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# District 7090

Opening Remarks  
President Elect Session  
May 15, 2021

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# Agenda

1. Role of District 7090
2. The Budget – includes vote
3. The Manual of Policies – includes vote
4. Your questions and suggestions for how district could help you and your club be the best it can be



- Please ensure your name is showing ...with your picture as:
- Club first (no Rotary Club of)
- Your Role – e.g., PE
- Your Name

When it comes to the  
VOTE, only one  
person per club  
(President Elect or  
rep)

# A Bit About our District 7090

- First international district in Rotary
- Have over 65+ clubs – both Rotaract, e-clubs and traditional Rotary Clubs
- All those in District roles are volunteers
- We have one part-time contract – Pene Hutton, Our Executive Secretary

District 7090 Mission:  
Inspiring and Supporting all the Clubs in Rotary District 7090  
to be the best that they can be

# Role of Governor – Lead the Team of Volunteers

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

# What President Elects and Others Value about District

- ❑ Provide training including President Elect training and this Assembly
- ❑ Provide advice and support via your Assistant Governor (18 Areas)
- ❑ Share information via newsletter, website, social media of what other clubs are doing
- ❑ Help you to obtain District Grants – tap into Foundation monies
- ❑ Provide youth programs (exchange students, Slapshot, RYLA)
- ❑ Help clubs collaborate with one another
- ❑ Assist with new clubs and strengthening clubs
- ❑ Insights and help from the various District committees like public image, youth services, membership, foundation, etc.

In order to do all that – need funds and volunteers



# Finance Committee Chair Past District Governor Reg Madison

- Explain more about the role of the finance committee
- Present some details regarding District Budget – further to email sent 2-3+ weeks earlier
- Give you a chance to ask questions about the District Budget
- Vote will be called to see if you as representatives of your club support the budget as presented

# Now to the Manual of Policies (MOP) for District 7090 and reasons for the proposed changes



Presented by Karen Oakes, Past District Governor and  
Anne Bermingham, Incoming Governor



# Presentation Objectives

- ❑ Showing what the new District will look like - in terms of what positions are on the new Board of Directors and what is the composition of 7090 District Council
- ❑ Explain what the proposed changes to the Manual of Policies mean and the benefits
- ❑ Answer your questions before calling the vote

# District 7090 Is Incorporating - Why not status quo?

- ❑ Without incorporation, we are at risk for potential liability of the District's operating personnel and District member clubs.
- ❑ So as of July 1, your District will be incorporating. By creating a separate legal entity, we mitigate risks.
- ❑ This change was approved in the district last Rotary year and this past week the authorization to incorporate was received from Rotary International
- ❑ Incorporation means we need to adjust the procedures to articulate who is on the Board and how will the District Council operate going forward. It also provided us with a chance to streamline how we are organized.

# What is New with Incorporation?

- There will be a District 7090 Board of Directors who will reflect on District recommendations before approving them
- There are 7 voting members on this Board - namely the
  - \*District Governor,
  - \*District Governor Elect,
  - District Governor Nominee,
  - \*Immediate Past District Governor ,
  - One Person elected from Past District Governors
  - Two People elected from active Council Members.

\*=RI Mandated as  
voting members of  
the board

Board of Directors for our Newly Incorporated District

District  
Governor

Immediate Past  
District  
Governor

District  
Governor Elect

District  
Governor  
Nominee

Representative  
from Past  
District  
Governors

Representative  
Elected From  
Voting Council  
Members

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Members

# Who are the Members of the Corporation

- ❑ One class of members
- ❑ All clubs in good standing and located in District 7090 pursuant to the bylaws of Rotary International
- ❑ Members present in person or by proxy will vote – one member per club



# Incorporation will mean...



- An Annual General Meeting of all the members, in this case Club Presidents or their representative (by proxy), is required within less than six months of the corporation's twelve month fiscal period, without exception.

New

- The Annual Report of the corporation's detailed financial affairs as required under section 519 ( a) of New York Not-For-Profit Corporation Law shall be presented at this meeting.

- As in the past, the budget will still be presented at District Training Assembly and voted on by Presidents Elect. Presidents Elect will also vote on the MOP (MOPP) revisions



# What is role of District Council going forward?

- ☐ Report its activities and recommendations to the board of directors when requested to do so, but at least quarterly.
- ☐ Review all activities via a Forum of open two-way discussion;
- ☐ Develop new ideas for activities and provide approval when applicable;
- ☐ Formulate ways of educating club members in new positions;
- ☐ Provide suggestions for programs at the Conference and the annual District Training Assembly;
- ☐ Discuss and consider recommendations for finances.
- ☐ Review this Manual and propose additions and amendments;
- ☐ Assist in any way possible the Governor and the Governor- Elect;
- ☐ Serve as a platform to receive input from the clubs of the district through the Assistant Governor Team.

