

Highlights from the 2019 Council on Legislation (CoL)

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General Information: 538 District Representatives; 117 proposed Enactments; As of July 1, 2018 there were 153,232 Rotaractors in 9,116 Clubs; North America and Caribbean has 343,544 Rotarians. Constitution and By-laws needed a 2/3's majority to pass, others a simple majority vote.

Significant Actions:

19-72 To clarify that Rotaract clubs may seek admission to RI. This enactment needed to have a 2/3's affirmative vote. It failed. Then was re-considered and was adopted by a 74 % affirmative vote, making Rotaract at same level as Rotary Clubs.

19-117 To change the tax status of RI from a 501c4, to a 501c3. The RI board has been working on this process for about 2 years. This action changes only RI, not any of the Rotary clubs. It was passed by a 75% affirmative vote.

19-40 To amend the process for filing a vacancy in the office of president-elect or president nominee. Board will be able to select a replacement from the pool of candidates considered by the nominating committee. Board to fill vacancy within one month.

19-82 To increase per capita dues. Dues fees will be increased \$1/yr starting 2019-2020. Based on 5 year fiscal projections.

Club Administration

19-18 To amend the provisions on membership. Clubs should build a well-balanced membership that celebrates diversity.

19-22 To amend the term of the club president. If there is no successor who was elected, the term of the current president shall be extended for one year only.

19-26 To lengthen the notice period for changing a club's name or locality. Currently is 10 days, now extends to 21 days. Also changes notice on by-law changes to 21 days.

19-28 To revise the provisions regarding locality of a club. Had stated that a club needed to contain the minimum number of classifications to organize. That was removed and language was modernized.

19-29 To amend the satellite club reporting procedure. This enactment sought to allow satellite clubs the same flexibility as clubs to have their financial reports reviewed as opposed to audited.

19-35 To amend the provisions for making up an absence. This enactment changed the 14 day window either before or after the missed meeting to one year.

19-37 To amend provisions regarding membership in clubs. Holders of public office are allowed as well as employees of RI.

19-39 To amend the composition of clubs and to remove classification limitations. Modernizes the language, includes term occupation which is different than profession. It eliminates the current classification limitations. Allows clubs to be flexible.

Other Enactments

19-46 To revise the qualifications of a governor nominee. Candidates must be from multi-gender clubs.

19-80 To revise the process for the election of officers. Eliminates the pretense of electing officers at the convention.

19-93 To change the name of the General Surplus Fund to the RI Reserve.

19-115 To modernize and streamline the Bylaws of RI without making any substantive changes. Was last done in 1995.

19-116 To modernize and streamline the Standard Rotary Club Constitution without making any substantive changes. Was last done 17 years ago.

Categories that Enactments were placed in:

Avenues of Service, Object of Rotary and Core Values

Club Administration

Meetings and Attendance

Membership

RI President Elections

RI Director Elections

Governor Elections

Elections – Miscellaneous

District Administration

Rotary International – general

Rotary International – membership

Rotary international – committees

Rotary International – conventions

RI Finances and Per Capita Dues

Councils – Pre-meeting procedures

Councils – meetings and representatives

Councils - miscellaneous

Technical Legislation