



2016 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION  
OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

# REPORT OF ACTION

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Dear Rotarians:

The Council on Legislation of Rotary International met 10-15 April 2016 in Chicago, Illinois, USA. In accordance with section 8.140.2. of the RI bylaws, I am issuing this report on the actions taken by the Council, including the 61 pieces of adopted legislation.

181 pieces of proposed legislation were transmitted to the Council: 117 enactments (proposals to amend the constitutional documents of RI) and 64 resolutions (proposals which do not seek to amend the constitutional documents). The Council adopted 47 enactments and 14 resolutions. It referred three pieces of proposed legislation to the RI Board for further study, while consideration of five were postponed indefinitely. The Council rejected 53 proposals and 59 proposals were withdrawn from consideration. Of the 47 adopted enactments, 18 were adopted with amendments, which are noted in the report with an asterisk (\*).

The legislation contained in this report is presented in the format used by the Council. It illustrates changes to the current constitutional documents of RI by underlining new text and striking through deleted text.

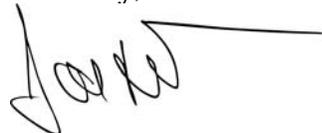
As you study these items of legislation, please bear in mind that each piece of legislation must stand alone as it was adopted. Where two or more pieces of legislation seek to change the same section of a document, all overlapping and correlative changes will be made by the Council Operations Committee during the revision of the constitutional documents.

At the end of this report is an Opposition to Legislation Report Form. In accordance with section 8.140.3. of the RI Bylaws, any club may use this form to record its opposition to an adopted enactment or resolution. Completed forms must reach RI Headquarters in Evanston by 15 August 2016. If the required number of votes in opposition have been filed regarding any item of legislation adopted by the Council, the item will be considered suspended. A ballot of all Rotary clubs will then be conducted according to the provisions of sections 8.140.5., 8.140.6. and 8.140.7. of the RI Bylaws. Based on the results of the ballot, the suspended item will either be nullified or reinstated.

Please note that a club should complete and return the form at the end of this report only if it wishes to oppose some action by the Council. If a club does not wish to oppose an action of the 2016 Council on Legislation, no action is required.

Should you have any questions about the Council or the adopted legislation, please contact Council Services at [council\\_services@rotary.org](mailto:council_services@rotary.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Hewko", with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

John Hewko  
General Secretary

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**ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-01**

To provide for written board meeting minutes

To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows (pages 198-199 MOP)

**(Select one Article 6)**

**Article 6 Meetings**

**Section 1 — Regular Meetings.**

- (a) *Day and Time.* This club shall hold a regular meeting once each week on the day and at the time provided in the bylaws.
- (b) *Change of Meeting.* For good cause, the board may change a regular meeting to any day during the period commencing with the day following the preceding regular meeting and ending with the day preceding the next regular meeting, or to a different hour of the regular day, or to a different place.
- (c) *Cancellation.* The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or in case of the death of a club member, or of an epidemic or of a disaster affecting the whole community, or of an armed conflict in the community which endangers the lives of the club members. The board may cancel not more than four regular meetings in a year for causes not otherwise specified herein provided that this club does not fail to meet for more than three consecutive meetings.
- (d) *Satellite Club Meeting (When Applicable).* If provided in the bylaws, a satellite club shall hold regular weekly meetings at a place and at a time and day decided by its members. The day, time and place of the meeting may be changed in a similar way to that provided for the club's regular meetings in section 1(b) of this article. A satellite club meeting may be cancelled for any of the reasons enumerated in section 1(c) of this article. Voting procedures shall be as provided in the bylaws.

**Section 2 — Annual Meeting.**

- (a) An annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held not later than 31 December as provided in the bylaws.
- (b) A satellite club (when applicable) shall hold an annual meeting of its members before 31 December to elect officers for the general governance of the satellite club.

**Section 3 — Board Meetings.** Written minutes should be provided for all board meetings. Such minutes should be available to all members within 60 days of said meeting.

or

**Article 6 Meetings (for e-Clubs)**

**Section 1 — Regular Meetings.**

- (a) *Day.* This club shall hold a regular meeting once each week by posting an interactive activity on the club's website on the day provided in the bylaws. The meeting shall be considered as held on the day that the interactive activity is to be posted on the website.
- (b) *Change of Meeting.* For good cause, the board may change a regular meeting to any day during the period commencing with the day following the preceding regular meeting and ending with the day preceding the next regular meeting.
- (c) *Cancellation.* The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or in case of the death of a club member, or of an epidemic or of a disaster affecting the whole community, or of an armed conflict in the community which endangers the lives of the club members.

