*Document Purpose: This document provides an overview of district-level committees and other bodies in District 6270 to inform club leaders of the resources available to them.*

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*Note: “Open” = Committees which are open to participation by district volunteers. Contact the Chair/Coordinator if interested in joining.*

**District Executive Committee**

The District Executive Committee assists the District Governor in establishing policies pertaining to District affairs. The District Executive Committee is composed of the following members, District Governor, the three immediate past District Governors, District Secretary, District Treasurer, District Governor-elect,, District Governor Nominee, vice governor (if not already a member), Foundation chair, and District Trainer. The committee meets at least quarterly.

* Chair: District Governor Julie Craig

**Finance**

The Finance Committee presents its proposed budget and the District per capita dues assessment to the District Executive Committee and the District Conference prior to July 1 of each calendar year. The Committee makes recommendations to the District Governor and to the District Executive Committee from time-to-time on the subject of District finances and the management thereof.

* Chair: Treasurer Jim Holmes

**District Training**

Coordinated by the District Trainer, the Training Committee supports the Governor (DG) and Governor-Elect (DGE) in providing training to club and district leaders. This involves assistance with PETS, PETS Orientation, Fall Seminar, Spring Assembly, and other training activities that the DG, DGE and District require.

**Rotary Foundation**

The District Rotary Foundation Committee (DRFC) and its chair assists the District Governor in educating, motivating and inspiring Rotarians to participate in The Rotary Foundation (TRF) program and fund raising activities in the district. The committee offers Grant Management Seminars to train clubs and their officers on district and global grants. (open)

* Chair: PDG Mike Slawny

Foundation Sub-committees include:

* Alumni. Chair: Kristin Stearns
* District Grants. Chair: PDG Mary Beth Seiser
* Fundraising – Major Gifts & Endowment. Chair: PDG Nancy Rhodes
* Giving/Gifting (including Annual Giving, Benefactor, and Paul Harris). Chair: Barb Senn
* Global Grants. Chair: DGND Steen Sanderhoff
* Polio Plus. Chair: Monica Phillip
* Scholarships. Chair: Karen Plunkett-Muenster.
* Vocational Training Team/Group Study Exchange. Chair: Wally Smanski

**Youth Exchange**

The committee promotes the exchange of young people from this District with young people of districts from foreign countries for the purpose of:

I. Promoting international good will and understanding and

2. The opportunity for study and international living abroad for a period of time.

The District actively participates in the programs of the "Central States Rotary Youth Exchange Program, Inc." The committee also participates in a short-term summer exchange program (in cooperation with Rotary Districts 6220 and 6250). (open)

* - Chair/Inbound: Kelly Mundell
* - Vice Chair/Outbound: Dennis Swetlik
* - Inbound Coordinator Assistant: Michelle Harken
* - Outbound Coordinator Assistants: Mary Jean Reading, Beni Westgor

**Membership**

Identify, implement and market membership development strategies within the district that are appropriate for the district that will aid D6270 clubs in membership attraction and engagement. Develop and Implement the District Plan for Membership, assisting clubs’ member recruitment and retention efforts. Assist clubs to ensure that they are aware of the membership tools available from Rotary. (open)

* Chair 16-17: PDG Rick Luedke
* Chair 17-18: Julie Craig

**Extension**

The committee shall have the responsibility for the extension of Rotary in the District by the formation of new clubs. Identify communities without Rotary clubs that have a population capable of meeting the requirements for chartering a new club. Find communities served by existing clubs that could benefit from new clubs. (open)

* Chair: PDG Karen White

**President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS)**

Provide training to incoming club presidents (PEs) that will maximize the likelihood of success as president. President Elect Nominees (PNs) are welcome and encouraged to attend PETS to begin their training to become a club president. This training is the responsibility of the District Governor Elect. This District has chosen to participate with seven other Districts in a Multi-Districts (MidWest) PETS for the purpose of training the Presidents-Elect. Attendance by the Club Presidents Elect is mandatory and all clubs are billed for the cost of this training. The President-elect of every club must attend PETS and the District Leadership Training per the Standard Club Constitution Article 9:5c.

* District Members: DGE, DGN, District Trainer, At large selected by DGE.

**Youth Protection**

The committee shall provide for youth protection, certification, and compliance within the clubs in the district and oversee training of club youth activity committee members, including youth exchange committees. This carries out the mandates from RI regarding the protection of youth who come into contact with Rotarians. The committee makes training available to clubs on youth protection. This committee will conduct all required background checks within the district and has jurisdiction over all youth activities in the district.

