

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF  
THE ROTARY CLUB OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

**CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

The name of this organization shall be “Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri,” a Missouri nonprofit corporation.

**ARTICLE II**

**LOCALITY OF THE CLUB**

The locality of this Club is as follows: Kansas City, Missouri, including its metropolitan area.

**ARTICLE III**

**OBJECT OF ROTARY AND PURPOSES OF THE CLUB**

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian’s personal, business, and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The purposes of this Club are to pursue the Object of Rotary, carry out successful service projects based on the Five Avenues of Service, contribute to the advancement of Rotary by strengthening membership, support The Rotary Foundation, develop leaders beyond the Club level, and support the Rotary Youth Camp.

## ARTICLE IV

### MEETINGS

**Section 1.** This Club shall hold a regular meeting once each week on the day and at the time provided in its by-laws.

For good cause, the Board of Directors of this Club may reschedule or cancel any meeting, so long as the Club meets at least twice each month.

**Section 2.** An annual meeting for the election of officers of this Club shall be held no later than December 31 each year as provided in the by-laws of this Club.

## ARTICLE V

### MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1. General Qualifications.** This Club shall be composed of adult persons of good character and good business or professional reputation.

**Section 2. Kinds.** This Club shall have two kinds of members: active and honorary.

**Section 3. Active.** This Club may elect to active membership adult persons who demonstrate good character, integrity, and leadership; possess good reputation within their business, profession, and/or community; and are willing to serve in their community and/or around the world.

**Section 4. Dual Membership.** No person shall simultaneously hold active membership in this and another Rotary Club. A person may simultaneously hold active membership in this Club and membership in a Rotaract Club.

**Section 5. Honorary Membership.** A person who has distinguished himself/herself by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals, may be elected to honorary membership in this Club.

Honorary membership 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; but shall be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all the other privileges of the Club. No honorary member of this Club is entitled to any rights or privileges in any other Club.

## ARTICLE VI

### CLASSIFICATIONS

#### **Section 1. Classifications.**

(a) Each active member of this Club shall be classified in accordance with his/her business or profession.

(b) The classification of each active member of this Club shall be that which covers the principal and recognized activity of the firm, company or institution with which he/she is connected or that which covers his/her principal and recognized business or professional activity.

(c) How corrected. The Board, in its discretion, may correct or adjust the classification of any member, whose membership has not terminated, if the circumstances warrant such action. Due notice of such proposed correction or adjustment shall be given to the member and he/she shall be allowed a hearing thereon.

## ARTICLE VII

### DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

**Section 1.** The governing body of this Club shall be a Board of Directors to be constituted as the by-laws of the Club may provide.

**Section 2.** Except as herein otherwise specifically provided, the decision of the Board in all Club matters shall be final, subject only to an appeal to the Club. The Board shall have general control over all officers and committees and may, for good cause, declare any office vacant. It shall constitute a Board of appeal from the rulings of all officers and actions of all committees. Appeal may be taken from any decision of the Board to the Club. On such appeal the decision appealed from shall be reversed only by a two-thirds vote of the members present, at a regular meeting specified by the Board, a quorum being present, notice of such appeal having been given by the Secretary-Treasurer to all members of the Club at least five (5) days previous to such meeting.

**Section 3.** The officers of this Club shall be a President, a President-Elect, each of whom shall be a member of the Board, and a Secretary-Treasurer, who may or may not be a member of the Board as the by-laws of the Club shall provide.

**Section 4.** Each officer shall be elected as provided in the by-laws of the Club and, except as may otherwise be provided in relation to the President, shall take office on the first day of July immediately following his/her election and shall serve for the period of his/her election or until his/her successor shall have been elected and qualified.

The President shall be elected, as the by-laws of the Club may provide, within the period of not more than two years but not less than eighteen months prior to the day on which he/she shall take office as President. He/she shall be a member of the Board and shall serve as

President-Elect for the year immediately preceding the year in which he/she is to serve as President.