The board may cancel not more than four regular meetings in a year for causes not otherwise specified herein provided that this club does not fail to meet for more than three consecutive meetings.

**Section 2 — Annual Meeting.** An annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held not later than 31 December as provided in the bylaws.

**Section 3 — Board Meetings.** Written minutes should be provided for all board meetings. Such minutes should be available to all members within 60 days of said meeting.

(End of Text)

## ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-02

To provide that the club treasurer shall be a member of the board

*To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows (page 204 MOP)*

### **Article 10 Directors and Officers**

**Section 4 — Officers.** The club officers shall be a president, the immediate past president, a president-elect, ~~and~~ a secretary, and a treasurer, and may include one or more vice-presidents, all of whom shall be members of the board. The club officers shall also include ~~a treasurer and may include~~ a sergeant-at-arms, ~~all of whom may be members who may be a member~~ of the board as the bylaws shall provide. Club officers shall regularly attend satellite club meetings.

(End of Text)

**ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-05\***

To provide for committees in clubs

*To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows (page 205 MOP)*

**Article 10 Directors and Officers and Committees**

**Section 7 — Committees.** This club should have the following committees:

- Club Administration
- Membership
- Public Image
- Rotary Foundation
- Service Projects

Additional committees may be appointed as needed.

(End of Text)

**ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-06**

To define the purpose of Rotary clubs

*To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows (page 198 MOP)*

**Article 6 Purpose**

The purpose of this club is to pursue the Object of Rotary, carry out successful service projects based on the Five Avenues of Service, contribute to the advancement of Rotary by strengthening membership, support The Rotary Foundation, and develop leaders beyond the club level.

(Subsequent articles will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

**ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-07**

To remove admission fees for club members

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 135 MOP)*

**Article 4 Membership in Clubs**

**4.050. Honorary Membership.**

4.050.2. *Rights and Privileges.*

Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of ~~admission fees and dues~~, shall have no vote and shall not be eligible to hold any office in the club. Such members shall not hold classifications, but shall be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all the other privileges of the club in which they hold such membership. No honorary member of a club is entitled to any rights or privileges in any other club, except for the right to visit other clubs without being the guest of a Rotarian.

*And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows*

*in article 7 (page 201 MOP)*

**Article 7 Membership**

**Section 7 — Honorary Membership.**

- (b) *Rights and Privileges.* Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of ~~admission fees and dues~~, shall have no vote, and shall not be eligible to hold any office in this club. Such members shall not hold classifications, but shall be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all the other privileges of this club. No honorary member of this club is entitled to any rights and privileges in any other club, except for the right to visit other clubs without being the guest of a Rotarian.

*and in article 11 (page 205 MOP)*

**Article 11 ~~Admission Fees and Dues~~**

Every member shall pay ~~an admission fee and~~ annual dues as prescribed in the bylaws; ~~except that any transferring or former member of another club who is accepted into membership of this club pursuant to article 7, section 4(a) or any former member of this club who rejoins this club, shall not be required to pay a second admission fee. A Rotaractor who ceased to be a member of Rotaract within the preceding two years, who is accepted into membership of this club, shall not be required to pay an admission fee.~~

*and in article 12 (page 206 MOP)*

**Article 12 Duration of Membership**

**Section 2 — Automatic Termination.**

- (b) *How to Rejoin.* When the membership of a member has terminated as provided in subsection (a) of this section, such person, provided such person's membership was in good standing at the time of termination, may make new application for membership, under the same or another classification. ~~A second admission fee shall not be required.~~

and in article 15 (page 209 MOP)

### **Article 15 Acceptance of Object and Compliance with Constitution and Bylaws**

By payment of ~~an admission fee and~~ dues, a member accepts the principles of Rotary as expressed in its object and submits to and agrees to comply with and be bound by the constitution and bylaws of this club, and on these conditions alone is entitled to the privileges of this club. Each member shall be subject to the terms of the constitution and bylaws regardless of whether such member has received copies of them.