* YP Officer: John Scherer

**Visioning Team**

Assists clubs by facilitating club visioning sessions that provides a vision for the future of the club. It forms the beginnings of a written plan that promotes consensus, consistency, and continuity within the club. This statement of goals and initiatives provides a road map that’s easy for leaders and club members to understand. It serves as a foundational piece for any club that wants to grow and become more effective. People involved in Visioning must be trained and have good facilitation skills and follow the Rotary Visioning process.

* Chair: PDG Tamie Koop
* Coordinator: Brian Monroe

**New Generations Youth Service**

The committee develops and supports initiatives that help students and young professionals become strong leaders. It encourages Rotary Clubs to expand opportunities for young people by forming relationships with other organizations. It supports Rotary Clubs in the development of Interact and Rotaract Clubs. It coordinates with the Rotaract, Interact, Earlyact, and Youth Exchange committees. (open)

* NG Chair (Interact): John Hobbins
* NG Chair (Rotaract): Scott Richter

**Public Image (PI)**

Led by the Public Image Chair, the Committee works to promote the public image of Rotary. It supports the work of club and the district to build the Rotary Brand, informing the community about the benefits of Rotary Service. (open)

* Chair 16-17: Kola Alayande
* Chair 17-18: Ebony Ssali

**District Conference Advisory**

Provides advice and assistance to the District Governor and Governor Elect on conduct of the annual District Conference. (open)

* Chair: Steve Berndt

**Fellowship**

Rotary Fellowships give members the opportunity to have fun, make new friends around the world, and enhance their Rotary experience. This committee connects Rotarians to existing Rotary Fellowships and encourage members to develop new fellowships around a shared interest. (open)

* Chair: Christine Spresser.

**Friendship Exchange Committee**

Through Rotary Friendship Exchanges, Rotary members learn about another culture by taking turns hosting and visiting one another. The committee encourages members to participate in exchanges and sponsors District Friendship Exchanges. (open)

* Chair: John Henderson

**Water and Sanitation**

The committee fosters support for and encourages engagement in water and sanitation projects by clubs throughout the district. It provides information and serves as a resource for clubs seeing involvement.

* Coordinator: David Wolbrink

**Global Rewards**

[Rotary Global Rewards](https://vimeo.com/129263576) — our new member benefit program -- offers discounts on travel, hotels, dining, and entertainment to make membership even more valuable. However, unlike other rewards programs, Rotarians can also add their company’s special offers to the portfolio. The committee encourages District Rotarians to use rewards as well as to add their own company’s special offers by promoting the program at district meetings and other events.

* Coordinator: John Bernardin

**Wisconsin World Affairs Council (WWAC)**

The WWAC prepares young people to advance international goodwill and peace through a better understanding and awareness of world problems and issues by convening an annual **World Affairs Seminar (WAS)** for delegates from around the world. Affairs of the WWAC are managed by a Board of Directors, 80% of whom are Rotarians. WAS is a program sponsored and funded in part by District 6270.

* Executive Director: Tom Plantenberg

**Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee makes recommendation on the selection, each year, of a District Governor Nominee Designee. If confirmed, the Nominee Designee serves as Governor Nominee and is elected as "Governor-Elect" at the Rotary International convention held immediately preceding the year in which the nominee is to be trained at the International Assembly. The committee is chaired by the two immediate past District Governors and includes up to eight Rotarians. Membership is by selection.

* Co-Chairs 16-17: PDG Karen White, PDG Mary Beth Seiser

**Council on Legislation (CoL)**

Represents the District at the international CoL meeting to consider enactments and resolutions, which change Rotary’s governing documents, and position statements by the RI Board and what governs Rotary. Representatives of the District on CoL must be Past District Governors.

* D6270 Rep: PDG Cathy Zimmerman
* D6270 Alternate Rep: PDG Tamie Koop

**Assistant Governors (AGs)**

Assistant Governors (AGs) assist the District Governor in providing support and assistance to clubs on behalf of the District. AGs make regular visits to clubs in their area providing information, resources and support to the club. AGs are appointed by the District Governor as prescribed in the District 6270 Manual of Procedure. An Assistant Governor shall serve a term of three (3) years.

**Advisory Council**

The Advisory Council acts in an advisory capacity to the District Governor relative to matters concerning District administration, extension and other affairs as requested by the District Governor. The District Governor may appoint an Advisory Council to serve at his/her pleasure, composed of Past District Governors of the District and any other Past Officers of Rotary International who are members in good standing of clubs within the District. Membership is by selection of the District Governor.

**Other Committees**

The District Governor may appoint such other committees as he/she deems appropriate and, at his/her discretion, ask these chairmen to serve as members ex-officio of the District Executive Committee.