

Bylaws of the Rotary Club of Purcell

Article 1 Definitions

1. Board: The board of directors of this club.
 2. Director: A director on this club's board.
 3. Member: A member, other than an honorary member, of this club.
 4. Quorum: The minimum number of participants who must be present when a vote is taken: one-third of the club's members for club decisions and a majority of the directors for club board decisions.
 5. RI: Rotary International.
 6. Year: The 12-month period beginning 1 July.
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Article 2 Board

The governing body of this club is its board of directors, consisting of, at a minimum, the president, immediate past president, president-elect, secretary, and treasurer.

Article 3 Elections and Terms of Office

Section 1 — One month before elections, members nominate candidates for president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and any open director positions. The nominations may be presented by a nominating committee, by members from the floor, or both.

Section 2 — The candidate who receives a majority of the votes for each office is declared elected to that office.

Section 3 — If any officer or board member vacates their position, the remaining members of the board will appoint a replacement.

Section 4 — If any officer-elect or director-elect vacates a position, the remaining members of the board-elect will appoint a replacement.

Section 5 — The terms of office for each role are:

President — One year

Vice President — One year

Treasurer — One year

Secretary — One year

Sergeant-at-arms — One year

Director — One year

Article 4 Duties of the Officers

Section 1 — The president presides at club and board meetings.

Section 2 — The immediate past president serves as a director on the club board.

Section 3 — The president-elect prepares for his or her year in office and serves as a director.

Section 4 — A director attends club and board meetings.

Section 5 — The secretary keeps membership and attendance records.

Section 6 — The treasurer oversees all funds and provides an accounting of them.

Section 7 — The sergeant-at-arms maintains order in club meetings.

Article 5 Meetings

Section 1 — An annual meeting of this club is held no later than 31 December to elect the officers and directors who will serve for the next Rotary year.

Section 2 — This club meets as follows: Each Wednesday at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church. Reasonable notice of any change or cancellation of the regular meeting will be given to all club members.

Section 3 — Board meetings are held each month. Special meetings of the board are called with reasonable notice by the president or upon the request of two directors.

Article 6 Dues

Annual club dues are determined by the board. They are paid as follows: Members are charged on a monthly basis. Annual club dues include RI per capita dues, subscriptions to an official magazine, district per capita dues, club fees, weekly meals, a \$100 donation to the Rotary Foundation, and any other Rotary or district per capita assessment.

Article 7 Method of Voting

The business of this club is conducted by voice vote or a show of hands except in the election of officers and directors, which is conducted by ballot. The board may also provide a ballot for a vote on some resolutions.

Article 8 Committees

Section 1 — This club's committees comprise those listed in article 11, section 7, of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, as well as additional committees established by the board as needed on a short- or long-term basis.

Section 2 — The president is an ex officio member of all committees.

Section 3 — Each committee's chair is responsible for the regular meetings and activities of the committee, supervises and coordinates its work, and reports to the board on all committee activities.

Article 9 Finances

Section 1 — Before each fiscal year starts, the board prepares an annual budget of estimated income and expenditures.

Section 2 — The treasurer deposits club funds in a financial institution or institutions designated by the board, divided into two accounts: one for club operations and one for service projects.

Section 3 — Bills are paid by the treasurer or another authorized officer and approved by two other officers or directors.

Section 4 — A qualified person conducts a thorough annual review of all financial transactions.

Section 5 — Club members will receive an annual financial statement of the club. A mid-year financial report, with current and previous year income and expenses, is presented at the annual meeting.

Section 6 — The fiscal year is from 1 July to 30 June.

Article 10 Method of Electing Members

Section 1 — A member of this club or another club proposes a candidate for membership to the board and/or the membership committee.

Section 2 — The board approves or rejects the candidate's membership within 30 days and notifies the proposing member of its decision.

Section 3 — If the board approves the candidate's membership, the prospective member is invited to join the club.

Article 11 Membership

Our club offers the following membership types:

- a. Individual membership: These members enjoy all the benefits, opportunities, and responsibilities of Rotary. Requirements include regular attendance at Rotary meetings and participation in service projects. The Board of Directors will establish the dues for this membership type, including Rotary International dues, District dues, a contribution to Every Rotarian Every Year, and a charge for meals.
 - I. Qualifications. All members must meet the regular requirements for membership in the club and in Rotary.
 - II. RI registration. All members are full, active members of the club and count

- in the club's and in Rotary's database.
- III. Votes and quorum. All members are active, dues-paying members and are eligible to vote on club matters.
- IV. Holding office. All members are active, dues-paying members of the club and are eligible to hold office.
- b. Service membership: These members are not required or expected to attend regular Rotary meetings. They are required to participate in a minimum of five service projects per year. The Board of Directors will establish the dues for this membership type, which will include Rotary International dues, District dues, and a contribution to Every Rotarian Every Year.
- I. Qualifications. All members must meet the regular requirements for membership in the club and in Rotary.
- II. Attendance. Members are not expected to attend meetings. Participation in a minimum of five service projects every year, in addition to fundraising events, is required.
- III. RI registration. All members are full, active members of the club and count in the club's and in Rotary's database.
- IV. Votes and quorum. All members are active, dues-paying members and are eligible to vote on club matters.
- V. Holding office. All members are active, dues-paying members of the club and are eligible to hold office.
- c. Rule of 85 membership: Individual members who have been members of Rotary for at least 20 years and whose age plus years of service equal at least 85 meet the "Rule of 85." Members who meet the Rule of 85 can elect to be a "pay as you eat" member and only pay for meals each week they attend, at a rate of determined by the board. Other dues are assessed as normal, including Rotary International dues, District dues, and a contribution to Every Rotarian Every Year. Members are still expected to attend regularly and to engage in service opportunities at least twice per year.
- I. Qualifications. All members must meet the regular requirements for membership in the club and in Rotary. Members' age plus years of service must be equal to at least 85.
- II. Attendance. Members are expected to attend meetings as possible. Participation in a minimum of two service projects every year is expected.
- III. RI registration. All members are full, active members of the club and count in the club's and in Rotary's database.
- IV. Votes and quorum. All members are active, dues-paying members and are eligible to vote on club matters.
- V. Holding office. All members are active, dues-paying members of the club and are eligible to hold office.
- d. Group membership: In addition to individual membership, the Rotary Club of Purcell offers a group membership program for businesses, government entities, professional practices, educational institutions, non-profit organizations, and family groups. The Board of Directors will establish the dues for this membership type, including Rotary International dues, District dues, a

contribution to Every Rotarian Every Year, and a charge for meals.

- I. Qualifications. All members must meet the regular requirements for membership in the club and in Rotary.
- II. Members. Subject to the approval of the club's board, these groups may designate a primary member and additional members, who must be employed by or a member of the governing body of the organization or a member of the family group.
- III. Attendance. The primary member is expected to attend in person at least once per quarter. The additional members will meet the club's other attendance and participation requirements.
- IV. RI registration. All group members are full, active members of the club and count in the club's and in Rotary's database.
- V. Votes and quorum. All group members are active, dues-paying members and are eligible to vote on club matters.
- VI. Holding office. All group members are active, dues-paying members of the club and are eligible to hold office.

Article 12 Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any regular club meeting. Changing the club bylaws requires sending written notice to each member 21 days before the meeting, having a quorum present for the vote, and having two-thirds of the votes support the change. Changes to these bylaws must be consistent with the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, the RI Constitution and Bylaws, and the Rotary Code of Policies.