

The Rotary Club of Downey - Bylaws

1st Amendment – Add Article 17

Approved May 23, 2017

Raul Lopez moved Dan Fox seconded the motion to approve the bylaw amendment as presented to the membership of Rotary Club of Downey. Motion Carried.

Article 17 Membership Types

- ***Individual***

Must be an adult who has demonstrated good character, integrity, and leadership; have a good reputation in their business, profession, and community; and are willing to make a positive difference in their community and around the world.

Dues will be set by the Board of Directors; Rotarian will be responsible for all dues and amounts billed for other events/tickets.

- ***Individual Sr. Active***

Individual requirements must have been met; excused absences & reduced monthly dues based on the aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership is 85 years or more, the member has been a member of one or more clubs for at least 20 years, and the member has notified the club secretary in writing of the member's desire to be excused from attendance and the board has approved.

Dues will be set by the Board of Directors; Rotarian will be responsible for all dues and amounts billed for meals and other events/tickets.

- ***Corporate***

The "Corporation" would apply to become an active member.

The "Corporation" would assign a *Specific Department Titled Employee* to act as the "Rotarian". Only the "Rotarian" is eligible to cast a vote.

Any member of the "Corporation" can attend Rotary meetings and/or events.

Dues will be set by the Board of Directors; Corporation will be responsible for all dues and amounts billed for additional meals and other events/tickets.

- ***Family (Spouse/Significant Other)***

A "spouse" or "significant other" residing in the same household of an active Downey Rotarian, would apply to become a Rotary member.

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2nd Amendment – Article 13

Approved - September 11, 2018

_____ moved _____ seconded the motion to approve the bylaw amendment as presented to the membership of Rotary Club of Downey. Motion Carried.

Article 13 Method of Electing Members

Section 1 -- The name of a prospective member, proposed by an active member of the club, shall be submitted to the board in writing, through the club secretary. A transferring or former member of another club may be proposed to active membership by the former club. The proposal shall be kept confidential except as otherwise provided in this procedure.

Section 2 -- The board shall ensure that the proposal meets all of the classification and membership requirements of the standard Rotary club constitution.

Section 3 -- The board shall approve or disapprove the proposal within 30 days of its submission and shall notify the proposer, through the club secretary, of its decision.

Section 4 -- If proposal is favorable, prospective members name and classification will be published on the website and HubBub.

Section 5 -- If no written objection to the proposal, stating reasons, is received by the board from any member (other than honorary) of the club within seven (7) days following publication of information about the prospective member, that person, upon payment of the admission fee (if not honorary membership), as prescribed in these bylaws, shall be considered to be elected to membership.

If any such objection has been filed with the board, it shall vote on this matter at its next meeting. If approved despite the objection, the proposed member, upon payment of the admission fee (if not honorary membership), shall be considered to be elected to membership.

Section 6 -- Following the election, the Membership Chair/President or other Board Member shall arrange a "Fireside Chat" to define the purposes of Rotary and the privileges and responsibilities of membership. President/Secretary will arrange for the new member's induction, membership badge, and new member Rotary literature. In addition, the secretary or treasurer will report the new member information to RI and the president will assign a 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.

Section 7 -- The club may elect, in accordance with the standard Rotary club constitution, honorary members proposed by the board.

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3rd Amendment – Article 16

Approved – September 11, 2018

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 electronically communicated to each member at least ten (10) days before such meeting. No amendment or addition to these bylaws can be made which is not in harmony with the standard Rotary club constitution and with the constitution and bylaws of RI.

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4th Amendment – Article 3 (1)

Approved – July 11, 2023

Rich Strayer moved John Lacey seconded the motion to approve the bylaw amendment as presented to the membership of Rotary Club of Downey.

Motion Carried

Article 3 Board of Directors, Committees & Appointments

Section 1 -- After a regular meeting in March, the President-Elect shall meet with the club's Past Presidents, headed by the Immediate Past-President to present a slate of directors/officers for their consideration: Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer(s) and ~~3-Directors~~ **5 Directors** at large. The nominations will be of members who have served the club actively and who have had leadership positions on the board or a committee. From the nominations, the Past Presidents will then select a slate of officers/directors as the nominees.