shall not be
9 subject to the requirements of 2.010.1. The board shall determine the process for
10 admission. Upon admission, such club shall be subject to all rights and
11 responsibilities of a club.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

12 The purpose of this enactment is to clarify that Rotaract clubs can seek admission
13 to RI. Whether to seek admission to RI would be left to the discretion of the
14 individual Rotaract clubs. If a Rotaract club sought admission, they could choose
15 to be both a Rotaract club and a Rotary club or only a Rotary club. For those
16 Rotaract clubs that became Rotary clubs, they would be subject to the same rights
17 and responsibilities of all other Rotary clubs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

18 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI, since,
19 currently, Rotaract clubs are not required to meet the twenty-member minimum
20 when seeking admission to membership in RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-73

To remove provisions for pilot projects

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Kushiro, District 2500, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2500 through a ballot-by-mail, 4 December 2017

1 *To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 12*
2 *MOP)*

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4 **Article 5 Membership**

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6 ~~**Section 4** — *Exceptions.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this~~
7 ~~constitution or of the bylaws of RI or the standard club constitution, the board,~~
8 ~~as a pilot project, may admit into membership or permit the reorganization of~~
9 ~~up to 1,000 clubs with provisions in their constitutions not in accordance with~~
10 ~~this constitution and bylaws of RI. Such pilot project may extend for a period~~
11 ~~not exceeding six years. Upon the conclusion of any such pilot project, the~~
12 ~~constitutions of all clubs admitted into membership or permitted to reorganize~~
13 ~~shall be the standard club constitution as in effect at that time.~~

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

14 Enactment 01-186, “To allow for the implementation of pilot projects chartering
15 Rotary clubs based on new models,” was adopted by the 2001 Council on
16 Legislation, and exceptions were subsequently made for clubs. As a result, e-
17 clubs were adopted by the 2010 Council on Legislation, satellite clubs were
18 adopted by the 2013 Council on Legislation, and pilot projects were launched,
19 including (1) the Corporate Membership pilot project, (2) the Associate Members
20 pilot project, and (3) the Innovative and Flexible Clubs pilot project.

21

22 The 2016 Council on Legislation adopted legislation that provided for exceptions
23 to ‘meetings and attendance’ and ‘provisions on membership.’ This resulted in
24 existing pilot projects automatically becoming an option for each club to choose
25 at its discretion.

26

27 Therefore, we must recognize that the historical mission of pilot projects has
28 been completed by the introduction of ‘flexibility’ by the 2016 Council on
29 Legislation.

30

31 In the future, Rotary clubs should recognize the uniqueness and autonomy of
32 each club and seek innovative approaches based on the RI Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 This enactment could potentially result in a decrease in revenues for RI if there is
- 2 a decrease in membership or membership retention due to less flexibility for
- 3 current and future members.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-74

To amend the term of service for the Convention Committee members

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

1 To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 73-74 MOP)

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3 **Article 17 Committees**

4

5 **17.050. Term of Service.**

6 No person shall be eligible to serve on the same committee of RI for more than
7 three years except as may be otherwise provided in the bylaws. No person who
8 has served on a committee for three years shall be eligible for subsequent
9 appointment to the same committee. The provisions of this section shall not
10 apply to an *ex officio* member of any committee or to members of ad hoc
11 committees. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the president may appoint as chair
12 of a convention committee a Rotarian who has previously served for two years as
13 a member of a convention committee who has not previously served as chair. In
14 addition to the chair of a convention committee, one other member of the
15 convention committee may be a person who has served on one prior convention
16 committee.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

17 This proposed enactment would provide for additional experience on the
18 Convention Committee. There is a significant learning curve for members of this
19 committee to understand the policies, procedures, and roles with respect to the
20 Convention. Allowing for another member, in addition to the chair, to have
21 served on a previous Convention Committee, will give the committee the added
22 experience it needs to function well.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

23 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-75

To amend the term of service for the Rotaract and Interact Committee members

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 73 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 17 Committees**

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5 **17.010. Number and Term.**

