



Report on 2013 Council on Legislation

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RI Strategic Plan - Progress

22,000 member survey

9.2% return rate

Mixed demographics
(geographic areas, gender,
age and role in Rotary)

Top rated survey items:

97% - Focusing on the proper priorities

97% - Activity to strengthen clubs

96% - RI image & branding renewal

95% - Modernize Rotary terminologies

43% - Communications weak

- Trying to increase communication
- New Rotary Central website
- Regional Membership plans
- New Project Showcase introduced

COL changes that affect us:

- “Engaging in a club’s service project or activities” will earn attendance credit.
- Termination clause “**shall**” was changed to “**may** be subject to termination.”

- Allow extended LOAs for medical reason
- Does not count against club's record
- Rule of 85 for excused absences had 65 yr requirement eliminated
- Nor will excused absence count against



Debate on proposals to meet twice per month or every other week

Defeated:

- No evidence that bi-weekly meetings help
- Pilots seem worse & have less commitment
- Lions & Kiwanis down over 20% & 40%
- New members unable to come weekly can still join under current membership rules

- Removed RI Travel Policy from bylaws
(Much controversy re: first & business class)
- Failed to add “homemaker” classification
- BUT accepted for membership:
“those who have been home with children
and/or assisting their partner with work”

- Transferring members may be asked to bring letter of recommendation
- Eliminated restriction of 2 eClubs per District
- Change name of District Assembly to “District Training Assembly”

Raise RI dues \$1.00 per year

\$25.50 per half year 2013-14,
\$27.00 per half year in 2014-15,
\$27.50 per half year in 2015-16,
\$28.00 per half year in 2016-17.

Minimum dues (10 members) eliminated
even though RI is loosing \$ to administer

- 5th Avenue of Service is “Youth Service”
changed from Next Generations
- DGs to ensure club constitution & bylaws
comply with the RI documents
- New title of “DGND”
(District Governor Nominee Designate)
- New position of “Vice-Governor”

Much Debate on one RI theme

- Simplify things, help focus on the branding
- Loss of \$500,000 licensing revenue to RI
(What about cost to members buying new stuff each year?)
- Team building is an element of successful leadership and President's theme energizes, inspires and helps motivate the team

RI President's Theme Remains

- Already have “Service Above Self” for **external** public branding
- Annual theme is to **internally** emphasize and promote the goals of each RI President
- More on branding next year

- Variety of Youth Exchange discussions but no major changes. YE Alumni group idea was referred to RI Board
- Ask for Rotary Leadership Institute to be an affiliate or structured program of RI
- Debate re Rotary families participating in TRF programs. Not a tax issue. R2B

Questions & Concerns

Why the trivial issues?

- COL discusses what is submitted by you

Decisions seem lacking or inconsistent?

- No appetite for innovation or new ideas
- Do we need some non-PDG delegates?
- Time of day, how presented or words used, can influence discussions & voting

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*Thanks for allowing me the
honour to represent you.*

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