

District Governor Selection Process

August 13, 2025



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- Governing Documents “The Legalese”
 - District 6440 Manual of Procedure
 - Rotary International By-Laws
 - Rotary International Code of Policies



Role of District Governor

- Strengthen existing clubs, organize new clubs, and grow membership
- People and Talent Management: volunteer management
- Encourage fundraising and other support for The Rotary Foundation
- Promote positive public image and serve as a spokesperson for district
- Develop a safe environment for youth
- Conduct district conference and other meetings
- Supervise district nominations and elections
- Prepare the budget, provide the annual report, and help administer District Designated Funds
- Complete online district qualification
- Work with governor-elect and other district leaders



Spouse/Partner

- Role of District Governor Partner varies by individual
- Training is offered : Zone Institutes and International Assembly
- Communication and alignment on expectations is important



Requirements of District Governor

- You must be a member in good standing of a functioning club in the District;
- You must have served as club president for a full term or as charter president for at least six months;
- You must demonstrate a willingness, commitment, and ability to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of a governor;
- You must demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of governor;
- You will submit to Rotary International a statement that you understand the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities, are qualified for the office of governor, and willing and able to assume and faithfully perform those duties and responsibilities;
- When taking office, you must have attended the RI international Assembly and have been a Rotarian for at least **seven** years.



Requirements of District Governor:

Training and Preparation

TRAINING TOPICS: FROM NOMINEE TO GOVERNOR

GOVERNORS-NOMINEE TRAINING SEMINAR (GNTS)

- Addressing challenges of the governor role
- Appointing the district team
- Attracting and engaging participants
- District analysis
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion*
- Leadership styles
- Planning the governor year*
- Programs for young leaders
- Public image basics*
- Role and responsibilities*
- Training events and the district conference*
- Understanding The Rotary Foundation*

GOVERNORS-ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR (GETS)

- Club visits*
- District Designated Funds (DDF)
- District grants
- Introduction to global grants
- Making events more engaging
- Motivating your district
- New club development
- Preparing for the International Assembly
- Preparing the district team
- Preventing and addressing harassment*
- Storytelling and brand promotion
- Supporting positive and inclusive clubs
- Youth protection*

INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY (IA)

- Action planning for the year ahead
- Change management*
- Growing Rotary
- Local and global service
- New club development
- New organizational initiatives
- Presidential theme and goals
- Rotary's peace efforts
- Rotary's public image
- Support from Rotary International
- Supporting The Rotary Foundation
- Working with Rotaract

GNTS AND GETS (combined)

- Communication
- Conflict management*
- Financial management
- Innovation
- Setting goals
- Succession planning
- Teambuilding and collaboration

This plan was developed based on recommendations by the RI Board of Directors and participant evaluations, and in consultation with subject matter experts. The International Assembly curriculum is determined each year by the assembly committee, which considers topics required and recommended by the Board.

* Find courses and content on this topic in Rotary's Learning Center. We recommend that participants complete these courses before attending the training seminars.

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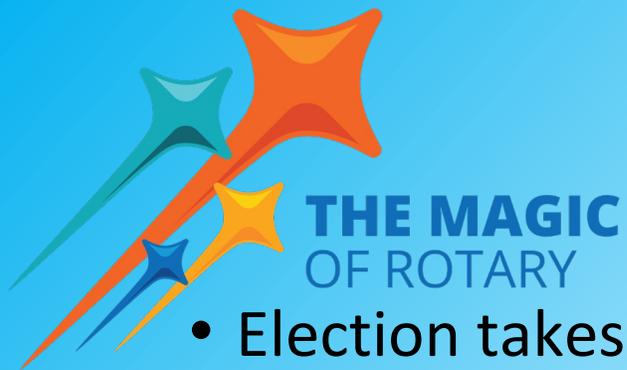
Requirements of District Governor: Time Commitment

- Step in as Assistant Governor Coordinator in January
- District Governor Nominee: Liaison to youth programs (Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Interact)
- District Governor Elect: Liaison to Rotary Foundation & Grants Committee
- Attend weekly Governor line meetings on district priorities
- Help fill ~ 140 volunteer committee roles starting in November
- Gain hands-on experience and build strong leadership relationships



Selection Process: Primary Committee

- January 15: Immediate Past District Governor appoints three (3) person Primary Committee to recommend candidates for the District Nominating Committee
- Immediate Past District Governor notifies clubs of the appointment of the Primary Committee.
- Current District Governor then calls for candidate recommendations for the District Nominating Committee for the Rotary Year commencing on July 1st of the fourth Rotary fiscal year
- No two Primary Committee members may be members of the same Rotary Club and must be active members
- Past District Governors may not serve on the Primary Committee
- Members of the committee may not serve consecutive years



