



Bylaws of the Norfolk Rotary Club Doing Business as the Rotary Club of Norfolk

ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS

Board – The Officers and Directors of this Club

Officer – Club President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, or Immediate Past President

Director – A Board member who is not an Officer, who directs Committee activities

Member – Any dues-paying (not honorary) member of this Club

RI – Rotary International

Companion Club – A club whose members shall also be members of the sponsor Club

Rotaract Club – A club that brings together people ages 18-30 to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service

Interact Club – A club that brings together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self

Year – The 12-month period that begins on July 1

ARTICLE 2. BOARD

Section 1 – Voting Members. The governing body of this Club shall be a Board, consisting of 12 members of the Club who have been elected in accordance with Article 3 of these Bylaws, namely, seven Directors and five Officers (the President, President-elect, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and the Immediate Past President).

Section 2 – Non-Voting Member: Club Parliamentarian.

- a. Prior to June 1 each year, the President-elect shall appoint a Club Parliamentarian who will serve for a term of one Rotary year, and who may be reappointed for succeeding one-year terms.
- b. It shall be the duty of the Parliamentarian to attend Club Board meetings and to advise Board members in the interpretation and application of the Club Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Administrative Guidelines, and *Robert's Rules of Order*. The position is advisory only and the incumbent carries no vote in Board proceedings.

ARTICLE 3. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 1 – At a regular meeting one month prior to the annual meeting, the Immediate Past President shall ask Club members for nominations for the five Officers and seven Directors.

- a. Nominations may be presented by a nominating committee (as appointed by the Immediate Past President), or by members from the floor, or by both. Nominations shall be placed on a ballot (paper or electronic) in alphabetical order under each office, and the election shall be held at the annual meeting.
- b. The nominating committee may present the exact number of candidates to fill the Board positions and recommend election of the Board slate as a whole. However, additional nominations from the floor must be allowed; if any such nominations are made, a paper or electronic ballot to include the nominee among the candidates shall be created, and the election rescheduled for the next meeting.
- c. Officer candidates (President, President-elect, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer) receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected to their respective offices. If the ballot includes more than seven candidates for Director, those receiving the most votes shall be declared elected as Directors. If votes for any Officer or Director are tied, the Immediate Past President shall announce a runoff election between the tied candidates to be held at the next meeting.
- d. The term of office for each member elected to the Board shall commence on the first day of the new Rotary year (July 1) following the election.

Section 2 – A vacancy on the Board or of any office shall be filled by action of the remaining members of the Board.

Section 3 – A vacancy in the position of any Officer-elect or Director-elect shall be filled by action of the remaining Board members-elect.

Section 4 – Directors may be elected to serve a two-year term, if preapproved by a Board quorum two-thirds majority vote. This extended term is an option to ensure continuity and/or to retain the experience of members serving specialized committee functions.

ARTICLE 4. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 – President. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at meetings of the Club and the Board and to perform other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of President.

Section 2 – President-elect/President, Norfolk Rotary Charities. It shall be the duty of the President-elect to preside at meetings of the Club and Board of Directors in the absence of the President, to preside at meetings of the Board of Norfolk Rotary Charities, to develop and conduct Club Officer and Director training and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to his/her office and as may be assigned by the President or the Board. To ensure a smooth turnover of Club administration, the President-elect shall meet with his/her incoming Board members-elect prior to assuming the presidency.

Section 3 – Vice President. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside at meetings of the Club and the Board in the absence of the President and President-elect; to coordinate scheduling of guest speakers, introduction of speakers and meeting programs; and to perform other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of Vice President.

Section 4 – Secretary/Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Secretary/Treasurer, with the assistance of the Club's Executive Secretary, to:

- a. maintain custody of all funds and account for them to the Club annually, and at any other time upon demand by the Board.
- b. collect and remit RI dues, District dues, and RI official magazine subscription fees.
- c. collect all Club membership dues and fees (see Article 6, Section 7).
- d. notify members of Club, Board, and Committee Chairs of upcoming meetings, and record and preserve the minutes of such meetings.
- e. oversee membership records and submit reports as required by RI and District:
 - 1. Ensure meeting attendance is correctly recorded and submit the monthly attendance report to the District Governor within 15 days of the last meeting of the month.
 - 2. Submit semiannual membership reports as required to RI on January 1 and July 1 of each year. This report shall include per capita dues for all members and prorated dues for active members who have been elected to membership in the Club since the start of the July or January semiannual reporting period.
- f. turn over to the incoming Secretary/Treasurer, or to the President, all funds, books of accounts, or any other Club property upon retirement from office.
- g. perform other duties as usually pertain to the office of Secretary/Treasurer.

