

CHANGES TO THE RI CODE OF POLICIES FOLLOWING THE JUNE 2025 MEETING OF THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Additions to the *Code* are underscored. Deletions are indicated by a strikethrough.

51.020.8. Noncompliant Clubs

A club is classified as “noncompliant” when ~~30 percent or more~~ at least one of its members ~~is are~~ is not a paid subscribers to a Rotary magazine, in accordance with RI Bylaws section 21.020.1.

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The magazines will notify noncompliant clubs using a message provided by the general secretary which describes the consequences listed above and copy the clubs’ respective district governors, ~~and~~ RI directors, and directors-elect. District Governors shall be responsible for monitoring which of their clubs are noncompliant and for ensuring no members from noncompliant clubs in their districts are allowed to assume any district, zone and/or RI roles, whether elected or appointed and shall inform the noncompliant club president and/or secretary without delay, as soon as the information becomes known to them.

The general secretary shall inform the Board of long-term noncompliant clubs (180 days) after 30% or more members of the club are not paid subscribers. Clubs not complying within 6 months (180 days) of being notified may be terminated at the Board’s discretion, in accordance with Article 3.020.1 of the *RI Bylaws*.

17.030.2.2. *Membership Committee*

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1. Duties and Responsibilities:

- a. Assist club membership committee chairs in carrying out their responsibilities of attracting new members and engaging existing members.
- b. Manage prospective members assigned to the district for follow-up on My Rotary.
- c. Assist in organizing, establishing and supporting new and different types of clubs, where Rotary is currently not present, as well as in areas where Rotary is already active.
- d. Communicate committee progress, challenges and opportunities with your Rotary membership coordinator and district governor on a regular basis.
- e. Organize prospective member events in the district to help attract new members to existing or new Rotary and Rotaract clubs

2. Appointment and Preparation of Chair: To be effective, the district membership committee must have continuity of leadership; therefore, the committee chair shall be appointed for a three-year term, subject to review, with documented agreement of the governor, governor-elect and governor-nominee for their term of service.

The district governor (if selected) for each of the years of the three-year term of the membership committee chair will participate in the selection of the chair. This selection should take place and be reported to Rotary International no later than 31 December before taking office on 1 July of the following calendar year.

Any removal for cause must have the prior approval of all the district governors (if selected) for each of the remaining years of the three-year term. The chair shall attend a learning event conducted by the Rotary membership coordinator as appropriate.

19.040.5. Zone Level Governor-elect Learning Seminar (GELS)

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Additionally, each GELS should allow for individual presentations from a regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, a Rotary membership coordinator and a Rotary public image coordinator who will explain their role and the support they can provide for districts.

A member of the RI staff should conduct the session “Your Support from Rotary.”

Governor-elect learning will not include district organization.

19.040.7. GELS Team

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The GELS team should be comprised of a minimum of five core members, from within the zone(s), as follows:

1. GELS team leader
2. GELS facilitator
3. Regional Rotary Foundation coordinator
4. Rotary membership coordinator
5. Rotary public image coordinator

The GELS team leader and general facilitator must be appointed by the president for the class of governors being developed, upon recommendation by the convener. Exceptions can be made if there is no recent Rotary International Learning Facilitator for the zone.

6. Conveners may appoint additional team members if necessary. Additional facilitators will not be funded.

7. The selected regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, Rotary membership coordinator and Rotary public image coordinator shall give informational presentations as assigned by the GELS team leader.

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19.040.8. Reimbursement of Expenses for GELS Team Members

The GELS team leader and funded facilitator will be reimbursed for their participation in GELS, for the actual cost of three nights' hotel, three days' meals, GELS registration fees, roundtrip transportation to and from the event, and photocopies of GELS worksheets up to US\$50.00. Coordinators will be reimbursed from their allocation. Reimbursement will be provided as follows:

The costs of the regional Rotary Foundation coordinator are provided through their allocation from The Rotary Foundation.

The costs of the Rotary membership coordinator and Rotary public image coordinator are provided through their allocation from RI.

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19.070. Relationship Between District Governors and Regional Leaders

District governors and their district teams are directly supported by and have the resource of Regional Leaders (Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinators, Rotary Membership Coordinators, Rotary Public Image Coordinators, and Endowment/Major Gifts Advisers and End Polio Now Coordinators) and their assistants to further success in their districts. District leaders partner with regional leaders to support and execute Rotary's strategic plan, align all corporate communications and goals, and deliver quality, individualized team learning opportunities at their events. District governors and their district chairs are encouraged to develop a strong working relationship with their regional team by exchanging strategies, sharing goals, and planning together to further the success of their district.

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20.090.5. District Vibrant Club Workshop Leaders

The governor is responsible for the overall program. The district learning facilitator is responsible for planning and conducting the seminar in consultation with the district membership committee chair, district public image committee chair, and district Rotary Foundation committee chair. Districts are encouraged to seek input from the Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, Rotary Membership Coordinator, Rotary Public Image Coordinator, and Endowment/Major Gifts Adviser.