Each officer and each director shall be an active member in good standing of this Club. For a better understanding of the duties and responsibilities of Club President, the President-Elect should attend the district Presidents-Elect training seminar and the district assembly. If for good reason he/she cannot attend the district assembly, he/she should send a designated representative from the Club who should report back to him/her.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **FEES AND DUES**

**Section 1.** Every active member of this Club shall pay annual dues as may be prescribed in the by-laws of this Club.

**Section 2.** A special assessment may be levied for emergency purposes by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a meeting of the Club, a quorum existing, provided that notice shall be mailed not less than one week in advance of such meeting, stating the reason for the assessment and the time and date of the vote thereon.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **DURATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1. Period.** Membership shall continue during the existence of the Club unless terminated as hereinafter provided.

**Section 2. How Terminated.**

(a) Membership shall automatically terminate when a member ceases to have the necessary qualifications for membership.

(b) Honorary membership shall automatically terminate on the thirtieth day of June next after the date of election. However, the Board in its discretion may, by resolution, from year to year continue such honorary membership for the ensuing year.

**Section 3. How to Rejoin.** When the membership of an active member has terminated as provided in the foregoing Section 2, such person may make new application for membership, under the same classification or another classification.

**Section 4. Termination-Non-Payment of Dues.** Any member failing to pay his/her dues within thirty (30) days after the prescribed time shall be notified in writing by the Secretary-Treasurer at his/her last known address. If the dues are not paid on or before ten (10) days from the date of notification, said membership may terminate, subject to the discretion of the Board. Such former member, at the discretion of the Board, may be reinstated to membership upon his/her petition, and upon the payment of all his/her indebtedness to the Club.

**Section 5. Termination for Other Causes.**

(a) The membership of any member may be terminated by the Board, for a reason which the Board may deem to be sufficient, by the votes of not less than two-thirds of the members thereof, at a meeting called for that purpose.

(b) In such case, the member shall be given at least ten (10) days' notice in writing of such pending action and an opportunity to submit to the Board a written answer. He/she shall also have the privilege of appearing before the Board to state his/her case. Service of such notice shall be made by personal delivery or by registered letter to his/her last known address.

(c) In case of a decision to terminate membership, the Secretary-Treasurer shall, within seven days after the date of the Board's decision, notify the member in writing of the decision of the Board. Such member may, within fourteen days after the date of such notice, give written notice to the Secretary-Treasurer of his/her intention either to appeal to the Club or to arbitrate as provided in Article XII of this constitution. In the event he/she appeals, the Board shall set a date for the hearing of the appeal at a regular meeting of the Club, to be held within twenty-one (21) days after the receipt of such written notice of appeal. At least five (5) days' notice of such Club meeting and its special business shall be given in writing to every member of the Club, and only members of the Club shall be permitted to be present when such appeal is considered at such meeting.

(d) The action of the Board shall be final if no appeal to the Club is taken and no arbitration is requested. If an appeal is taken, the action of the Club shall be final.

**Section 6. Resignation.** The resignation of any member from the Club shall be in writing (addressed to the President or Secretary-Treasurer) and shall be accepted by the Board, provided that all indebtedness of said member to the Club has been paid.

**Section 7. Property; Interest-Forfeiture of.** Any person whose membership in this Club has been terminated in any manner shall forfeit all interest in any funds or other property belonging to the Club.

**ARTICLE X**

**COMMUNITY, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

**Section 1.** The general welfare of the community, the nation, and the world is a concern to the members of this Club, and the merits of any public question involving such welfare shall be proper subjects of fair and intelligent study and discussion before a Club meeting for the enlightenment of its members in forming their individual opinion. However this Club shall not express an opinion on any pending controversial public measure.

**Section 2.** This Club shall not endorse or recommend any candidate for public office and shall not discuss at any Club meeting the merits or demerits of any such candidate.

### **Section 3.**

(a) This Club shall neither adopt nor circulate resolutions or views, nor take corporate action, dealing with world affairs or international policies of a political nature.

(b) This Club shall not direct appeals to clubs, peoples or governments, or circulate letters, speeches, or proposed plans for the solution of specific international problems of a political nature.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **ROTARY MAGAZINES**

**Section 1.** Unless this Club is excused by the Board of Directors of Rotary International from complying with the provisions of this article in accordance with the By-laws of Rotary International, every active member of this Club, by acceptance of such membership, voluntarily subscribes to the official magazine or to the approved regional magazine prescribed for this Club by the Board of Directors of Rotary International and to the BUZZ SAW, the official publication of this Club. Each subscription shall be handled in six (6) month periods and shall continue as long as he/she is a member of the Club and to the end of any six (6) month period during which he/she may cease to be a member of the Club.