Much the same;  
increased focus on  
idea generation and  
2-way dialogue

# Who Has A Vote at District Council Going Forward

All Rotarians are  
welcome to attend  
District Council



**District Governor (Chair of Council)**

**District Governor Elect (Vice-Chair of Council)**

**District Governor Nominee**

**District Governor Nominee Designate**

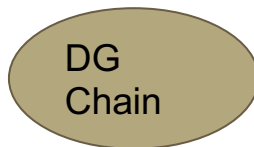
**Immediate Past District Governor**

District Delegate, Council of Legislation

District Executive Secretary

District Treasurer

Rotaract Representative



**Chair, District Training**

**Chair, District Foundation**

**Chair, Finance**

**Chair, Governance**

**Chair, Membership**

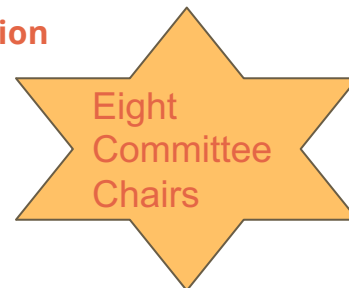
**Chair, Public Image,**

**Chair, Service Projects**

**Chair, Youth Services**

**All Past District governors**

**All Assistant Governors and Assistant Governor  
Coordinator**







# How is the NEW District Council different than what we have Today?

## TODAY:

- Over 100+ individuals are invited to vote at District Council
- There are over 50+ committees and subcommittees listed on our website
- Many of these sub-committees are committees of one
- Results in very long district council package
- Not all the committees work interdependently nor are they fully engaged in strategic planning activities
- Club members find it confusing to understand all the District Council is doing and how these various committee help them

## AS OF JULY 1, 2021:

- Invited to Vote are 8 Committee Chairs, all AGs plus coordinator, all PDGs, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Rotaract, CoL rep and DG Chain (just over 40 individuals)
- Going forward each committee chair would submit one report (hopefully using common template)
- Every council meeting will include items for idea generation or discussion coming from the committees / AGs / strategic plan.

# What other Sub-Committees are noted in the MOP

Where possible, we have tried to minimize sub-committees being stated in the MOP. We want each chair with their committee to organize as they see fit each year.

At this point in time, the MOP does note the following four sub-committees as part of Service:

- Community Service
- International Service
- Healthy Communities
- Honouring Indigenous Peoples

For Youth, we have the subcommittees of

- Interact
- Rotaract
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)
- Slapshot

Other sub-committees in MOP include:

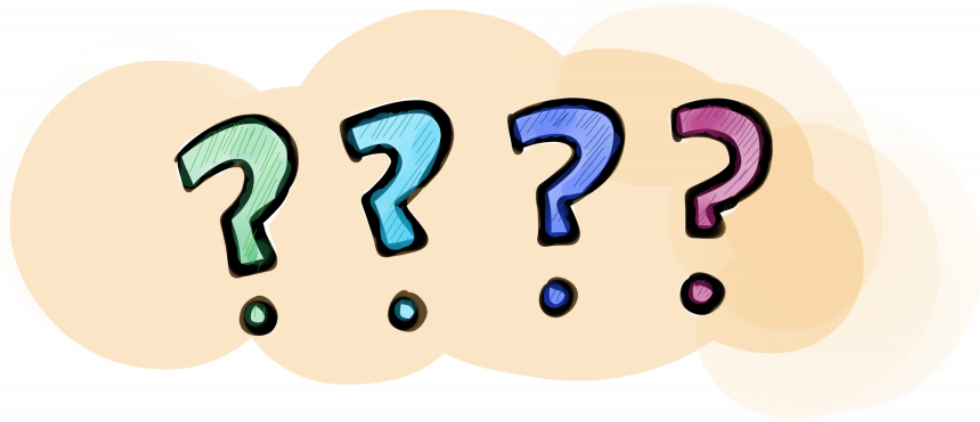
- Strategic Planning
- District Conference

# Transition will be BUMPY but offers the following:

- Simple and easier to understand governance structure
- Less silos - more integration
- Flexibility for Chairs to organize as they see fit - not all mandated by MOP
- Open up the opportunity for PDG or others to chair each of the 8 Standing Committees
- Reduce our insurance liability by being incorporated with a separate board



# Questions, Motion and Vote



# Time for A Breakout Session

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- What would you like the district to do more of to help support you and your club in the coming year?
  - What would you like the district to do less of?
  - What is one question that your group has about how the district functions and its areas of focus?
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