ARTICLE 5. MEETINGS

Section 1 – Annual Meeting. A Club business meeting shall be held annually, no later than December 31, unless otherwise scheduled by the Board. Officers and Directors who will serve for the ensuing year shall be elected at this meeting, enabling them to attend District leadership training that commences in January.

Section 2 – Regular meetings of this Club shall be held on the first three Tuesdays of each month beginning at 12:30 p.m. In an emergency or for good cause, the Board:

- a. may change the regular meeting date to a different day of the same week or to a different hour of the regular day, or
- b. cancel/reschedule any regular meeting due to conflict with a legal holiday, the death of the Club President, or an epidemic or disaster affecting the entire community

The Board of Directors shall give due notice of any such changes in or canceling of the regular meeting to all members of the Club.

Section 3 – One-third of the membership in good standing shall constitute a quorum at the annual and regular meetings of this Club.

- a. Members may attend/participate in meetings remotely, via digital/web-based platforms or other technological systems. Remote attendance is allowed to ensure all members have the opportunity to participate, and when needed, to attain a quorum required for voting.
- b. Members attending a meeting remotely shall be deemed present and may vote at such a meeting, provided the Board has, in accordance with the Virginia Code, *Virginia Nonstock Corporations Act* (Chapter 10 § 13.1-844.2):
 1. verified that each person participating remotely is a member or member's Proxy, and
 2. provided such members a reasonable opportunity to participate in the meeting and to vote on matters before the Club, including an opportunity to communicate, read or hear the proceedings of the meeting, concurrently with such proceedings.

Section 4 – The Board shall meet once each month, at such time and place as they may designate. With due notice given, special Board meetings may be called by the President or by any other two members of the Board.

Section 5 – A majority of the Board members shall constitute a quorum. Although physical attendance is preferred at Board meetings except during an epidemic or disaster affecting the entire community, members may participate in any meeting by means of remote communication to the extent the Board authorizes.

Section 6 – Proxy voting shall be allowed, in accordance with Article 9, Section 3(a) of the RI constitution. Members who wish to vote by proxy must submit a request along with his or her vote to the Club Secretary/Treasurer in advance of any scheduled vote.

ARTICLE 6. FEES AND DUES, AND MEAL CHARGES

Section 1 – All Fees and Dues shall be at the discretion of the Board. All changes to Fees and Dues shall be authorized by a Board quorum vote (see Article 5, Section 5). Any Fees and Dues increase greater than 5% must be approved by two-thirds of Club members present at a general Club meeting. The Board shall notify Club members at least 2 weeks prior to voting on any increase to Fees and Dues that exceeds 5% greater than then-active Fees and Dues.

- a. Club Fees and Dues shall be payable semiannually, on the first day of July and the first day of January. As required by RI, a portion of each semiannual payment shall be applied to each member's subscription to the RI official magazine.
- b. New members shall be charged with Fees and Dues prorated from the month of initiation.
- c. The Board may change membership Fees and Dues, as described in Section 1, to reflect changes in Club administrative costs or charges by RI or the District.

Section 2 – All Meal Charges shall be at the discretion of the Board. All changes to Meal Charges shall be authorized by a Board quorum vote (see Article 5, Section 5). Any Meal Charges increase greater than 5% must be approved by two-thirds of Club members present at a general Club meeting. The Board shall notify Club members at least 2 weeks prior to voting on any increase to Meal Charges, which exceeds 5% greater than then-active Meal Charges.

