

## Bylaws of the Rotary Club of Jamestown.

At the May 6, 2024 meeting of the Membership Committee, the committee members present unanimously recommended the proposed revisions to Article V Section 6 of the Bylaws, presented below, to the Board of Directors. On May 17, 2024 the RCJ Board approved presenting the revision to the membership for a vote at the Annual Meeting in December 2024.

### Current Article V:

#### Section 6. Attendance

Clubs may relax or tighten attendance requirements and termination policies for non-attendance. However, Clubs are still expected to forward attendance reports to the governor. Any Club that wishes to continue adhering to the traditional attendance requirements may do so. (2016 Council on Legislation {16-21}).

Rule of 85. Rotarians can be excused from attendance if the combined total of their years of membership in one or more Clubs plus their age equals at least 85 with their years of membership totaling at least 20. (2016 Council on Legislation {16-20}).

### Proposed Revision Article V:

#### Section 6. Attendance

The Rotary Club of Jamestown is a service organization. A member is expected to participate 20 times a year. This is important for service, networking and decision making. This attendance requirement can be achieved through attending regularly scheduled meetings (in person or by zoom if offered), or by committee meetings whether for RCJ, District 7090 or RI, board meetings, volunteer activities, district or My Rotary classes, District or RI conferences or attendance at a regular meeting of another Rotary club. Attendance can be reported to the Secretary by the member by e-mail or other written means, or can be reported to the Secretary by a committee chair who provides minutes, with the names of the Rotarians present. It is the responsibility of each Rotarian to report their activity.

Termination for non-participation can be considered for any member whose participation drops to less than 12 times in a 12 month period. The Membership Committee may request the Board consider termination of a member who does not participate at this minimum level.

Rule of 85. The Board can excuse a Rotarian from attendance if the combined total of their years of membership in one or more Clubs plus their age equals at least 85 with their years of membership totaling at least 20. (2016 Council on Legislation {16-20}).

Approved by the Board of Directors for presentation to the Membership at the December 2024 Annual Meeting on May 17, 2024.