

## Council on Legislation 2019

The COL was an eye opening experience that demonstrated how Rotary International works as a worldwide organization. I went there to represent our District and am here to share with you the results. RI is a grass roots organization Where we Rotarians can voice our opinions and change rules. We reviewed 117 enactments and passed 46 and because of that Rotary will grow and change. 18 of these enactments will directly impact our clubs and district.

I have come back from Council on Legislation more of a Rotarian than I ever was.

We all care about service and are bringing back the democracy that forms

Our organization and the opportunity to Service Above Self.

### ENACTMENTS:

117. This enactment changes RI's tax status from a 501(c)4 to a 501(c)3 which makes it tax exempt. This means that contributions by vendors to RI are tax exempt. The RI Board and the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation overwhelmingly supported this and I voted for this enactment as well. Ron Burton, RI President 2013/14 &, a tax accountant, was against this although the IRS approved it. This Could mean an income of abt. \$650,000 for RI. The RI portion of our dues will be Partially exempt as of 7/1/19. We Rotarians will continue to give to THE ROTARY FOUNDATION.

72. Rotaract Clubs will now be part of the RI family. It elevates the status of Rotaract clubs but they will not be Rotarians and still have to be chartered and

Sponsored by Rotary Clubs. They may have to pay a small amount of dues.

82. RI Dues will increase \$1.00 per year through 2023.

37. This allows public officers such as mayors to use that classification rather than their former one for membership.

39. An occupation as well as a profession or business can be used for membership Application.

22. Clubs will only be able to extend the term of their president for one year. No longer are presidents allowed to serve more than two years.

Club budgets including income and expenses & annual report are due by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

54. Clubs must not be in arrears when voting for Directors and District Governor nominees.

57. Districts and District Governors will have one year to submit their financial Statement.

115 & 116. Modernizes and streamlines the bylaws and the standard Club Constitution.

26. The Standard Rotary Club Constitution allows amendments to be made By giving 10 days notice but since a lot of club only meet 2x a month The notice period was increased to 21 days.

30. A club shall meet at least 2x a month.

49. The number of votes a club has will be calculated as of July 1<sup>st</sup> rather than the Most recent invoice.

70. The RI Board may terminate a club with less than 6 members at the request Of the District Governor.

19. Each club shall endeavor to build a well-balanced membership that celebrates Diversity.

53. Vacancy in the office of District Governor: If there is no vice governor, the board Is authorized to elect a PDG preferably from the same district as acting governor during a period of temporary inability of a Governor to perform the duties of DG.

63.The RI Board may eliminate or change the boundaries of any district with More than 100 clubs or fewer than 1,100 Rotarians and with this change may move the clubs from such districts into adjacent districts. The Board shall establish Procedures as to administration, leadership and representation.

66. The RI board will be able to change the name of THE ROTARIAN to make it More modern and flexible in order to achieve their marketing objectives.

62. The title of General Secretary of RI and COO is being changed to General Secretay and CEO.

102 & 103. The Council on Legislation will be able to vote electronically on Proposed enactments before coming to the meeting. If the vote is less than 20% the proposal will be rejected and not put up for discussion at the meeting. If the vote is more than 80% the proposal will be put on a consensus ballot and Be considered in a single vote.

40. The nominating committee for president at its meeting will select an alternate

in case there is a vacancy in the office of president-elect and president-nominee.

The deadline for proposing resolutions is June 30<sup>th</sup> for this year's council.

The deadline for proposing enactments or the 2022 Council on Legislation

Is December 31st, 2020.

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