- a. Club meals are prepaid when gathering in-person is permitted. When gathering virtually, there are no Meal Charges.
- b. The Club shall collect Meal Charges in advance of meal consumption, semiannually, with payments by members due on the first day of July and the first day of January. New members shall be charged for meals prorated to their initiation date.
- c. A member may be exempted from Meal Charges based upon the following:
 1. Being approved and designated a "Senior Active" member. (See Article 12, Section 2., b., 2). Senior Active Member). This approved Senior Active member status does not exempt the member from having to purchase the meal at full cost while attending any meeting, unless otherwise exempted (See Section 4 below).
 2. Being approved and granted a "Meal Waiver." A Meal Waiver is a Board approved request by a member to be exempted from the requirement to prepay or otherwise pay for meals. The request is based on the member's medical or other dietary restrictions and the member agrees to not eat a meal while attending a meeting.

- d. All exemptions from Meal Charges shall be reviewed annually by the Membership Committee Chair. The Membership Chair shall issue a letter confirming any exemption from Meal Charges (whether due to Senior Active member designation or due to an approved Meal Waiver) to any member receiving such exemption.

Section 3 – Any visiting Rotarians, guests, or Senior Active members exempted from prepaying for meals, other than those exempted by the Board for medical or dietary restrictions, will pay for meals when they attend each meeting at a rate set by the Board. Also, the Board may waive meal charges for guests who are prospective members, speakers, or those accompanying the speaker. Prospective Rotarians shall be allowed to attend two meetings without paying for their meal.

Section 4 – To facilitate a member's ability to contribute to The Rotary Foundation and to remind every member of the opportunity to contribute to The Rotary Foundation, members of this Club will be invoiced the minimal amount annually to qualify the Club for recognition under Every Rotarian Every Year, or a similar program adopted by Rotary International, on July 1. The invoice will clearly state that the payment is not mandatory and there is no impact on membership eligibility for electing not to pay the invoiced amount. The notice regarding the non-mandatory nature of the contribution shall be conspicuous. Some members will elect not to pay the invoiced amount to contribute to The Rotary Foundation using alternate methods (e.g., via Rotary Direct, an IRA, or employer-matched funds) in different amounts or not at all. Prior to July 1 of each year, the Foundation Chair will ensure that all members are informed/reminded of this invoice supplement and of its voluntary nature in a manner consistent with other notices provided to the membership.

Section 5 – The Secretary/Treasurer shall monitor dues and fees payments and present statements for review at monthly Board meetings. To prevent accumulation of debt, the Secretary/Treasurer shall intervene promptly when members are in arrears for their dues and meals.

Section 6 – All dues for the Rotaract Club President(s) will be paid by the Rotary Club of Norfolk.

ARTICLE 7. ATTENDANCE

Section 1 – While regular meeting attendance is no longer required, every member of this Club is expected to be engaged in regular meetings and Club social and service projects. A member shall be counted as attending a regular meeting if he or she documents a makeup for an absence or is present for at least 60 percent of the time devoted to the regular meeting.

Documentation of attendance at Club meetings, committee meetings, service projects, socials events, fundraisers, or sanctioned activities shall be supplied to the Club's Executive Secretary. Notices may be supplied to our Club's Executive Secretary by the member, or Chair of the committee meeting attended.

Section 2 – Attendance and service participation shall be documented and reported to the District Governor (see Article 4, Section 4e).

Section 3 – Although attendance at meetings or other events is not required of Senior Active Members, when they do attend, their attendance shall be documented.

ARTICLE 8. VOTING PRIVILEGES AND METHODS

Section 1 – All dues paying members in good standing are eligible to vote.

- a. All Board sanctioned full or primary membership types (Article 12: Section 2) maintain voting privileges except for non-dues paying Honorary and Emeritus members.

Section 2 - The business of this Club shall be transacted by *viva voce** vote except the election of Officers, Directors (see Article 3), and new members (see Article 14), which shall be by ballot. When meeting in person voting will be on paper ballots; for virtual meetings, the ballots will be electronic. The Board may determine that a specific resolution be considered by ballot rather than by *viva voce** vote.

* "*viva voce*" vote is defined as when Club voting is conducted by vocal assent.

