

OVERVIEW

The Young Professionals Division (“YP Division”) of the Rotary Club of Vancouver (“RCoV”) is designed to assist a group of young people (men and women under 40) who would like to be part of a Rotary club and specifically RCoV. The problems are:

1. **Time:** With weekly meetings lasting 1 and ½ hours, and when one factors in travel time, at least two hours is consumed with such meetings before adding in additional time for humanitarian service committee meetings such as Networking and Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service, Youth Services and Hearing (including Bike-a-thon) Services. Such a time commitment is beyond the capacity of many young people building their careers, families and businesses or is beyond the tolerance of employers and supervisors.
2. **Cost:** With weekly luncheon costs paid on a quarterly basis, the overall cost of Rotary fellowship, networking and service, before a single amount is donated is beyond the capacity of many young people;
3. **Transition of Rotoractors:** Many young people in the Rotaract Clubs sponsored by RCoV are aging out of Rotaract and would like to continue as Rotarians in RCoV but Time and Cost commitments at this stage of life (30 years old) are still not manageable and as a result RCoV loses them as members and some simply drop out of Rotary altogether.

Topics

1. Meetings, Attendance & Location
2. Financial Accounts & Authorizations
3. Fundraising
4. Participation in RCoV Committees
5. Meeting Guidelines (can be changed)
6. Membership
7. Membership Fee/Dues
8. Benefits of Moving from YPD into Active RCoV Member:

Meetings, Attendance & Location

1. A YP Division meeting will be held twice a month and will include a business meeting (inclusive of an executive meeting) and a meeting related to purely social, humanitarian or community projects or events, networking or fundraising for the YP Division and its projects and activities.

2. YP Division encourages all RCoV and RCoV Sponsored Rotaract Club members to attend the YP Division meetings and social events.
3. YP Division members are strongly encouraged to attend the RCoV and RCoV Sponsored Rotaract Club meetings, committees and social events.

Financial Accounts and Authorizations

1. Ultimate control of the funds earmarked for the YP Division must rest with the Board of RCoV.
2. All bank accounts used by the YP Division will be accounts established by RCoV, or Vancouver Rotary Club Foundation or Rotary Club of Vancouver Hearing Foundation and all funds received by YP Division will be deposited to such accounts.
3. Disbursements and expenses of the YP Division will be made by cheques drawn on such accounts which will be requisitioned in the same manner that other committees of RCoV requisition cheques.
4. The funds of the YP Division and its financial operations will be under the ultimate control of the RCoV Board, acting on the advice of its Treasurer or professional accountants.

Fundraising

1. YP Division will do its own fundraising and collaborate with RCoV so as to not conflict with other events of RCoV and may use the existing foundation structures of RCoV.
2. Except for Club Dues, both receipted and non-receipted funds will be deposited to and kept in existing RCoV (or its appropriate foundation) bank accounts and earmarked for use by the YP Division.
3. YP Division monies will constitute property of RCoV but will be used for YP Division purposes approved by the Board of RCoV so long as the YP Division remains a part of RCoV. The YP Division will operate financially very much like RCoV's humanitarian service committees.
4. YP Division & RCoV may work together on projects and/or work independently.

Participation in RCoV Committees

YP Division members will be encouraged but not required to become a member of established RCoV committees which operate outside the umbrella of the YP Division.

Meeting Guidelines

1. Meeting Guidelines will be developed by the executive of the YP Division and can be changed by its executive.
2. Meetings will follow RI Standards for Rotary Satellite Clubs
3. No singing of national anthems
4. Follow a mix of Rotaract and RI meeting guidelines
5. 2 meetings per month – RCoV members always welcome
6. 1 community service activity
7. 1 business and executive committee meeting with social

Membership

1. Membership will be through the YP Division of RCoV and therefore its members will be approved by the Board of RCoV and be inducted as members of RCoV but as members of its YP Division.
2. A YP Division member would sit on the RCoV board with full voting rights once the YP Division grows to a membership of 10 people.
3. Members will receive all benefits, with the exception that YP Division members will be ineligible for nomination, appointment or election to an officer or other director position on the RCoV Board except as a duly appointed representative of the YP Division.
4. YP Division members will have a distinctive name tag from the standard RCoV name tags.
5. The following will be handled as per existing RCoV guidelines
 - Payment of ¼ly dues at the same rate as applies to other RCoV members under the age of 40
 - Submission of annual budget
 - Upon reaching the age of 40, the “Regular” member fee would apply, (currently \$155 per quarter) and the meal fee would be “pay as you go” when attending the RCoV meetings so long as still a member of the YP Division.
 - Once a person passes the age of 40, they have the option to remain a member of the YP Division for another 5 to 10 years (TBD) but are strongly encouraged to make the move into RCoV. RCoV fees will be paid at the age of 40 (no discounts).

Membership Fee/Dues

1. Membership Fee/Dues – It will be the current "under 40" pricing which at the date hereof is \$93/quarter;
2. Initiation fee of \$350 will be waived for YP Division members;
3. Dues will be paid quarterly with our existing billings (1st of July, Oct, Jan, Apr)
4. Credit cards to be on file for payment of dues
5. The Initiation fee of \$350 will be charged if/when a YP Division member of less than 3 years becomes a non- YP Division member of RCoV. If he or she has been a YP Division member for more than 3 years, this fee will be waived.

Benefits of Moving from YPD into Active RCoV Member:

1. Mentorship:
 - a. Career
 - b. Within Rotary - Leadership training opportunities
2. Fellowship
3. Networking
4. Can serve on the Board as an Officer or elected Director