26.050. Rotary Protocol

The following order of protocol is recommended for introducing, presenting, and seating all current, past, and future officers of RI and its Foundation, committee members, and their partners at all RI meetings, functions, and receiving lines, and for listing in all RI publications:

President (or president's representative)
Past presidents (in order of seniority)
President-elect
President-nominee
Vice-president
Treasurer
Director Executive committee chair
Other directors
Trustee chair
Trustee chair-elect
Trustee vice-chair
Other trustees
General secretary
Past directors (in order of seniority)
Directors-elect
Past trustees (in order of seniority)
Incoming trustees
Directors-nominee
Past general secretaries (in order of seniority)
Rotary GB&I regional board members
District governors
Past district governors (in order of seniority)
Rotary membership coordinators, Rotary public image coordinators, regional Rotary Foundation coordinators and endowment/major gifts advisers
District governors-elect
District governors-nominee

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29.010. Regional Leaders

Regional leaders is the term used for the team of Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (RRFC), Rotary Membership Coordinator (RMC), Rotary Public Image Coordinator (RPIC), the Endowment/Major Gifts Adviser (E/MGA), and the End Polio Now Coordinator (EPNC) that works together in the districts they serve to improve membership, giving, program participation, and public image.

29.020. Rotary Membership Coordinators (RMC)

Rotary Membership Coordinators serve as a resource to districts for membership attraction and engagement, club-strengthening strategies, new club creation, and

promotion of Rotary programs for a term of three years, subject to annual review. Each of the 34 zones has at least one regional leader team that is assigned to the districts within the zone, zone section, or part of the zone.

29.020.6. Key Network
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Assistant Rotary Membership Coordinators

Rotary membership coordinators select their assistants, in consultation with their Director based on demonstrated success and experience with regional membership attraction and engagement strategies, new club and satellite club development, strategic planning, and Rotary programs. Assistants are appointed annually, for up to three years to ensure maximum effectiveness in the districts they serve, especially in relation to geographic coverage, functional expertise, and language ability. Assistants should not serve concurrently with a significant regional or district-level role. Assistants help the RMC with education, and motivation about membership, strategic planning, and Rotary programs.

Candidates for assistant RMCs must be vetted with the general secretary for compliance with Rotary policy related to stewardship, youth protection, financial and other obligations before the appointments are finalized.

51.040. *Rotary Leader*
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RI Directors, Foundation Trustees, Rotary membership coordinators, regional Rotary Foundation coordinators, district governors, and club presidents will receive *Rotary Leader* automatically. Other Rotarians may subscribe to this free publication at any time. Incoming and past club and district officers, assistant governors, committee chairs, and those considering taking on a leadership role will be particularly encouraged to subscribe.

57.110.10. Reserved Seating
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Reserved group seating will not be provided for district governors, governors-elect, past governors, RI and Rotary Foundation committee members, advisers, representatives, Rotary International Learning Facilitators, group and regional leaders (including Rotary membership coordinators, Rotary public image coordinators, regional Rotary Foundation coordinators, Endowment/Major Gift Advisors and End Polio Now Coordinators).

~~2.130.5. Young Leaders Pilot Project~~

~~The RI Board has established a three-year pilot project beginning 1 July 2021 to engage and cultivate young leaders and help inform the Board of the thoughts and perceptions of younger members.~~

~~The president-elect is requested to appoint an adviser to up to three select committees each year as a non-voting member.~~

~~When selecting advisers, the president-elect is encouraged to consider diversity and inclusion and give special consideration to younger past governors and Rotaractors.~~

~~These advisers should be included on all committee communications and invited to attend all committee meetings. (June 2021 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 177)~~

69.040.1.1. *Annual Expense Allocation (Not Taxable Reimbursement to the Recipient)*

Directors (excluding the president and the president-elect) may be reimbursed for expenses of US\$~~27,500~~ 22,000 each year totaling US\$~~55,000*~~ 44,000 for their two-year term as director. This amount is known as the annual expense allocation. The president and the president-elect shall not receive the annual expense allocation. Directors-elect may be reimbursed for expenses of up to ~~US\$4,000~~ US5,000 from their annual expense allocation in the five months prior to taking office. Any portion of the annual expense allocation not used by a director in the director's first year on the Board may be accrued and utilized in the second year. No portion of the annual expense allocation may be used by a director following the completion of the director's second year on the Board.

Except where explicitly authorized in the Rotary Code of Policies, annual expense allocation funds shall only be used to fund expenses incurred by and on behalf of directors themselves, and shall not be used to fund expenses, including travel expenses, of others, including directors' partners.

Expenses to be covered by this allocation include:

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2. Out-of-pocket expenses associated with director visits to clubs and other travels within their zones and reasonably associated with his or her position:
 - a. Transportation costs
 - b. Hotel
 - c. Meals and reasonable incidentals

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7. Other expenses not listed above may be reimbursed for legitimate business purposes and with supporting documentation, limited to:
 - a. Costs associated with organizing meetings, learning events, or recognition activities related to club, district or regional roles within the zones and regions to which the director has been assigned, including venue rental fees and meal and hotel expenses of attendees with defined club, district or regional roles.

- b. Items pertaining to recognition of club, district or regional roles within the zones and regions to which the director has been assigned, such as certificates or awards.
- c. Hotel, meal and reasonable incidental expenses associated with additional stays of up to two nights before or after Board meetings in Evanston (where partners are not present) for strategic discussions, ~~team building activities,~~ or other Board-related matters.
- 8 7. Other reasonable Rotary business expenses not detailed above but within the officer's allocated amounts may be approved by the executive committee and reported to the Board at its next meeting. Any officers seeking reimbursements for business expenses beyond the authorized allocation amounts shall seek the authorization of the Board.

69.050. Officer Expenses

~~69.050.1. Expenses for Individuals Accompanying the President~~

~~It shall be at the discretion of the president as to who should accompany him or her at any stage of his or her travels throughout the Rotary world and how the expenses of such persons should be met. (June 1998 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 348)~~

Source: February 1995 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 140; June 1998 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 348

From past meetings of the Board of Directors