(End of Text)

### **ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-10\***

To amend the second Avenue of Service

To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows (page 198 MOP)

### **Article 5 Five Avenues of Service**

Rotary's Five Avenues of Service are the philosophical and practical framework for the work of this Rotary club.

1. Club Service, the first Avenue of Service, involves action a member should take within this club to help it function successfully.
2. Vocational Service, the second Avenue of Service, has the purpose of promoting high ethical standards in businesses and professions, recognizing the worthiness of all dignified occupations, and fostering the ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations. The role of members includes conducting themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary's principles and lending their vocational skills to club-developed projects in order to address the issues and needs of society.
3. Community Service, the third Avenue of Service, comprises varied efforts that members make, sometimes in conjunction with others, to improve the quality of life of those who live within this club's locality or municipality.
4. International Service, the fourth Avenue of Service, comprises those activities that members do to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace by fostering acquaintance with people of other countries, their cultures, customs, accomplishments, aspirations, and problems, through reading and correspondence and through cooperation in all club activities and projects designed to help people in other lands.
5. Youth Service, the fifth Avenue of Service, recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

(End of Text)

**ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-21\***

To allow for flexibility in club meetings and attendance

To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows (pages 198-199 MOP)

**Article 6 Exceptions to Provisions on Meetings and Attendance**

The bylaws may include rules or requirements not in accordance with article 7, section 1; article 10, sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5; and article 13, section 4, of this constitution. Such rules or requirements shall supersede the rules or requirements of these sections of this constitution; a club, however, must meet at least twice per month.

**(Select one Article 6 7)**

**Article 6 7 Meetings**

**Section 1 — Regular Meetings.**

- (a) *Day and Time.* This club shall hold a regular meeting once each week on the day and at the time provided in the bylaws.
- (b) *Change of Meeting.* For good cause, the board may change a regular meeting to any day during the period commencing with the day following the preceding regular meeting and ending with the day preceding the next regular meeting, or to a different hour of the regular day, or to a different place.
- (c) *Cancellation.* The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or in case of the death of a club member, or of an epidemic or of a disaster affecting the whole community, or of an armed conflict in the community which endangers the lives of the club members. The board may cancel not more than four regular meetings in a year for causes not otherwise specified herein provided that this club does not fail to meet for more than three consecutive meetings.
- (d) *Satellite Club Meeting (When Applicable).* If provided in the bylaws, a satellite club shall hold regular weekly meetings at a place and at a time and day decided by its members. The day, time and place of the meeting may be changed in a similar way to that provided for the club's regular meetings in section 1(b) of this article. A satellite club meeting may be cancelled for any of the reasons enumerated in section 1(c) of this article. Voting procedures shall be as provided in the bylaws.

**Section 2 — Annual Meeting.**

- (a) An annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held not later than 31 December as provided in the bylaws.
- (b) A satellite club (when applicable) shall hold an annual meeting of its members before 31 December to elect officers for the general governance of the satellite club.

or

**Article 6 7 Meetings (for e-Clubs)**

**Section 1 — Regular Meetings.**

- (a) *Day.* This club shall hold a regular meeting once each week by posting an interactive activity on the club's website on the day provided in the bylaws. The meeting shall be considered as held on the day that the interactive activity is to be posted on the website.
- (b) *Change of Meeting.* For good cause, the board may change a regular meeting to any day during the period commencing with the day following the preceding regular meeting and ending with the day preceding the next regular meeting.
- (c) *Cancellation.* The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or in case of the death of a club member, or of an epidemic or of a disaster affecting the whole community, or of an armed conflict in the community which endangers the lives of the club members.

The board may cancel not more than four regular meetings in a year for causes not otherwise specified herein provided that this club does not fail to meet for more than three consecutive meetings.

**Section 2 — Annual Meeting.** An annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held not later than 31 December as provided in the bylaws.

