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re: District Conference Resolutions and Electors
Proposed resolutions for Council on Resolutions

Dear Club President,

On behalf of District Governor Nikki Mederos, I am writing to advise you of the procedures to submit resolutions for consideration at Rotary District 7490's 62nd Annual District Conference scheduled for May 2-5, 2019 at the Wyndham Hotel at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. In addition, the procedure for submitting proposed resolutions to the RI Council on Resolutions is included.

The Bylaws of Rotary International provide that "A district conference may adopt recommendations upon matters of importance in its district, provided such action shall be in accordance with the constitution and bylaws and in keeping with the spirit and principles of Rotary. Each district conference shall consider and act upon all matters submitted to it for consideration by the board and may adopt resolutions thereon."

Pursuant to district resolution #03-01 previously adopted in 2003, all resolutions must be submitted to the district resolution committee at least 6 weeks prior to the commencement of the district conference (on or before March 21, 2019) in order to be distributed to the clubs no later than 4 weeks prior to the district conference (on or before April 4, 2019).

All proposed resolutions to be acted on by the district conference should contain the wording:

"BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rotarians gathered at the 62nd annual district conference for District 7490 at the Wyndham Hotel at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

(May 2-5, 2019) that:”

In addition, the resolution must include the name of the sponsoring club and the signature of the club president and secretary certifying that the submission of the resolution to the district conference was duly authorized by the sponsoring club.

Each club in the district is entitled to (1) elector. Any club with more than 25 members may select an additional elector for each additional 25 members or major fraction thereof. By way of example, a club is entitled to (2) electors when it has a membership of between 38 and 62 members. The membership of a club is determined by the number of members in the club as of the date of the most recent semiannual report and payment preceding the date on which the vote is to be held. An elector must be a member of the club and must be present at the district conference to vote. However, proxies are permitted as outlined below. Unless an elector demands a poll of electors upon any vote, every member in good standing of a club present at the district conference shall be entitled to vote on all matters except the selection of a governor nominee, member and alternate member of the nominating committee for an RI director, composition and terms of reference of the nominating committee for governor, election of the representative and alternate representative of the district to the Council on Legislation and the decision as to the amount of the per capita district levy.

In the absence of an elector, and with the consent of the Governor, a club may designate a proxy who may either be another member of the club or a member of another club within the district. The proxy shall be entitled to vote as the proxy for the non-attending elector(s) represented, in addition to any other vote the proxy may have.

The names of the electors and proxies (if any) selected by each club should be set forth on the attached electors selection certificate and signed by both the club president and club secretary and brought to the conference to be presented to the credentials committee.

Additionally, a club may propose a resolution to the Council on Resolutions which meets online annually. The deadline for submission of resolutions endorsed by the District conference for consideration by the 2019 Council on Resolutions is June 30, 2019. Resolutions are expressions of opinions which are then considered by either the RI Board or the Rotary Foundation Trustees. Resolutions are made up of two parts. First is the supporting information, which use preambulatory or whereas clauses as the proposers’ argument for the resolution. The second is the action or resolved clause. A resolution may have any number of whereas clauses but only one resolved clause. When a club proposes a resolution, the club’s board of directors must first submit the resolution to the club’s membership for adoption at a regular club meeting. If adopted, the proposed resolution must then be forwarded to the Governor, with a copy to my office, with a letter signed by the club president and secretary certifying that it has been duly adopted by the club. The proposed resolution must be received on or before March 21, 2019, for consideration at the district conference. If the proposal is approved at the district conference, the Governor is required to submit the proposed resolution to R.I. with a certification of district endorsement of the club-proposed resolution.

Rotary Clubs may also submit a petition directly to the RI Board which is a request for action on a specific matter which has a limited scope rather than impacting the whole Rotary world. Such a petition need not be submitted to the District for endorsement.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Service,

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