

Moorhead Rotary By-Laws Update

The board has reviewed and proposed a number of updates to our bylaws. Per Article 15, the bylaws can be amended at any regular meeting, a quorum being present, by a two-thirds vote of all the members present, provided that notice of such proposed amendment has been mailed or otherwise distributed to each member at least ten (10) day before such meeting.

As such, we will plan to review and vote on the bylaws at our June 2 meeting. Please review the attached bylaws and the proposed changes.

Proposed changes:

1. Clear up discrepancies in bylaws.
 1. In Article 2, Section 1, the bylaws state that the number of Directors will be determined by the Board based on leadership needs. In Article 2, Section 3, the bylaws state that the board will nominate three candidates for Directors every year. To fix this discrepancy, the Board is proposing to modify Section 3 by removing the fixed number of Directors. This will allow the board to determine the number of board members in accordance with leadership needs.
2. Remove Redundancies
 1. Article 2, Section 1 describes the composition of the Board of Directors. Article 3, Section 2 also described the composition of the Board of Directors. The Board is proposing to delete Article 3, Section 2 as it is redundant.
3. Update Annual Meeting Timeline
 1. Article 5, Section 1 states that the Board will hold an annual meeting to elect officers on the first Tuesday in December. In order to give more time and flexibility in finding elected positions, the Board is proposing to change the timeline to "before or on the first Tuesday in March."
4. Correct Annual Dues
 1. Article 6 states "The membership dues shall be payable semi-annually or quarterly." Because the club pays dues quarterly, the board is proposing that we delete "semi-annually."
5. Update Rotary Service
 1. Article 8 describes Rotary's Four Avenues of Service. In April 2010, Rotary International added Youth Services as a Fifth Avenue of Service. To keep our bylaws in compliance with the Rotary International, the Board is proposing to update the bylaw to reflect the Five Avenues of Service.
6. Update Standing Committee
 1. Article 9 describes the standing committees of Rotary.
 2. To reflect our needs and practices, the Board suggests
 1. Deleting the President's Council and The Rotary Foundation committee, as these are no longer necessary.
 2. To recognize the work of the Travel Giveaway team, we suggest adding a "Fundraising and Development Committee"
7. Clarify Finances
 1. Article 12, Section 3, the Board proposes adding "billing" to the "The Treasurer shall follow the direction and policies of the Board as related to budgeting, investments, and expenditures."

2. In Article 12, Section 4, the Board proposes softening the language of the Bond from "Shall be bonded as required by the Board" to "may be bonded as determined by the Board."

3. In Article 12, Section 5, the Board proposes specifying how the quarterly dues are used to include "membership dues, meal costs, and, if requested by any member, Paul Harris contribution commitments."

8. Election of Members

1. In Article 13, Section 4, the Board proposes removing the line "Following which the prospective member shall be requested to sign the membership proposal form."

2. In Article 13, Section 6, the board proposes adding "Procure a name badge to be worn during regular meetings" and deleting "the President assign an existing member to assist with the new member's assimilation to the club as well as assign the new member to a club project or function."

3. In Article 13, Section 7, the board proposes adding "They do, however, continue to be billed quarterly for regular dues" instead of "They do pay regular dues."