(Subsequent articles will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

**ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-26**

To amend the provisions for canceling a meeting

To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows (pages 198-199 MOP)

**(Select one Article 6)**

**Article 6 Meetings**

**Section 1 — Regular Meetings.**

- (c) *Cancellation.* The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or during the week which includes a legal holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or in case of the death of a club member, or of an epidemic or of a disaster affecting the whole community, or of an armed conflict in the community which endangers the lives of the club members. The board may cancel not more than four regular meetings in a year for causes not otherwise specified herein provided that this club does not fail to meet for more than three consecutive meetings.

or

**Article 6 Meetings (for e-Clubs)**

**Section 1 — Regular Meetings.**

- (c) *Cancellation.* The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or during the week which includes a legal holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or in case of the death of a club member, or of an epidemic or of a disaster affecting the whole community, or of an armed conflict in the community which endangers the lives of the club members. The board may cancel not more than four regular meetings in a year for causes not otherwise specified herein provided that this club does not fail to meet for more than three consecutive meetings.

(End of Text)

**ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-30**

To revise attendance provisions to allow for both in-person and online meeting participation

To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows

in article 6 (pages 198-199 MOP)

**(Select one Article 6)**

**Article 6 Meetings**

**Section 1 — Regular Meetings.**

- (a) *Day and Time.* This club shall hold a regular in-person meeting once each week on the day and at the time provided in the bylaws. It may also arrange an online meeting or provide for an online connection for members whose attendance otherwise would be precluded.

or

**Article 6 Meetings (for e-Clubs)**

**Section 1 — Regular Meetings.**

- (a) *Day.* This club shall hold a regular meeting once each week by posting an interactive activity on the club's website or by holding an in-person meeting on the day provided in the bylaws. ~~The~~ A meeting shall be considered as held on the day that the interactive activity is ~~to be~~ posted on the website.

and in article 9 (page 202 MOP)

**Article 9 Attendance**

**(Select one introductory paragraph to Section 1)**

□ **Section 1 — General Provisions.** Each member should attend this club’s regular meetings, or satellite club’s regular meetings if provided in the bylaws, and engage in this club’s service projects, other events and activities. A member shall be counted as attending a regular meeting if the member is present in person or an online connection for at least 60 percent of the meeting, or is present and is called away unexpectedly and subsequently produces evidence to the satisfaction of the board that such action was reasonable, or makes up for an absence in any of the following ways:

or

□ **Section 1 (for e-Clubs) — General Provisions.** Each member should attend this club’s regular meetings. A member shall be counted as attending a regular meeting if the member participates in the regular meeting posted on the club’s website within one week following its posting or in-person meetings arranged by the club, or makes up a missed meeting in any of the following ways:

(End of Text)

### **ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-34\***

To amend the provisions for excused absences

To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows (page 203 MOP)

#### **Article 9 Attendance**

**Section 3 — Excused Absences.** A member’s absence shall be excused if

- (a) the absence complies with the conditions and under circumstances approved by the board. The board may excuse a member’s absence for reasons which it considers to be good and sufficient. Such excused absences shall not extend for longer than twelve months. However, if the leave is for a medical reason or after the birth, the adoption, or foster care of a child that extends for more than twelve months such leave may be renewed by the board for a period of time beyond the original twelve months.

(End of Text)

**ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-35**

To amend the provisions for excused absences

To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows (page 203 MOP)

**Article 9 Attendance**

**Section 3 — Excused Absences.** A member’s absence shall be excused if

- (b) the aggregate of the member’s years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more, the member has been a member of one or more clubs for at least 20 years, and the member has notified the club secretary in writing of the member’s desire to be excused from attendance and the board has approved.

(End of Text)

**ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-36\***

To allow for flexibility in membership

To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 136 MOP)

**Article 4 Membership in Clubs**

**4.110. Exceptions to Provisions on Membership.**

A club may adopt rules or requirements not in accordance with sections 4.010. and 4.030.-4.060. of these bylaws. Such rules or requirements shall supersede the rules or requirements of these sections of these bylaws.

And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows (page 202 MOP)

**Article 9 Exceptions to Provisions on Membership**

The bylaws may include rules or requirements not in accordance with Article 7, sections 2 and 4-9 of this constitution. Such rules or requirements shall supersede the rules or requirements of these sections of this constitution.