Section 3 – Voting on Club business may also be conducted via remote participation (conference calls, webinars, digital meeting software, or other technological means) for the purpose of making timely decisions and having greater input on Club business (see Article 5, Section 3).

ARTICLE 9. COMMITTEES

Section 1 – Avenues of Service

The Five Avenues of Service, as stipulated by Rotary International (RI), are the philosophical and practical framework for the work of this Rotary Club. The Avenues of Service are:

- a. Club Service
- b. Community Service
- c. International Service
- d. Vocational Service
- e. Youth Service.

Section 2 – Club Committees are charged with carrying out the annual and long-range goals of the Club based on the Avenues of Service. The President, President-elect, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and Immediate Past President shall work together to ensure continuity of leadership and succession planning. When feasible, Committee members should be appointed to the same Committee for three years to ensure consistency. The President-elect is responsible for appointing Committee members to fill vacancies, appointing Committee Chairs, and conducting planning meetings prior to the start of the year in office. It is recommended that the Chair have previous experience as a member of a given Committee.

Standing Committees should be appointed as follows:

Club Avenues of Service and Committees:

Club Service

- Administration Committee
- Fellowship Committee
- Finance Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Membership Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Programs Committee
- Public Image Committee

Community Service

Community Service Committee

International Service

- International Service Committee

Vocational Service

- Vocational Committee

Youth Service

- Youth Service Committee

Section 3 – The President shall be an ex officio member of all Committees and, as such, shall have all the privileges of membership therein.

- a. Each Committee shall transact such business as is delegated to it in the Bylaws and such additional business as may be referred to it by the President or the Board. Except where special authority is given by the Board, Committees shall not take final action until an action has been communicated to and approved by the Board.
- b. Directors shall provide guidance and support to their Committee Chairs. Each Committee Chair shall be responsible for regular meetings and activities of their Committee assignments; shall supervise and coordinate Committee and subcommittee work; and shall report all Committee activities to their associated Board Director who shall subsequently report to the President and the Board.
- c. Directors are expected to attend all Board meetings, so that Club business may be conducted in a timely and efficient manner; minimum participation of 85% (10 of 12 monthly meetings) is required. Remote participation is allowed.
- d. Directors and Committee Chairs will ensure that all volunteer hours invested by members at activities and meetings are recorded.

Section 4 -- The duties of all Committees shall be established and reviewed by the President for his or her year. In declaring the duties of each, the President shall reference appropriate RI materials. Club service projects shall be considered for the Avenues of Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service when developing plans for the year.

Section 5 -- Each Committee shall have a specific mandate, clearly defined goals, and action plans established no

later than July 1 for implementation during the year. The President-elect is responsible to provide the necessary leadership to prepare a recommendation for Club Committees, mandates, goals, and plans for presentation to the Board in advance of the commencement of the year as noted above.

ARTICLE 10. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Upon written application to the Board, setting forth good and sufficient cause, a leave of absence may be granted by the Board excusing a member from attending the meetings of the Club for a specified length of time. Among other reasons, a leave of absence may be granted for health, employment demands, family demands, or community commitments.

A leave of absence operates to prevent a forfeiture of membership; it does not operate to give the Club credit for the member's attendance. Unless the member attends a regular meeting of some other Club, the excused member must be recorded as absent, except that an absence authorized under the provisions of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution is not computed in the attendance record of the Club.

During the approved Leave of Absence, the member on leave shall continue to be billed and required to pay for RI and District dues, and percentage of the Club administrative fees based on the discretion of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 11. FINANCES

Section 1 – Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Board shall prepare a budget of estimated income and expenditures for the year, which shall stand as the limit of expenditures for these purposes, unless otherwise ordered by action of the Board. The budget shall be broken into two separate budgets: Rotary Club of Norfolk and Norfolk Rotary Charities.

Section 2 – The Treasurer shall deposit all Club funds in one or more financial institution(s), approved by the Board. The funds of the Club and Norfolk Rotary Charities shall be maintained separately.

Section 3 – All bills shall be paid by the Secretary/Treasurer or other authorized officer (to include the Club's Executive Secretary) only when approved by one other officer.

Section 4 – A thorough review of all financial transactions by a qualified person shall be made once each year.