**Section 2.** The amount of each subscription shall be collected by the Club from each member semi-annually in advance and remitted to the Secretariat of Rotary International or to the office of such regional publication as may be determined by the Board of Directors of Rotary International.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **ACCEPTANCE OF OBJECT AND COMPLIANCE WITH CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

A member, by payment of dues thereby accepts the principles of Rotary as expressed in its Object and submits himself/herself to and agrees to comply with and be bound by the constitution and by-laws of this Club, and on these conditions alone is entitled to the privileges of this Club. No member shall be absolved from the observance of the constitution and bylaws on the plea that he/she has not received a copy of them.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **ARBITRATION**

Should any dispute arise between any member or members, or a former member or members, and the Club, or any officer or the Board of the Club, relative to membership or to any alleged breach of the constitution or by-laws, or the expulsion of any member from the Club, or on any account whatsoever which cannot be satisfactorily settled under the procedure already provided for such purpose, the matters in difference shall be settled by arbitration. Each party

shall appoint an arbitrator and the arbitrators shall appoint an umpire. Only members of a Rotary Club may be appointed as umpire or as arbitrators. The decision arrived at by the arbitrators, or, in the event of their disagreement, by the umpire, shall be final and binding on all parties.

#### **ARTICLE XIV**

##### **BY-LAWS**

This Club shall adopt by-laws not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-laws of Rotary International (and the rules of procedure for an area administration where established) and with this constitution, embodying additional provisions for the government of this Club. Such by-laws may be amended from time to time as therein provided.

#### **ARTICLE XV**

##### **INTERPRETATION**

Throughout this constitution, references to one gender shall include the other gender and the terminology "mailed" shall include utilization of electronic mail (e-mail) and internet technology to reduce costs and increase responsiveness.

#### **ARTICLE XVI**

##### **AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1.** This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting, a quorum being present, by a two-thirds vote of all members present, provided, however, that such proposed amendment shall be offered at a meeting at least two weeks preceding that at which the vote shall be taken, and provided further that a written or printed copy of the proposed amendment, with notice of the date and time of voting shall have been mailed to each member at least one week before the meeting at which the vote shall be taken.

**Section 2.** Variations identified by addendum hereto shall not be changed except to conform them more closely to the standard Rotary Constitution then in effect.

# **BY-LAWS**

## **ARTICLE I**

### **MEETINGS**

**Section 1.** Meetings of the Club shall be held on Thursday of each week, at such hour and place as the Directors shall designate. For good cause, the Board of Directors may reschedule or cancel any meeting, so long as the Club meets at least twice each month. Special meetings of the Club may be called by the President or the Board of Directors, or by any ten members upon written notice to the Secretary-Treasurer to all members three days in advance of said special meeting. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting except that for which the meeting was called.

#### **Directors Meetings**

**Section 2.** The Board of Directors shall hold a regular meeting each month at such date, place and hour as the President may designate. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or by any other three members of the Board upon personal or written notice served twenty-four hours prior to such meeting upon each Director. Six members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for any regular or special meeting. Written minutes shall be kept for all Board meetings, copies of which shall be available to all members with 60 days after the meeting. Meetings of the Board may be by electronic means.

#### **Annual Meeting**

**Section 3.** The annual meeting shall be held in June or July of each year at which time officers for the ensuing year elected at the annual election shall be installed.

#### **Quorum**

**Section 4.** Sixty or more members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of this Club.

#### **Proxies**

**Section 5.** No voting by proxy shall be allowed .

#### **Method of Voting**

**Section 6.** The business of this Club shall be transacted by voice vote except the election of the nominating committee and the election of officers and Directors shall be by ballot.

#### **Fiscal Year**

**Section 7.** Each fiscal year shall begin July 1 and terminate June 30 each year.



## ARTICLE II

### **Annual Election**

**Section 1.** The annual election of officers and Directors shall be held at the second regular meeting in December of each year at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors, and of which the members shall be given at least four weeks' notice, at which time there shall be elected a President, a President-Elect, a Secretary-Treasurer, and three Directors.

### **Nominating Committee**

#### **Section 2.**

(a) The Board of Directors shall present to the Club the names of ten (10) members in good standing from which five (5) members shall be selected in the following manner: The Club shall vote by ballot for five members on the list presented by the Board of Directors, and the five members receiving the highest votes, plus the five most recent past Presidents of the Club who are members in good standing, shall constitute the nominating committee.

