

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-35

To amend the provisions for making up an absence

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Cloquet, District 5580, USA

Endorsed by: District 5580 through an annual district conference, Tower,
Minnesota, USA, 26-28 April 2017

1 To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows
2 (pages 91-92 MOP)

3 4 **Article 12 Attendance [See article 7 for exceptions to the provisions of 5 this article.]**

6 **Section 1 — General Provisions.** Each member should attend this club's regular
7 meetings, or satellite club's regular meetings if provided in the bylaws, and
8 engage in this club's service projects, other events and activities. A member
9 shall be counted as attending a regular meeting if the member is present in
10 person or using an online connection for at least 60 percent of the meeting, or is
11 present and is called away unexpectedly and subsequently produces evidence to
12 the satisfaction of the board that such action was reasonable, or participates in
13 the regular meeting posted on the club's website within one week following its
14 posting, or makes up for an absence in any of the following ways:

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16 (a) ~~14 Days Before or After the Meeting. During the Same Year.~~ If, within
17 ~~fourteen (14) days before or after the regular time for that meeting the same~~
18 ~~year,~~ the member
19 (1) attends at least 60 percent of the regular meeting of another club, of a
20 satellite club meeting of another club, or of a provisional club; or
21 (2) attends a regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact club, Rotary
22 Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship or of a provisional Rotaract or
23 Interact club, Rotary Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship; or
24 (3) attends a convention of RI, a council on legislation, an international
25 assembly, a Rotary institute for past and present officers of RI, a
26 Rotary institute for past, present, and incoming officers of RI, or any
27 other meeting convened with the approval of the board of directors of
28 RI or the president of RI acting on behalf of the board of directors of
29 RI, a Rotary multizone conference, a meeting of a committee of RI, a
30 Rotary district conference, a Rotary district training assembly, any
31 district meeting held by direction of the board of directors of RI, any
32 district committee meeting held by direction of the district governor, or
33 a regularly announced intercity meeting of Rotary clubs; or
34 (4) is present at the usual time and place of a regular meeting or satellite
35 club meeting of another club for the purpose of attending such
36 meeting, but that club is not meeting at that time or place; or

- 1 (5) attends and participates in a club service project or a club-sponsored
2 community event or meeting authorized by the board; or
3 (6) attends a board meeting or, if authorized by the board, a meeting of a
4 service committee to which the member is assigned; or
5 (7) participates through a club website in an interactive activity requiring
6 an average of 30 minutes of participation.
7 ~~When a member is outside the member's country of residence for more than~~
8 ~~fourteen (14) days, the time restriction shall not be imposed so that the member~~
9 ~~may attend regular meetings or satellite club meetings in another country at any~~
10 ~~time during the travel period, and each such attendance shall count as a valid~~
11 ~~make-up for any regular meeting missed during the member's time abroad.~~

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 12 Adopting this measure would set clubs on a path toward project and club
13 engagement as a preferred avenue for make-ups. It would stimulate engagement
14 over alternative easier methods of make-up, which are inadvertently promoted by
15 the existing time restriction.
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17 Implementing this measure would provide the motivation for increased member
18 participation in projects.
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20 Utilizing a simple spreadsheet, clubs can track attendance make-ups more
21 expeditiously throughout the year. Also, with most clubs having multiple make-
22 up opportunities in one month, it is only fair that those members participating in
23 these extra opportunities be allowed to bank these events for times during the
24 year when extra activities are infrequent. The make-up opportunities would only
25 be allowed for missed meetings during the current Rotary year and would expire
26 each 30 June. A new bank would start the following Rotary year beginning 1
27 July. Accuracy of attendance would not be unreasonably lessened by this
28 measure for the reason that the concept of banking would more likely be applied
29 forward than back.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 30 This enactment could potentially result in an increase in revenues for RI if there
31 is an increase in membership or membership retention due to greater flexibility
32 for current and future members.