Section 5 – Officers having charge or control of Club funds shall give bond as required by the Board for the safe custody of the funds of the Club. The cost of such bond will be borne by the Club.

Section 6 – The fiscal year of this Club shall extend from July 1 to June 30. For the collection of member dues, the years shall be divided into two semiannual periods extending (1) from July 1 to December 31, and (2) from January 1 to June 30. Per capita (based on current Club membership numbers) dues and RI official magazine subscription payments shall be made on July 1 and January 1 of each year.

ARTICLE 12. METHOD OF ELECTING MEMBERS

Section 1 – The name of a prospective member, proposed by two active members of the Club, shall be submitted to the Board in writing, through the Club Secretary/Treasurer. A transferring or former member of another Club may be proposed to active membership by the former Club. The proposal (application) shall be kept confidential except as otherwise provided in this procedure.

Section 2 – The Board shall ensure that the proposal meets all the classification and membership requirements.

- a. **General Qualifications:** This Club shall be composed of adult persons of good character and good business or professional reputation.
- b. **Kinds:** This Rotary Club shall have six kinds of membership, namely: Active, Senior Active, Honorary, and Emeritus. The board may approve additional types of memberships.
 - 1) **Active Membership:** A person possessing the general qualifications, engaged in any worthy and recognized business or profession. Members may be retired within their classification.
 - 2) **Senior Active Membership:** Any active member becomes eligible for senior active status when such member's combined active and past service in one or more clubs, combined with his or her age, equals 85 or more, with a minimum of 10 active years of membership. A Senior Active member shall have all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of an active member. A request for Senior Active status must be made in writing to the Board of Directors and must be approved by

the Board of Directors. The Senior Active member status of all such members will be reviewed by the membership Chair at the beginning of each Rotary year. A letter confirming the status and obligations of this membership status will be communicated to each approved Senior Active member.

- 3) **Honorary Membership:** Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals may be elected by the Board to honorary membership in this Club.
 - i. There are two types of Candidates for Honorary membership:
 1. An individual from the greater community (not a Rotarian) who exemplifies the Rotary Vision and standards and whom the Club wants to recognize.
 2. A Club member who has made significant contributions to the Club, the community, the District, and Rotary International and are currently unable to continue as an Active member due to mobility issues, health status, or location of residence. Other criteria considered may include being a past Club officer, Past Club President, Paul Harris Fellowship, Charles Woodard Fellowship, past chair of committees, service projects, or serving in District positions.
 - ii. Persons may hold honorary membership in more than one club. Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of admission fees and dues, shall have no vote, and shall not be eligible to hold any office in this Club. Such members shall not hold classifications but shall be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all other privileges of Club membership.
- 4) **Emeritus Membership:** Any Active or Senior Active Member may become eligible for Emeritus membership when their physical or mental health impairs their ability to participate and attend safely and make appropriate decisions.
 - i. Any Active or Senior Active Club member can nominate such a member to the Board for this kind of membership.
 - ii. Such a member may be elected by the Board to this membership.
 - iii. Emeritus members do not pay dues or fees. Emeritus members can attend all club functions as appropriate. Meals are paid for by the member when attending meetings.
 - iv. This membership will be awarded and communicated to the appropriate caregiver and family members.
 - v. The membership will continue until attendance is impossible or upon the member's demise.
- 5) **Family Membership:** Offers an option for spouses, partners, and immediate children to become Rotarians. The family member will be an active, dues-paying member of the club and of Rotary. The Board of Directors will establish the dues for this membership type.
 - i. **Qualifications:** The member must meet the regular requirements for membership in the club and in Rotary.
 - ii. Subject to the approval of the club's board, these family members may designate a primary member and a family associate.
 - iii. **Attendance:** The family members are encouraged to attend meetings, socials, service projects and Rotary conferences.
 - iv. **Dues:** Each member will pay dues determined and approved by Board including those related to RI, District dues fees and related costs with the primary member paying the prepaid meal payment and the family associate paying "as they go" or when they attend a meeting.
 - v. **RI registration:** All family members are full, active members of the club and count in the club's and in Rotary's database.
 - vi. **Votes and quorum:** All family members are active, dues-paying members and are eligible to vote on club matters.
 - vii. **Holding office:** All family members are active, dues-paying members of the club and are eligible to hold office.
 - viii. Both members are recognized for their joint contributions to the Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus, and our local endowment, the Charles Woodward Foundation

