

## **2016 Council on Legislation Drafting Proposed Legislation**

If your club or district has determined that it would like to submit legislation to the 2016 Council, please review the information below to help you create a proposed enactment or resolution.

Legislation that has been proposed and endorsed by the district should then be submitted online to RI and contain the following information:

- Who it was proposed by
- How it was endorsed by the district
- A purpose and effect statement, 300 words or less
- Word document with the marked changes for the enactment or text of the resolution

All legislation must be endorsed by the district. To confirm the district's endorsement, the governor can either submit the legislation online or email Council Services their confirmation. Legislation and confirmation of district endorsement must be received by RI no later than **31 December 2014**.

If you have questions about RI's legislative process, please email Council Services at [council\\_services@rotary.org](mailto:council_services@rotary.org).

### **Enactments**

Remember that enactments may only amend the constitutional documents: [RI Constitution](#), [RI Bylaws](#), and [Standard Rotary Club Constitution](#). Please use the Word documents found at these links to mark your changes for the proposed enactment. The Word documents can also be found on the governance documents page of the Rotary [website](#).

To begin, consider the change you are proposing and find the sections of the constitutional documents that should be amended to bring about this change. This can be done by:

1. Determining which sections of the RI Constitution, the RI Bylaws, and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution you wish to amend
2. Searching for keywords relating to the proposed change
3. Searching for other references to the section of the constitutional document being amended

An enactment should be submitted to RI by:

1. Adding your changes to the affected parts of the constitutional documents in the draft legislation Word document
2. Going to the online legislation [form](#) and stating the proposer information
3. Entering which constitutional document and articles are being changed in the online legislation form
4. Uploading the marked Word document to the online legislation form

After you submit this information through the online form, it will be formatted into a proposed enactment. For examples of enactments, see the [2013 Council on Legislation Report of Action](#).

## **Resolutions**

Resolutions seek actions by the Council that do not change the RI constitutional documents. When considering a resolution, determine whether the issue involved would have a universal impact on all Rotarians, or whether it would have a limited impact on only a few Rotarians. If the impact would be limited or if you would like to receive a more rapid response, then consider submitting a petition to the RI Board. If the issue is more universal, a proposed resolution may be appropriate. Proposed resolutions are also submitted online through the legislation [form](#). To submit a proposed resolution, please use the [resolution template](#).

A resolution is formatted as follows:

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider (insert words of the resolution).

(or IT IS RESOLVED that the 2016 Council on Legislation adopt [insert words of the resolution]).

*Example of a proposed resolution in proper form:*

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**To request the RI Board to consider recommending to governors to conduct training seminars for new Rotary club members**

Proposed by

WHEREAS, lately, due to weakened leadership and member education and rushing for membership development, many clubs do not provide satisfactory education to new members, either before and/or after they join a club, and

WHEREAS, as a result, many new members lack knowledge and understanding of Rotary so that love for the club and desire to attend regular meetings cannot be sensed

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider taking these situations into account and recommending to district governors to conduct training seminars for new members who joined Rotary within three years. With district training seminars, it is expected that the qualities of the new members will be bettered and that the club meetings will be rejuvenated, which, ultimately will lead to membership development.

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