(b) The nominating committee shall present to the Club its selection of candidates for the various offices, as follows:

(i) The name of the then acting President-Elect, who, if in good standing, shall be the sole candidate for election to the office of President.

(ii) The names of two (2) members in good standing as candidates for election to the office of President-Elect.

(iii) The names of two (2) members in good standing as candidates for election to the office of Secretary-Treasurer.

(c) The names of six (6) members in good standing as candidates for election to the three open positions on the Board of Directors.

### **Nomination of Members**

#### **Section 3.**

(a) Any five (5) members of the Club in good standing may nominate a candidate, or candidates, for any of the open offices; such nomination or nominations shall be made in writing and submitted to the President; each such nomination shall include the written consent of the candidate to stand for election.

(b) If any nomination/nominations is/are received from any five (5) members of the Club in good standing, the President shall notify the membership in writing of such nomination/nominations.

## **Election of Officers**

### **Section 4.**

(a) Printed ballots bearing the names of all candidates shall be mailed (or emailed) to all members of the Club in good standing at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the annual election for their use in voting in the election. Such ballots shall include clear instructions on how votes shall be recorded on the ballot.

(b) Votes can be cast by mail, email, or deposited in the ballot box at the Club meeting on election day. Ballots received after 1:00 p.m. on the annual election date shall not be counted. The vote shall be cast in sealed envelopes with the voter's name written on the back thereof (or returned as an email attachment from the member). The member shall indicate his/her choice of one of the candidates for President-Elect, one candidate for Secretary-Treasurer, and three of the candidates for membership on the Board of Directors; ballots on which votes are cast for more than the number of members to be elected to each office shall be termed defective ballots and shall not be counted.

(c) After the votes have been counted after the annual election, the candidate receiving the most votes for President-Elect shall be deemed elected.

(d) After the votes have been counted after the annual election, the three candidates receiving the most votes for Directors shall be elected as Directors.

(e) After the votes have been counted after the annual election, the candidate receiving the most votes for Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

(f) In case of a tie for the offices of President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, or Director, those candidates tied shall be voted upon again at a regular meeting following the annual election.

(g) A committee of three (3) election tellers shall be appointed by the President to open the ballot box, check the eligibility of the voters, record the votes cast and certify the results of the election to the President, who will forthwith announce the results to the Club.

(h) Only members in good standing will be permitted to vote at the annual election.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES**

**Section 1.** The President-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer Elect of the Club, elected by the membership at the annual election in December of each year, may be delegates to the International Convention of Rotary International held following their election to their respective offices, if so approved by the Board of Directors

**Section 2.** The President may, subject to the approval of the Board, appoint other delegates to the International Convention.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP**

Persons shall be elected to membership in the following manner:

**Section 1.** A proposal for membership shall contain the name, address, proposed business or professional classification, and a statement of the qualifications for membership. Such proposal must be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer (or Executive Director) of the Club.

**Section 2.** The Secretary-Treasurer (or Executive Director) shall then refer the proposal to the Membership Classification & Qualification Committee for proper designation of classification.

**Section 3.** The Membership Classification & Qualification Committee shall investigate the qualifications and business record of the proposed member. The name, classification, business address, name of sponsors of the proposed new member and the Membership Classification & Qualification Committee's recommendation of approval or disapproval shall then be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors who shall by majority vote, accept or reject the recommendation of the Membership Classification & Qualification Committee.

**Section 4.** The name of the proposed member accepted by the Board of Directors, the name of his/her business and business address, and the names of sponsors of such proposed member shall be published in the BUZZ SAW advising that objections, if any, to such proposed member shall be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer within ten days. If there is no objection, such proposed member shall then be approved for membership.

**Section 5.** In the event of objection, the Secretary-Treasurer shall advise the Board of Directors and Membership Classification & Qualification Committee of any objection received. The Membership Classification & Qualification Committee shall consider any such objection and then deliver to the Board of Directors the committee's written recommendation for approval or disapproval. The Board of Directors shall by majority vote approve or disapprove such proposed new member.

**Section 6.** Upon approval by the Board, such proposed new member shall then be requested to receive orientation under the direction of the New Member Orientation Committee.

