

Article 6 – District Governor Nomination & Election

6.1 The nominating procedure for DGND shall be as described in the Rotary International Bylaws, the Rotary International Manual of Procedure and as provided herein.

6.2 Composition of the Nominating Committee (*update April 28, 2014*)

a. The District Nominating Committee (“Committee”) shall include the two (2) most recent available Past District Governors (“PDG”), with the most senior PDG serving as the non-voting chair and the junior PDG serving as the voting vice-chair. In the event that either cannot serve, the DG will appoint an available PDG as a replacement. The Committee will also include the Assistant Governors who are serving in their offices during the current Rotary year. Assistant Governors unable to fulfill this obligation shall immediately notify the Committee Chair and the District Governor. The immediate past Assistant Governor of the affected Group will be requested to assume the position on the Committee. If the immediate past Assistant Governor of the affected Group is not available, the sitting Group itself will select, by consensus, a current club president from the Group to represent the Group on the Committee. The Committee Chair and the District Governor shall be notified of the selected Committee member no later than 7 days prior to DGND Committee selection meeting. If the Committee Chair and the District Governor are not notified within the specified timeframe, the Group will not be represented at the DGND Committee selection meeting.

b. Of the eligible Assistant Governors or their duly appointed replacement as noted above and Voting PDG [e.g. electors], a quorum shall consist of a simple majority of electors. These electors must be present when the Committee convenes and when the vote is taken. Proxies are not allowed and will not be counted.

c. The chair of this Committee normally serves in a non-voting capacity except in the event of a tie vote in which case the chair will cast the tie-breaking vote.

6.3 The District Parliamentarian shall be present during all deliberations of the Committee.

- a. The District Parliamentarian shall monitor procedures and practices as the Bylaws and the provisions of this Section may prescribe them. In the performance of his/her duties, he/she is authorized and required to terminate Committee deliberations should they, in his/her judgment, prejudice fairness or compliance with appropriate regulations.
- b. In the event of such a termination of Committee deliberations, the DG is directed to reconvene the Nominating Committee under the control of the vice-chair.

6.4 The DG or the Chair of the Committee, if so directed, shall before July 15th of each year, advise each club in the District that applications for the position of DGND will be accepted through October 1 and that Statement of Service Forms, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference, will be available from the Governor, the Chair or the District website; and advise each club of the date, time and location of the meeting of the Nominating Committee. Applications received by the DG shall be forwarded to the Chair of the Committee.

6.5 The sponsoring club shall have the responsibility for:

- a. If by regular surface mail, preparing and mailing 15 copies of all application documents which will include two original 3" x 4" minimum to 5" x 7" maximum, black and white, head and shoulders photos of the candidate; and the candidate's completed Statement of Service form. The other photos may be Xerox-type reproductions.
- b. If by e-mail, preparing the application documents, which will include a 3" x 4" minimum to 5" x 7" maximum black and white, head and shoulders photo of the candidate, then sending the completed application documents to the DG no later than October 1 .
- c. Assigning a club member to make an oral presentation of the club's candidate to the Nominating Committee at the time of the interview. Unless a member of the candidate's home club presents the candidate, he/she will not be eligible to appear before the Committee.

6.6 The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

- a. Before July 15th of each year, to make and promulgate arrangements for a Committee meeting to be held after October 1st and before October 31st of each year.
- b. To send copies of all the candidate applications and Statement of Service forms to each member of the Committee no later than ten days prior to the convening of the Committee meeting.

- c. To preside over the meeting so as to:
 - i. Verify the original copy of a sponsoring club's nomination resolution, signed by the club president and the club secretary.
 - ii. Verify that each candidate meets the formal requirements for nomination, in accordance with paragraph 15.070 and 15.080 of the RI Bylaws.
 - iii. Clarify the specific duties of a DG.
 - iv. Enable each candidate to reveal his or her intentions and ambitions.
 - v. Allow an overall summary of each candidate's qualifications and suitability.
 - vi. Conduct the meeting of the Committee in a dignified, responsible manner in harmony with the principles of Rotary.
 - vii. Supervise the election of the DGND utilizing a secret ballot vote. A majority vote of the members assembled for the purpose is required to elect the DGND.
 - viii. Advise the DG immediately of the Committee decision prior to public announcement.

6.7 No one besides Committee members and the District Parliamentarian shall be permitted to be present during the deliberations of the Committee leading to the selection of the DGND.

6.8 No one besides the Committee members, the District Parliamentarian and the candidate shall be permitted to be present during each candidate's interview by the Committee.

6.9 At all times during its deliberations to select a DGND, the Committee is precluded from considering and/or discussing or giving any weight whatsoever in its selection of the DGND to any of the following factors:

- a. Whether or not the candidate has been such a candidate in prior years.
- b. The location within the District of the club which nominated the candidate.
- c. The number of Past District Governor's or the recentness of service of any Past District Governor from any of the clubs that have proposed a candidate for selection as DGND.
- d. The age, sex, religion, race, national origin, sexual preference or marital status of any candidate.

6.10 After the DGND has been selected and the Chair has notified the DG, the procedure to be followed shall be as prescribed in the RI Bylaws.