6 The board shall establish standing committees on communications, constitution
7 and bylaws, conventions, districting, election review, finance, and Rotaract and
8 Interact, as well as such other committees as it from time to time may determine
9 is in the best interests of RI. The numbers and terms of office for the standing
10 committees shall be as follows: (1) communications – consist of six members, two
11 of whom shall be appointed each year for terms of three years; (2) constitution
12 and bylaws – consist of three members, one of whom shall be appointed each year
13 for a term of three years, except in the year of the council on legislation, when
14 there shall be four members, with the most recent past member serving a fourth
15 year on the committee; (3) conventions – consist of six members, one of whom
16 shall be chair of the host organization for the annual convention; (4) districting
17 consist of three members, one of whom shall be appointed annually from the
18 board for a term of three years; (5) election review – consist of six members, each
19 of whom shall serve a term of three years, with two members appointed each
20 year; (6) finance – consist of eight members, six of whom shall serve a term of
21 three years with two members appointed each year, and the RI treasurer and one
22 member of the board appointed by the board, each of whom shall serve a term of
23 one year as a non-voting member; and (7) Rotaract and Interact – consist of six
24 members, ~~each two of whom shall serve a term be appointed each year for terms~~
25 ~~of three years, with two members appointed each year, plus a minimum of three~~
26 ~~Rotaract members and six Rotaract members, who shall be appointed annually,~~
27 ~~with up to two Rotaract members eligible to be reappointed each year, with the~~
28 ~~committee co-chaired by one member and one Rotaract member.~~ The number of
29 members on the committees and the terms of membership, except for the
30 standing committees, shall be as determined by the board, subject to the
31 provision of section 17.050. below. The board shall prescribe the duties and
32 authority of all committees and, except for the standing committees, provide for
33 continuity of committee members from year to year.

34

35 *Interim Provision Relating to Section 17.010.*

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37 Amendments to section 17.010. adopted at the 2019 Council on Legislation
38 pursuant to Council Enactment 19-75 shall be implemented by the board in a
manner it deems appropriate.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 1 The proposed enactment would provide for equal numbers of Rotarian and
- 2 Rotaractor members on the Rotaract and Interact Committee and provide that a
- 3 Rotarian and Rotaractor would serve as committee co-chairs. Currently, RI
- 4 Presidents are encouraged to appoint more than the minimum number of
- 5 Rotaractors and have appointed a Rotaractor as co-chair of the committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 6 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI. For the last
- 7 three years there have been twelve committee members assigned to this
- 8 committee, six Rotarians and six Rotaractors.

VOTE TOTALS

_____ yes

_____ no

RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

NOTES

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-76

To amend the term of service for the Audit Committee members

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 75 MOP)*

2

3 **Article 17 Committees**

4

5 **17.120. Audit Committee.**

6 The board shall appoint an audit committee to be composed of seven members,
7 each of whom shall be independent and financially literate. The members of the
8 committee shall include two current members of the board appointed annually by
9 the board and ~~one current trustee~~ two current trustees of The Rotary Foundation
10 appointed annually by the trustees. In addition, the committee shall include ~~four~~
11 three members appointed by the board who shall be neither members of the
12 board nor trustees of The Rotary Foundation, and who shall serve single terms of
13 six years with one member appointed every second year. The audit committee
14 shall review and report to the board as appropriate on RI and Rotary Foundation
15 financial reports, the external audit, the system of internal control, internal audit,
16 and other matters connected therewith. The committee shall meet up to three
17 times per year at such times and places and upon such notice as may be
18 determined by the president, the board, or the chair of the committee, and, if
19 deemed necessary by the president or the chair of the committee, additional
20 times during the year at such times and places and upon such notice as may be
21 determined by the president or the chair of the committee. The chair of the
22 operations review committee or the chair's designee shall serve as a liaison to the
23 committee. The committee, which shall act only in an advisory capacity to the
24 board and trustees, shall function under such terms of reference not in conflict
25 with the provisions of this section, as may be prescribed by the board and
26 trustees.

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28 *Interim Provision Relating to Section 17.120.*

29 Amendments to section 17.120. adopted at the 2019 Council on Legislation
30 pursuant to council enactment 19-76 shall be implemented by the board in a
31 manner it deems appropriate.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

32 This enactment amends the RI Bylaws to increase the number of Trustee
33 members on the Audit Committee. Given the responsibility and accountability

- 1 placed upon those charged with governance (i.e., the RI Board and the Trustees),
- 2 the Board felt it more appropriate for the committee to have members of the RI
- 3 Board and the Trustees constitute a majority of the members on the committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 4 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

VOTE TOTALS

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RESULT

Adopted

Referred to Board

Postponed

Adopted as Amended

Rejected

Withdrawn

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-77

To provide for an Information Technology Committee

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Potomac-Bethesda, District 7620, USA

Endorsed by: District 7620 through an annual district conference, College Park, Maryland, USA, 5-7 May 2017

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 73 MOP)*

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3 **Article 17 Committees**

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5 **17.010. Number and Term.**