Selection Process: Nominating Committee

- Election takes place at the Annual Business meeting – May 20, 2025
- Committee is made up of:
 1. Two Past Presidents
 2. Two incumbent or Past Secretaries
 3. Three members-at-large who are not current Presidents or Secretaries
 4. Two Past District Governors
 5. The immediate Past District Governor
 6. Four alternates, one for each of the categories 1-4
- Requirements
 - Must be members of a club within the District
 - No two members from the same Rotary Club
 - May not have served on the Nominating Committee during the previous year
 - Within the classifications listed above, the Primary Committee shall use its best efforts to select members of the Nominating Committee who represent the diversity of clubs and membership of the District, including but not limited to: club size, geographical location within the District, gender, racial or ethnic background, age, length of service in Rotary



Selection Process:

Application Deadline: August 29, 2025

- Immediate Past District Governor distributes Official Proposal Form (application)
- Club Board of Directors or membership of the Applicant's club approves and certifies the application
- District website provides basic information: [Governor Nominations](#)

Rotary International Code of Policies strictly prohibits any campaigning or electioneering for any role in Rotary



Selection Process: Interview

- Nominating committee is convened by the Immediate Past District Governor between September 8 and October 15.
- Date is announced by the Immediate Past District Governor by January 15- **September 8, 2025**
- Meeting is chaired by the Immediate Past District Governor
- Applicants are interviewed by the Nominating Committee
- Questions are developed by the Immediate Past District Governor with suggestions from the Nominating Committee
- All candidates are asked the same questions in the same order until the time expires: each candidate is given one hour for the interview, including opening and closing statements



Evaluation of Candidate Skills & Experiences

- Community Service and Membership Development
- Ability to deal with challenges facing Rotary at all levels
- Demonstrated agility to respond to unusual situations
- Ability to inspire & motivate others
- Skills in planning, organizing, and administering major events and programs
- Ability to communicate-both written and verbal
- Leadership style and experience in other organizations
- Depth and breadth of knowledge of the Rotary Avenues of Service and the Rotary Action Plan
- Knowledge of the Rotary Foundation's Areas of Focus and grant-making procedures
- Computer proficiency – especially ClubRunner and My Rotary
- Accomplishments in Rotary



Selection Process: Recommendation

- Committee deliberates after the interviews; Governor line participates in the discussion but are non-voting members
- Nominating committee members individually vote by secret ballot
- Ballots counted by Immediate Past District Governor, and one member of the Nominating committee selected at the meeting
- No information regarding the deliberations, the applications, or the interview questions is disclosed



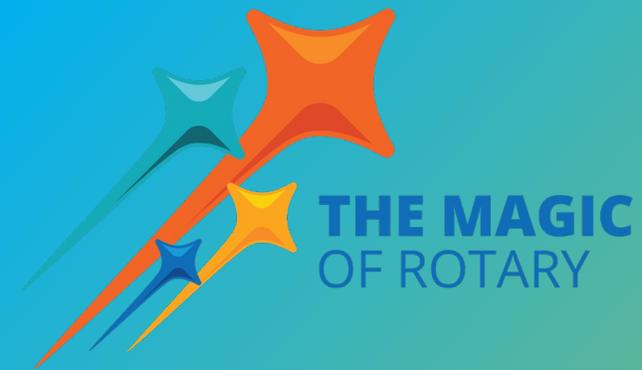
Selection Process: Decision

- Immediate Past District Governor notifies the applicants of the outcome of the vote
- Immediate Past District Governor notifies the current District Governor of the outcome
- Current District Governor publishes the name of the nominee within 72 hours from receipt of notice from the Immediate Past District Governor/Chair of the Nominating Committee
- Current District Governor publishes the process by which clubs may propose a challenging candidate within 14 days of the publication
- Following the outcome of the challenge, if applicable, the Immediate Past District Governor certifies the District Governor Nominee Designate selection to the current District Governor



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can an individual submit an application again if they are not selected in a particular year? *Yes, and this is encouraged.*
2. Must the Nominating Committee select one of the candidates? *No*
3. What about confidentiality? *Nominating committee may not reveal any of the details of the process; documents are not retained by the committee.*
4. How is the Vice-Governor selected? *A Vice Governor is selected from the Past District Governors who are willing to serve.*



Thanks for Your Interest!
Questions?