**Section 7.** An application duly filled in and signed by the proposed new member, accompanied by a photograph, together with dues for at least one quarter in advance, and attendance at a New Member Orientation Committee meeting shall constitute acceptance of the

invitation to membership, and the new member may be presented to the membership at large at the next regular meeting.

**Section 8.** Should a member so elected fail to accept the invitation within a period of time considered reasonable by the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors may declare the election null and void and have the name stricken from the roll.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** The officers of this Club shall consist of a President, President-Elect, and Secretary- Treasurer. The general direction of the Club's affairs shall rest with a Board of ten Directors, hereinafter described.

#### **President**

**Section 2.** With the exception of the Nominating Committee, the President shall appoint all committees, shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors, may sign, or countersign with the Secretary-Treasurer all checks subject to such procedures as may, from time to time, be established by the Board of Directors, and perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to this office. With the exception of the Nominating Committee, the President shall be an ex-officio member of all standing and special committees and the General Committee-person representing this Club in Rotary International.

#### **President-Elect**

**Section 3.** The President-Elect shall in the absence of the President perform the duties pertaining to that office and shall succeed to the office of the President at the time officers and Directors regularly are installed.

#### **Secretary-Treasurer**

**Section 4.** The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a record of each meeting, also a correct list of all members, together with the name of the firm or corporation represented by them, and a full description of their business, their business and residence address, and telephone numbers, and from time to time prepare such data in appropriate form for publication in the roster. He/she shall keep a record of attendance of each member at each regular meeting. He/she shall send out notices of meetings, collect and receive all moneys due to the Club, keep an accurate account of such money, and deposit the same in the name of the Club in a bank to be designated by the Board of Directors. He/she may sign, or countersign with the President, all checks subject to such procedures as may, from time to time, be established by the Board of Directors. He/she shall keep a record of the attendance at all meetings; attend to the correspondence; perform such other duties as are provided for herein, and in the By-Laws and as may be prescribed by the Club or the Board of Directors and as ordinarily pertain to this office.

## **The Board of Directors**

**Section 5.** The Board of Directors shall consist of ten members, four of whom shall be the President, President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and the Immediate Past President, and six other members of the Club, three of whom shall be elected each year. Each of the six Directors so elected shall serve for two years.

## **Executive Director**

**Section 6.** An Executive Director may be appointed by the Board of Directors. Such Executive Director shall attend to the service of the members individually and collectively and work under the immediate direction of the President and Secretary-Treasurer; shall attend all meetings of the Club and Board of Directors and perform any duties that may be assigned to him/her by the Board of Directors. The salary of the Executive Director shall be fixed by the Board of Directors and he/she may be required to give bond in a sum and with such security as may be required by the Board of Directors. The Executive Director may or may not be a member of the Club.

## **Vacancies**

**Section 7.** In the event of any office becoming vacant, it shall be filled by the Board of Directors with a qualified member to serve during the remaining term of such office; provided, however, that should the office of President become vacant, the President-Elect shall succeed to the office for the remaining term of such officer and shall serve as President for the next successive term for which he/she was elected as President, in accordance with Article V, Section 3, herein, and the office of President-Elect shall remain vacant during the remaining term of such office.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **DIVISIONS**

**Section 1.** The President may, subject to the approval of the Board, assign any or all existing committees (except Youth Camp Committees) into divisions.

**Section 2.** The President may, subject to the approval of the Board, appoint and designate the duties of Division Leaders of the aforesaid Divisions.

**Section 3.** Youth Camp Committees (Operations, Maintenance and Grounds) shall be under the direction of the Board of the Rotary Youth Camp Association, Inc.

## ARTICLE VII

### COMMITTEES

#### Section 1.

(a) The President shall, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, appoint the following principal and standing committees:

Community Service Committee  
International Service Committee  
Membership Classification and Qualification Committee  
Membership Development Committee  
New Member Orientation Committee  
Program Committee  
Finance Committee

(b) The President shall, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, also appoint such committees on particular phases of Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service, New Generations Service and any other committees as he/she may deem necessary.

(c) The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

(d) Committees shall consist of a chair named by the President, and at least two other members from the Club membership. Where feasible or necessary for continuity, one or more members may be appointed for a second term or for more than one year terms

(e) Each committee shall transact such business as referred to it by the President or the Board of Directors. Except where special authority is given by the Board, such committees shall not take action until Board approval is obtained.

