

## **Nomination Period for District Governor 2024-25 Are Now Open Nominations are due by December 1, 2021**

The nomination period has begun for District Governor for the Rotary Year of 2024-2025. All clubs are encouraged to submit their nominations for an individual who will serve as District Governor during the 2024-25 Rotary year.

All nominations for District Governor Nominee-Designate must be received no later than Tuesday, December 1, 2021 at 5 pm to be considered. No late submissions will be accepted. Submissions may be sent to [brendaktipton6380@gmail.com](mailto:brendaktipton6380@gmail.com) current District 6380 Governor.

District Governor-Nominee Forms — Candidates proposed by their clubs for selection as District Governor-Nominee Designate should complete the following form and forward to the District Governor as prescribed by the District Governor

- **Rotary International Governor-Nominee Designate Form** — Rotary International Form to be completed by the Candidates and Club

Interviews of the District Governor Nominee, who would serve as District Governor during the Rotary year, 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025, will take place in early December. Individual candidates will be contacted prior with information to coordinate their interview time.

Should there be any questions on the duties, obligations, and rewards of being a District Governor, please feel free to contact BrendaK “WooWoo” Tipton, District Governor, or any Past District Governor. They would be happy to speak with any prospective candidate personally prior to their nomination being submitted.

### **DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS**

Serving as Governor for an entire Rotary district is an incredible honor. Individuals who serve in this capacity are recognized leaders, nominated by their clubs to fill this important role. As Governor, you are the official representative of Rotary International in your region. As Governor, your mission is to lead clubs, inspire Rotary members, and engage the public in the important role Rotary plays in our community. District Governors serve for one full Rotary year, from July 1 to June 30, and are very actively engaged in District decision-making leading up to their year as Governor.

The Bylaws of Rotary International, Article 16.080 states, “a governor at the time of taking office must have attended the International Assembly for its full duration, been a member of one or more Rotary clubs for at least seven years and must continue to possess the qualifications in section 16.070.”

These include:

- Being a member in good standing of a club in the District. The Rotarian must have full qualification for such membership in the strict application of the provisions thereof, and the integrity of the Rotarian's classification must be without question.
- The Rotarian must have served as president of a club for a full term within District 6380 prior to submission of application or be a charter president of a club having served the full term from the date of charter to 30 June, provided that this period is at least six months.
- The Rotarian must demonstrate willingness, commitment, and ability, physically and otherwise, to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office of governor as provided in section 16.090.
- The Rotarian must demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of governor as prescribed in the bylaws and submit to RI, through its general secretary, a signed statement that the Rotarian understands clearly such qualifications, duties, and responsibilities. Such statement shall also confirm that the Rotarian is qualified for the office of governor and is willing and able to assume the duties and responsibilities of that office and to perform them faithfully.

### **How It All Begins**

The process of becoming a District Governor begins long before your year as Governor. In fact, District Governors are typically selected three years before they actually serve as Governor. Applicants for the position must fulfill certain requirements, including 1) having previously served as President of a Rotary club within the District prior to submitting this application, and 2) being a member of Rotary for at least seven years by the time they become District Governor.

In addition, applicants are strongly encouraged to become active within the District. There are numerous ways to serve in both leadership and volunteer capacities. More importantly, when you become active at the district level, you are becoming acquainted with members from other clubs, expanding your network and making new connections and relationships along the way. Our District would also prefer this candidate be willing to step into a District Leadership position such as Membership, Trainer, Foundation, Finance or another role as a member and/or chair prior to their year as Governor.

### **Governor Nominations**

Nominations for District Governor are not made by individuals, but by Rotary clubs. The District exists for one purpose: to help support Rotary clubs. As such, the clubs submit members as candidates to be considered for the role of District Governor. Rotary clubs must submit a Governor Data Form, as well as a formal club resolution proposing their candidate. Candidates proposed by clubs must be active members of that club; clubs may not propose members from other clubs as their candidate. Most nomination forms are submitted during the late Fall or

early Winter. Public notices will be sent to all clubs requesting nominations, with more information on deadlines.

**Interview Process**

Candidates for Governor whose paperwork is received by the deadline in good order will be invited to meet for an interview. The interview will be conducted before the Selection Committee, which is created in accordance with the provisions of Rotary International Bylaws Article 13. An appointed individual serves as chair of the Selection Committee, made up of volunteers from each area in the district. Interviews typically last 45-60 minutes, and will cover a wide range of topics. Interviews conclude and, as their name implies, the Selection Committee "selects" their proposed candidate for District Governor Designate.

**Opportunities for Challenges**

After a candidate for Governor has been chosen, the chair of the Selection Committee issues a public announcement to all clubs as a formal notification of the nomination. This is done per Rotary International Bylaws, Article 14.020.6, which permits notification electronically. Clubs have fourteen days from that date of notification to set forth any challenges, in accordance with Rotary International Bylaws, Article 14.020.8. If no challenges are received by the deadline, the selection by the committee of the District Governor Designate becomes official.

**OVERVIEW OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

**AS GOVERNOR-ELECT**

- Attending the governors-elect training seminar
- Setting district goals for the year that align with the district strategic plan and Rotary’s strategic plan
- Appointing assistant governors and district committee chairs and reporting them in My Rotary
- Conducting district meetings including the district team training seminar, presidents-elect training seminar, and district training assembly
- Planning for the district conference
- Reviewing clubs’ status with the governor, in preparation for the International Assembly
- Attending the International Assembly

**AS GOVERNOR**

During your year as governor, you will visit clubs, either separately or in multi-club meetings. The goal of these visits is to motivate and inspire members and offer district-level support for improving their communities. Your responsibilities also include:

- Conducting, implementing, or reviewing district strategic planning with the governor-elect and governor-nominee

- Strengthening clubs
- Starting clubs
- Promoting membership growth and engagement by working with district leaders and club presidents to set realistic membership goals for each club
- Managing online membership leads with your district membership committee chair, including promptly reviewing and assigning leads to clubs
- Supporting The Rotary Foundation through fundraising and grant activities
- Serving as a spokesperson for your district and Rotary when appropriate
- Helping the governor-elect plan and prepare for incoming officer training meetings
- Conducting district events, including the district conference, district membership seminar, and district Rotary Foundation seminar
- Supervising the district leadership team
- Encouraging open communication among clubs, as well as between clubs and RI
- Officially visiting each club (through meetings with one or more clubs), to raise awareness of important Rotary issues, support struggling clubs, motivate club members to participate in service, and recognize members' contributions
- Communicating at least monthly with each club president and secretary
- Fostering continuity by working with past, current, and incoming district leaders
- Transferring district files to the governor-elect at the end of your year
- Reviewing clubs' status with the district governor-elect before the International Assembly and offering recommendations for strengthening weak clubs
- Assigning the governor-elect responsibilities related to committees, administration, or events
- Ensuring that district nominations and elections are conducted according to [RI Bylaws](#)

**Constitution and Bylaws and other RI policies**

- Inquiring regularly about the activities of Rotarian organizations operating in the district
- Following the District Governor Code of Ethics
- Performing such other duties as an officer of Rotary
- When preparing for your year of service, using the planning calendar to note important dates
- Preparing an expense report showing how your district has used the RI funding allocation, and submitting this to RI by the date prescribed
- Preparing an annual statement and report of district finances, and sharing this with Rotary and all clubs by 30 September in accordance with RI Bylaws section 16.060.4.