- 6) **Corporate Membership** Offers a corporate membership program for businesses, professional practices, government entities, educational institutions, and similar organizations.
 - i. **Qualifications:** The employees of any business are eligible for corporate membership in the Rotary Club of Norfolk.
 - ii. **Members:** Subject to the approval of the club's board, the business designates employees to serve as members of the Rotary Club of Norfolk and may appoint up to 4 people to be primary members or alternates.
 - iii. **Attendance:** Attendance and participation requirements of the club may be met by any of the members. All members (primary and alternates) are entitled to attend any regular meetings of the club or any other Rotary club as determined by the club.
 - iv. **Dues:** Dues are determined by the Rotary Club of Norfolk Board of Directors
 - v. **RI registration:** Primary corporate members for whom RI dues have been paid are registered as active members in Rotary's database. They will be listed as official members of the club and noted in the roster as primary corporate members of the named business. Alternate corporate members for whom RI dues have not been paid are not listed on the club roster in Rotary's database.
 - vi. **Votes and quorum:** For general meetings and club matters, the primary corporate member is eligible to vote. Since the corporation has one primary member that is reported as an active, RI dues-paying member, it will have only one vote which will be made by the designee attending the meeting at which the vote is taken.
 - vii. **Holding office:** Any RI dues-paying member listed in Rotary's database, which includes the primary corporate member, is eligible to hold office. Alternates who do not pay RI dues are not eligible.
- 7) The Board may approve additional types of membership

- c. **Dual Membership:** No person may simultaneously hold Active and Senior Active member status in this and another club. No person may simultaneously be a member and an Honorary member of this Club.
- d. **Affiliated Rotaract Club Presidents** may hold dual membership and be both a Rotaract member and an active member of the Club.
- e. **Religion, News Media, and Diplomatic Service:** Representatives of more than one religious denomination, representatives of more than one newspaper and/or other news media, and diplomatic representatives of more than one government may be eligible to active membership under such classifications.
- f. **Holders of Public Office:** Persons elected or appointed to public office for a specified time shall not be eligible for active membership in this Club under the classification of that office. This restriction shall not apply to persons holding positions or offices in schools, colleges, or other institutions of learning or to persons who are elected or appointed to the judiciary. Active members who are elected to public office for a specified period may continue as active members in their existing classification during the period in which they hold office.
- g. **Rotary International Employment:** This Club may retain in its membership a member employed by RI.

Section 3 – The Board shall approve or disapprove the prospective member proposal within 30 days of its submission and shall notify the proposer, through the Club Secretary/Treasurer, of its decision.

Section 4 – If the decision of the Board is favorable, the prospective member shall be informed of the purposes of Rotary and of the privileges and responsibilities of membership, following which, the prospective member shall be requested to sign the membership proposal form and to permit his or her name and proposed classification to be published to the Club and voted upon.

Section 5 – As soon as practical after the prospective member signs the proposal form and members of the club are given prior notice of the prospective members name, the proposed member will be voted on by secret written or electronic ballot at a regular meeting of the Club membership at which a quorum is present (Article 5 Section 3). An affirmative vote of 85 percent of the ballots cast shall be required for election.

Section 6 – Following the election, the President shall arrange for induction of the new member and presentation of membership pin and new member Rotary literature. In addition, the Executive Secretary will report the new member information to RI. The President, through the Membership Committee, will assign an experienced Club member to mentor and assist with the new member's assimilation to the Club for a period not less than six months, as well as

assign the new member to a Club Committee, project and/or function.