#### Section 2.

(a) **Community Service Committee.** This committee shall recommend and provide such community services as may be determined to be needed from time to time, by the President or the Board of Directors. In the event other committees are appointed on particular phases of Community Service, the Chair of such committees shall be members of the Community Service Committee.

(b) **International Service Committee.** This committee shall devise and implement plans to guide and assist the members of this Club in discharging their responsibilities relating to international service. In the event other committees are appointed on particular phases of international service, this committee shall supervise and coordinate the activities of such committees, and the chairs of such committees shall be members of the International Service Committee.

(c) **Membership Classification and Qualification Committee.** This committee shall consider all proposals for membership and shall investigate the character, business, social and community standing and general eligibility of all persons proposed for membership and shall report its decision on each application to the Board of Directors.

(d) **Membership Development Committee.** This Committee shall take positive action to initiate and present to the Board the names of suitable persons to become Rotarians.

(e) **New Member Orientation Committee.** This Committee shall inform prospective members about the privileges and responsibilities of Rotary Club membership and oversee the orientation of new members during their first year in the Club.

(f) **Program Committee.** This committee shall prepare and arrange the programs for the regular and special meetings of the Club.

(g) **Finance Committee.** This committee shall review the financial operations of the Club and all club-related entities and report the findings to, as needed, the Club and any related entities. The Secretary-Treasurer shall chair this committee, with the past Secretary-Treasurer (and the Secretary-Treasurer Elect, if any) also serving on this Committee.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

This Club is a forum open for discussion of all public questions, but the Club shall not, as an organization either advocate or oppose the election of particular candidates for public office nor any pending or proposed municipal, state or national legislation.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **FEES AND DUES**

**Section 1.** The annual dues of each active member shall be determined annually by the Board of Directors, except that the Board shall provide a special rate for members who have given past service and those under age 35, as determined annually by the Board.

**Section 2.** If approved by the Board of Directors of the Club, part of the annual dues of each member shall constitute a direct unrestricted voluntary contribution by such member to The Rotary Youth Camp Association, a tax exempt charitable organization, and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Rotary Club of Kansas City is hereby designated and authorized as the agent of this Club to receive and transmit such funds. Said Secretary-Treasurer shall transmit the same to said Rotary Youth Camp Association within thirty (30) days of the receipt thereof. Each such

member by so paying such dues also constitutes said Club Secretary-Treasurer his/her agent for the receipt and transmission of said funds as aforesaid. The Rotary Youth Camp Association has also heretofore constituted said Club Secretary-Treasurer its agent for the receipt and transmission of such contributions to it.

**Section 3.** In the exercise of its discretion, the Board of Directors may grant an exception to the payment of annual dues by any Club member conditioned by any terms and limitations deemed necessary and appropriate by the Board.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **BADGES**

Badges or tags shall be worn by each member at all Club meetings for the purpose of individual and business identification. The style and form of the badge shall be determined by the Board of Directors and subject to change at any time.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

No resolution or motion to commit this Club or any matter shall be considered by the Club until it has been considered by the Board. Such resolutions or motions, if offered at a Club meeting, shall be referred to the Board without discussion.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The following shall be the Order of Business of both Club and Directors' business meetings:

First: Reading of the minutes.

Second: Report of Officers.

Third: Report of Committees

a) Standing committees.

b) Special committees.

Fourth: Unfinished business.

Fifth: New business.



## ARTICLE XIII

### PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE-AMENDMENTS

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

The By-Laws of the Club may be amended at any regular meeting, a quorum being present, by a two-thirds vote of all members present, provided, however, that such proposed amendment shall be offered at a meeting at least two weeks preceding the vote upon the same and that a written or printed copy of the proposed amendment, with notice of the time and date of voting, shall have been mailed or emailed to each member at least one week before the meeting at which the vote shall be taken.

**RESOLVED,** That the foregoing Constitution and By-Laws be and hereby are adopted as the Constitution and By-Laws of the Rotary Club of Kansas City, and all previous acts of this Club which in any way may be in conflict with this Constitution and these By-Laws are hereby repealed, provided that nothing in this Constitution and these By-Laws shall be construed to affect in a retroactive manner the membership of any person now a member in good standing in this Club.

*Revised*