

Bylaws of the Rotary Club of Slidell

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 July 1.

Article 2 Board

The governing body of this club is its Board of Directors consisting of the President, Immediate Past President, Vice-President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Administration Chair, Membership Chair and Community Service Chair. The maximum Board size is nine members.

Article 3 Elections and Terms of Office

Section 1 – One month before elections, members nominate candidates for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. 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 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 – The Vice-President presides at club and board meetings when the President is absent.

Section 5 – A Director attends club and board meetings.

Section 6 – The Secretary keeps membership records.

Section 7 – The Treasurer oversees all funds and provides an accounting of them.

Article 5 Meetings

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

Section 2 – This club meets as follows – each Friday at 12 pm. 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

Club Dues are structures as follows:

- 1) First Quarter (Jan-Mar) - \$100. This amount includes RI dues, subscription to the Rotary magazine, Polio Plus and the Rotary Foundation.
- 2) Second Quarter (Apr-June) - \$140. This is the same as the First Quarter, plus \$40 for the annual installation banquet. The banquet assessment covers the Rotarian and one guest.
- 3) Third Quarter (Jul-Sep) - \$100. Same as First Quarter.
- 4) Fourth Quarter (Oct-Dec) - \$140. This is the same as the First Quarter, plus \$40 for the annual Christmas banquet. The banquet assessment covers the Rotarian and one guest.

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.

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 for 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 July 1 to June 30.

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 Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any regular club meeting. Changing the Club Bylaws requires sending notice, written or electronic, 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.