



Rotary

SUMMARY REPORT ON 2016 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

To:
Rotarians District 5650
Past District Governors

The 2016 Council on Legislation (COL) was held in Chicago April 9/15 at the Downtown Marriott Hotel.

There were 521 delegates at the COL. There were 117 proposed Enactments (proposed changes to the BYLAWS or AMENDMENTS to the CONSTITUTION). In addition there were 64 proposed RESOLUTIONS to be sent to the RI Board for consideration.

63 proposals were adopted. The remaining were rejected, postponed or withdrawn prior to voting. Many of the withdrawals were due to duplication of a proposal that was approved or rejected in prior order of presentation.

Certainly an interesting Rotary gathering every three years...

Some of the Enactments/Resolutions of interest:

COL approved an Enactment to have to club treasurer as a member of the club board.

COL approved an Enactment "Honorary Members" shall not be required to pay admission fees or dues and will have no voting privileges or hold an office in the club. Passed 232 to 228

COL rejected an Enactment to remove the Fifth Avenue of Service Failed 104 to 365

COL approved an Enactment allowing clubs to have flexibility of meetings and attendance...clubs must meet twice a month. Day and time along with the ability to cancel a meeting is at the clubs choosing. Passed 392 to 82.

COL approved an Enactment for extended excused absences for medical leave or after the birth or adoption of a child for up to one year. Passed 395 to 97

COL approved an Enactment to allow for flexibility in membership and classification. A club may adopt rules or requirements not in accordance with the section 4.010 and 4.030-4.060 of the bylaws. Passed 386 to 75

COL approved an Enactment allowing Rotaractors to be active members of a club. Passed 413 to 97

COL approved an Enactment to increase per capita dues by \$4 per year beginning in 2017-18 continuing through 2019-20. Passed 317 to 197

COL approved an Enactment to amend the duties of the RI president. It clarifies that the president derives his/her powers from the RI Board and that the office of president has no implied or inherent powers. Passed 400 to 13

COL rejected a proposed Enactment to allow districts to add a geographic name to their district number. Rejected by card vote.

COL postponed a proposed Enactment to support the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Postponed card vote

COL approved an Enactment to the Constitution to establish a separate Council on Resolutions, which would meet on line annually separate from COL. Passed card vote

COL approved an Enactment that COL representatives shall serve for a term of three years. Passed 479 to 28

COL approved a Resolution that affirms the eradication of polio is a goal of the highest order of Rotary International. There were NO votes against.

COL rejected a Resolution that the RI Board consider allowing districts to decide if they would like a president's rep to attend their district conferences. Failed by card vote

All said, I believe you would have been pleased with the amount of thought and discussion that accompanied each decision on every Enactment and Resolution. Days began at 8 am and concluded at 6 pm. Eight languages were officially used and Roberts rules were enforced by our Chair Duane Benton a Federal Judge and member of Club 13 in Kansas City.

If any club would like a presentation on COL I will be glad to do so if we can work with both calendars. Thank you for the opportunity to represent you at the Council.

Yours in Rotary,

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