

Constitution

Rotary Foundation Alumni Association of District 5710

1. Name: The name of this association shall be The Rotary Foundation Alumni Association of District 5710, and it shall hereafter be referred to as the “Association.”
2. Purpose: The purpose of the Association shall include:
 - (a) Offering assistance to inbound Rotary Foundation program participants,
 - (b) Offering assistance to newly selected Rotary Foundation program participants from Rotary District 5710,
 - (c) Providing a link between Association members and Rotary, and
 - (d) Such other purposes supporting the Association and/or Rotary.
3. Membership: All former Rotary Foundation program participants connected with District 5710 qualify for membership:
 - (a) Ambassadorial Scholars,
 - (b) Group Study Exchange team members and leaders,
 - (c) Recipients of Grants for Rotary Volunteers, Discovery Grants, PolioPlus Grants, Individual Grants, or Volunteer Service Grants,
 - (d) Grant for University Teacher recipients,
 - (e) Rotary World Peace Fellows, and
 - (f) Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program participants.

These former program participants are automatically members upon completion of their scholarship/fellowship period, GSE trip abroad, or service term, respectively.
4. Officers: The officers of the Association shall be the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. They shall be elected at the annual general meeting and shall serve until the next annual general meeting.
5. President: The president shall preside at all meetings. In the absence of the president, the vice-president shall have the duty of presiding at meetings. In the absence of both, a chair shall be elected for the meeting from those members present.
6. Secretary: The secretary shall carry out their duties under the direction of the board and keep a true record of all minutes of all meetings, attend to correspondence, issue notices for meetings, and maintain such records. S/he shall also maintain an updated membership list and keep informed on outgoing, incoming, and returned program participants as information relating to these becomes available.
7. Treasurer: The treasurer is responsible for keeping the accounts of all members, for receiving and acknowledging donations and payments, and for paying all bills incurred by the Association. The function of receiving monies and paying expenses for a particular meeting may be delegated to another member in the absence of the treasurer.

8. Board: The board of the Association shall consist of the officers together with such other members as shall be elected at the annual general meeting, or as shall from time to time be chosen by the board. It shall have the power to fix dates, times, and places of meetings, and to invite guests of the Association to such meetings. It shall also have the power to present the views of the Association on Foundation matters to Rotary International or anyone else. A quorum for a board meeting shall be three members.
9. Dues: No membership dues will be charged. However, each year all members will be invited to make donations to the Association for the purpose of underwriting the cost of the annual meeting and other Association expenses. Depending on funds available, the board has the power to make contributions to The Rotary Foundation through Rotary District 5710.
10. Fundraising: The Association may from time to time engage in active fundraising among its members for the purpose of supporting specific service projects in Rotary District 5710, or for the purpose of supporting The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Such fundraising efforts must be approved by a simple majority of the membership.
11. Meetings: All meetings shall be financed by members paying their own expenses and those of their personal guests together with a contribution towards the expenses of alumni guests. The treasurer can authorize funding from the general funds of the Association towards the cost of a particular meeting. Any surplus which may arise from a meeting shall be added to the general funds. One such meeting in each year shall be designated the annual general meeting, and reasonable notice shall be given to District 5710 Foundation Alumni of such meeting.
12. Guests of Alumni: Rotary Foundation scholars and fellows, GSE teams, and grant recipients currently visiting District 5710 and newly selected program participants shall be entitled to attend meetings as guests of the Association. The board has discretion, however, to ask them to pay for themselves and for any guests they may bring. Rotarians involved with The Rotary Foundation, such as district alumni subcommittee chair(s), district Rotary Foundation chairs(s), regional Rotary Foundation coordinators (RRFCs), and Rotary Foundation alumni coordinators (RFACs) are also welcome to attend meetings as guests of the Association.
13. Amendments: Those attending the annual general meeting shall be entitled to amend this Constitution. For such meetings a quorum of six members is required. Notice of intention to propose a repeal, addition, or amendment must be received by the secretary in writing 30 days prior to the date of the annual general meeting. All amendments require a two-thirds majority of members present at the meeting before be accepted. Written absentee votes of the election of officers and board will be accepted.