Section 7 – Resignation of membership

- a. A club member seeking to transfer membership to another Rotary Club must first submit a request for resignation from the Rotary Club of Norfolk.
- b. Any request for resignation from the club (including resignations for the purpose of transferring membership to another Rotary Club) must be submitted in writing and delivered to a club officer.
- c. The officer receiving the resignation shall record the date of receipt of the written request and forward the written request to the club's secretary as soon as possible.
- d. The Club secretary will notify the Club President of the request for resignation. The President will place the request on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors.
- e. Resignations are considered complete and effective as of the date the Board of Directors approves the request for resignation; however, the resigning member will only be charged for the meals and dues that are due and owing as of the date the request for resignation was originally delivered to and received by a Club Officer.
- f. Resigning members must pay his or her final bill for meals and dues within 30 days of billing.
- g. If a bill becomes delinquent for more than 30 days, the Club Treasurer will attempt to contact the resigned member for payment of the delinquent charges. After that time, the account is considered "past due ". The Club Treasurer will continue to attempt to collect past due amounts. Attempts to collect past due amounts will cease after 180 days.

ARTICLE 13. CLUB AFFILIATES

Section 1 – Companion Club

Companion Clubs will be initiated, mentored, and supported by the Rotary Club of Norfolk with no intent that they will break off or form into their own Club

All administrative reporting to District and RI will be conducted by the host club.

- a. Dues and fees for District and RI and related fees will be collected from the Companion Club members and paid by the Rotary Club of Norfolk.
- b. The Companion Club dues shall be determined by the Rotary Club of Norfolk Board of Directors
- c. Companion Club members will establish their own meeting times
- d. Companion Club members will pay for meals when attending a regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Norfolk
- e. The Companion Club will elect its own Officers, conduct its own meetings, determine its own goals and schedule, and may select its own service and fundraising projects.
- f. Any Companion Club fundraising activities must be preapproved by the Rotary Club of Norfolk Board of Directors. All funds raised must be under the auspices of the Rotary Club of Norfolk.

Section 2 – Rotaract and Interact Clubs

Rotaract and Interact Clubs will be initiated, mentored, and supported by the Rotary Club of Norfolk.

- A member of the Rotary Club of Norfolk will be assigned as liaison with each Rotaract or Interact Club. Rotaract and Interact members will be invited to participate in all service projects and Club activities.
- The Rotary Club of Norfolk will pay the fees for the President of the Rotaract Club(s).

ARTICLE 14. RESOLUTIONS

Section 1 – No resolution or motion to commit this Club on any matter shall be considered by the Club until it has been approved by the Board. Such resolutions or motions, if offered at a Club meeting, shall be referred, without discussion, to the Board. After considering the matter, the Board shall submit its recommendation to the Club. Once such resolution or motion has been recommended by the Board, the Club may then proceed to take such action as may seem proper to the majority.

Section 2 – Any appeal to the Club, or to its members as Rotarians, for charitable or other subscriptions shall be managed in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Section 1 of this Article.

ARTICLE 15. MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS (may be revised/adapted by the President):

1. Call to order
2. Rotary song selections
3. Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and the Rotary Four-way Test
4. Invocation
5. Introduction of visiting Rotarians and Guests
6. Visitation Report
7. Congratulations and Fines
8. Correspondence and Announcements
9. Reports by Committee Chairs/others
10. Speaker/Program
11. Adjournment

ARTICLE 16. AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting, a quorum being present, by a two-thirds vote of all members present, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been mailed or made available to each member at least 10 days before such meeting. No amendment or addition to these Bylaws can be made which is not in harmony with the Bylaws set forth by RI.

ARTICLE 17. RULES OF ORDER

Parliamentary practice in Club, Board, and Committee meetings shall be in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order*.

ARTICLE 18. ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

An addendum, entitled *Administrative Guidelines*, as approved by the Board of Directors, shall be attached to these Bylaws as an aid to those serving as Officers, Directors or Chairpersons of selected Committees.

ARTICLE 19. ALIGNMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, BYLAWS AND FORMER CONSTITUTION

Section 1 – These Bylaws shall adhere to and ensure congruence with RI standards and regulations.

Section 2 – The Bylaws shall respect the Rotary Club of Norfolk's Articles of Incorporation.

Section 3 – All previous constitutional articles are merged into these Bylaws and *Administrative Guidelines*.

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Amended and Approved, January 21, 2025