

Qualifications for Governor-Nominee

Rotary International Bylaws §16.010

Unless excused by the RI Board, the person selected as governor-nominee shall, **at the time of selection**:

1. Membership in Good Standing

Be a member in good standing of a functioning Rotary club in District 5470.

2. Service as Club President

Have served as club president for a full term or as charter president for at least six months.

3. Ability to Fulfill the Duties of Governor

Demonstrate the willingness, commitment, and ability to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of governor described in RI Bylaws §16.030.

4. Knowledge of the Office

Demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of governor as prescribed in the RI Bylaws.

5. Certification to Rotary International

Submit to Rotary International a statement confirming that the Rotarian:

- understands the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of governor;
- is qualified for the office of governor; and
- is willing and able to assume and faithfully perform the duties and responsibilities of the office.

Reference

Bylaws of Rotary International (June 2025), §16.010; Manual of Procedure 2025, pp. 42–43.

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Additional Qualifications

When Taking Office as Governor

Rotary International Bylaws §16.020

In addition to satisfying the qualifications required for selection as governor-nominee, the Rotarian must meet additional requirements **when taking office as district governor**.

Unless excused by the RI Board, a governor, when taking office, must:

1. Attend the International Assembly

Have attended the International Assembly for its full duration.

2. Have at Least Seven Years of Rotary Membership

Have been a Rotarian for at least seven years.

3. Continue to Meet the Governor-Nominee Qualifications

Continue to possess all of the qualifications stated in RI Bylaws §16.010.

Important Timing Distinction

The requirements in §16.010 apply **at the time the governor-nominee is selected**.

The additional requirements in §16.020 apply **when the Rotarian takes office as governor**.

Reference

Bylaws of Rotary International (June 2025), §16.020; Manual of Procedure 2025, p. 43.

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Duties and Responsibilities of the District Governor

Rotary International Bylaws §16.030

The district governor is an officer of Rotary International in the district, functioning under the general control and supervision of the RI Board.

The governor is expected to **inspire and motivate the clubs in the district** and ensure continuity by working with past, current, and incoming district leaders.

The governor is responsible for:

1. New Clubs

Organizing new clubs.

2. Strengthening Clubs

Strengthening existing clubs.

3. Membership

Promoting membership growth.

4. District and Club Leadership

Working with district and club leaders to encourage:

- participation in a district leadership plan developed by the RI Board;
- promotion of the RI strategic plan; and
- participation in grant programs of The Rotary Foundation.

5. The Object of Rotary

Furthering the Object of Rotary by providing leadership and supervision of the clubs in the district.

6. The Rotary Foundation

Supporting The Rotary Foundation.

7. Relationships

Promoting cordial relations among Rotary clubs and Rotaract clubs and between the clubs, Rotaract clubs, and Rotary International.

8. District Meetings and Leadership Learning

Planning for and presiding at a district conference, if one is held, and assisting the governor-elect in planning and preparing the presidents-elect learning seminar and the club leadership learning seminar.

9. Official Club Visits

Conducting an official visit to each club, individually or in multi-club meetings, in a manner that maximizes the governor's presence to:

- focus attention on important Rotary issues;
- provide special attention to weak and struggling clubs;
- motivate Rotarians to participate in service activities;
- ensure that club constitutions and bylaws comply with Rotary's constitutional documents, especially following Councils on Legislation; and
- personally recognize outstanding contributions of Rotarians in the district.

10. Monthly Communication

Issuing a monthly communication to each club.

11. Reporting to Rotary International

Reporting promptly to Rotary International as required by the RI president or RI Board.

12. Transition to the Governor-Elect

Providing the governor-elect, before the International Assembly, full information about the condition of clubs and recommended action to strengthen them.

13. District Nominations and Elections

Assuring that district nominations and elections comply with Rotary's constitutional documents and established RI policies.

14. Rotarian Organizations

Inquiring regularly about the activities of Rotarian organizations in the district.

15. District Records

Transferring district files to the governor elect.

16. Assistant Governors

Providing support to assistant governors, if appointed, so they can further the development of the district and the cohesiveness of its members.

17. Other Duties of an RI Officer

Performing any other duties inherent in serving as an officer of Rotary International.

Reference

Bylaws of Rotary International (June 2025), §16.030; Manual of Procedure 2025, pp. 43–44.

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