6 The board shall establish standing committees on communications, constitution
7 and bylaws, conventions, districting, election review, finance, information
8 technology, and Rotaract and Interact, as well as such other committees as it
9 from time to time may determine is in the best interests of RI. The numbers and
10 terms of office for the standing committees shall be as follows: (1)
11 communications – consist of six members, two of whom shall be appointed each
12 year for terms of three years; (2) constitution and bylaws – consist of three
13 members, one of whom shall be appointed each year for a term of three years,
14 except in the year of the council on legislation, when there shall be four members,
15 with the most recent past member serving a fourth year on the committee; (3)
16 conventions – consist of six members, one of whom shall be chair of the host
17 organization for the annual convention; (4) districting – consist of three
18 members, one of whom shall be appointed annually from the board for a term of
19 three years; (5) election review – consist of six members, each of whom shall
20 serve a term of three years, with two members appointed each year; (6) finance
21 consist of eight members, six of whom shall serve a term of three years with two
22 members appointed each year, and the RI treasurer and one member of the board
23 appointed by the board, each of whom shall serve a term of one year as a non-
24 voting member; (7) information technology – consist of six members, each of
25 whom shall serve a term of three years, with two members appointed each year;
26 and ~~(7)~~ (8) Rotaract and Interact – consist of six members, each of whom shall
27 serve a term of three years, with two members appointed each year, plus a
28 minimum of three Rotaract members. The number of members on the
29 committees and the terms of membership, except for the standing committees,
30 shall be as determined by the board, subject to the provision of section 17.050.
31 below. The board shall prescribe the duties and authority of all committees and,
32 except for the standing committees, provide for continuity of committee
33 members from year to year.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 Currently, the RI Bylaws specify seven standing committees, including
2 communications, constitution and bylaws, conventions, districting, election
3 review, finance, and Rotaract and Interact. This proposed enactment would
4 expand the standing committees to include a critically needed function,
5 information technology.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

6 This enactment would result in an increase in expenses for RI. Committee costs
7 would be incurred primarily driven by meetings. If this committee were to meet
8 via teleconference, expenses could include telephone, interpretation, printing,
9 postage, and administrative support. If the committee were to have an in-person
10 meeting, there would be additional expenses for travel. A six-member, in-person
11 committee meeting is estimated at US\$40,000 for two meetings per year.

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13 Currently, the information technology budget and risks are overseen by the
14 Finance Committee with review and approval by the RI Board. This oversight
15 could be transferred to this new committee.

VOTE TOTALS

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RESULT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted | <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Postponed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended | <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-78

To provide for a Rotary Representative Network

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Mid-Bergen County, District 7490, USA

Endorsed by: District 7490 through an annual district conference, Cambridge, Maryland, USA, 20-23 April 2017

1 *To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 76 MOP)*

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3 **Article 17 Committees**

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5 **17.140. The Rotary Representative Network.**

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7 17.040.1. Purpose of the Representative Network.

8 The Representative Network exists for the purpose of building relationships
9 between RI and major intergovernmental organizations.

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11 17.040.2. Representatives.

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17.040.3. Chair of the Representative Network.

There shall be one representative chosen from among the 30 representatives who
shall serve as chair of the Representative Network. The chair shall be chosen by
the president-elect.

17.040.4. Vacancies in the Position of Representative.

In the event of a vacancy in the position of representative, a new representative
shall be nominated by the president to fill the unexpired term and elected by the
board.

17.040.5. Terms of Representatives.

The terms of the representatives shall be three years. Representatives may be
reappointed for one additional term. The terms of representatives shall be
staggered so that one-third of the representatives are appointed each year.

17.040.6. Compensation of Representatives.

All representatives shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for
reasonable expenses.

1 17.040.7. Report of Representatives.
2 The representatives shall report no less than annually to RI on their
3 communication and accomplishments with the intergovernmental agency for
4 which they are the representative. The annual report of RI shall, by individual
5 intergovernmental agency, clearly show all reimbursed expenses paid to, and all
6 payments made on behalf of, each of the representatives.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

7 RI recognizes the importance of its current partnerships with the World Health
8 Organization and UNICEF in the pursuit of our goal to eliminate polio. The
9 Rotary Representative Network exists with the objective of building relationships
10 and working on mutual humanitarian goals, including the United Nations'
11 Sustainable Development Goals, with major intergovernmental organizations like
12 the World Health Organization and UNICEF. Representatives have been
13 appointed to the United Nations in New York, the Organization of American
14 States, UNESCO, the World Bank, and others. Despite its accomplishments and
15 the importance of its objectives, the Rotary Representative Network is not
16 formally established in the RI Bylaws. This enactment formalizes the existence of
17 the network.

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19 This enactment has the effect of changing the way appointments are made to the
20 Rotary Representative Network. The work of the network involves building
21 relationships with the representatives from intergovernmental organizations,
22 which makes one-year appointments insufficient for accomplishing the goals put
23 forth for the representatives. However, in general, Rotary appointments have a
24 limited term, e.g., committee members may serve for only three years. For this
25 reason, the term limit of a representative is stipulated as three years.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

26 This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI. RI currently
27 budgets approximately US\$74,000 per year for the expenses associated with 30
28 Rotary representatives.

VOTE TOTALS

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