(Subsequent articles will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

## ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-38\*

To revise the provisions for membership

To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 124 MOP)

### Article 5 Membership

#### Section 2 — Composition of Clubs.

- (a) A club shall be composed of ~~active members each of whom shall be an adult person of good character and good business, professional and/or community reputation,~~ adult persons who demonstrate good character, integrity, and leadership; possess good reputation within their business, profession, and/or community; and are willing to serve in their community and/or around the world.
- ~~(1) engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession; or~~
  - ~~(2) holding any important position in any worthy and recognized business or profession or any branch or agency thereof and have executive capacity with discretionary authority; or~~
  - ~~(3) having retired from any position listed in sub-subsection (1) or (2) of this subsection; or~~
  - ~~(4) being a community leader who has demonstrated through personal involvement in community affairs a commitment to service and the Object of Rotary; or~~
  - ~~(5) having the status of Rotary Foundation alumnus as defined by the board; or~~
  - ~~(6) having interrupted employment or having never worked in order to care for children or to assist the spouse in their work~~
- and
- having his or her their place of business or residence located in the locality of the club or the surrounding area. ~~An active~~ A member moving from the locality of the club or the surrounding area may retain membership in the club where the member's board grants such permission and said active member continues to meet all conditions of club membership.

And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows (page 200 MOP)

### Article 7 Membership

**Section 1 — General Qualifications.** This club shall be composed of adult persons of ~~good character and good business, professional and/or community reputation~~ who demonstrate good character, integrity, and leadership; possess good reputation within their business, profession, and/or community; and are willing to serve in their community and/or around the world.

(End of Text)

## **ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-40\***

To allow Rotaractors to be active members

*To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 124 MOP)*

### **Article 5 Membership**

#### **Section 2 — Composition of Clubs.**

- (b) Each club shall have a well-balanced membership in which no one business, profession or type of community service predominates. The club shall not elect a person to active membership from a classification if the club already has five or more members from that classification, unless the club has more than 50 members, in which case the club may elect a person to active membership in a classification so long as it will not result in the classification making up more than 10 percent of the club's active membership. Members who are retired shall not be included in the total number of members in a classification. The classification of a transferring or former member of a club, or a ~~Rotaractor or Rotary Foundation~~ alumnus as defined by the board, shall not preclude election to active membership even if the election results in club membership temporarily exceeding the above limitations. If a member changes classification, the club may continue the member's membership under the new classification notwithstanding these limitations.

*And to amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 135 MOP)*

### **Article 4 Membership in Clubs**

#### **4.040. Dual Membership.**

No person shall simultaneously hold active membership in more than one club, other than in a satellite of that club. No person shall simultaneously be a member and an honorary member in the same club. ~~No person shall simultaneously hold active membership in a club and membership in a Rotaract club.~~

*And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows  
in article 7 (page 200 MOP)*

### **Article 7 Membership**

**Section 6 — Dual Membership.** No person shall simultaneously hold active membership in this and another club other than a satellite of this club. No person shall simultaneously be a member and an honorary member in this club. ~~No person shall simultaneously hold active membership in this club and membership in a Rotaract club.~~

and in article 8 (page 201 MOP)

## **Article 8 Classifications**

**Section 2 — Limitations.** This club shall not elect a person to active membership from a classification if the club already has five or more members from that classification, unless the club has more than 50 members, in which case, the club may elect a person to active membership in a classification so long as it will not result in the classification making up more than 10 percent of the club's active membership. Members who are retired shall not be included in the total number of members in a classification. The classification of a transferring or former member of a club, or a Rotaractor or Rotary Foundation alumnus as defined by the board of directors of RI, shall not preclude election to active membership even if the election results in club membership temporarily exceeding the above limitations. If a member changes classification, the club may continue the member's membership under the new classification notwithstanding these limitations.

(End of Text)

## **ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-47**

To amend the provisions for honorary membership

To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 135 MOP)

### **Article 4 Membership in Clubs**

#### **4.050. Honorary Membership.**

##### **4.050.1. Eligibility for Honorary Membership.**

Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals and those persons considered friends of Rotary for their ~~permanent~~ support of Rotary's cause may be elected to honorary membership in more than one club. The term of such membership shall be as determined by the board of the club in which they hold membership.

And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows (page 200 MOP)

### **Article 7 Membership**

#### **Section 7 — Honorary Membership.**

- (a) *Eligibility for Honorary Membership.* Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals and those persons considered friends of Rotary for their ~~permanent~~ support of Rotary's cause may be elected to honorary membership in this club. The term of such

membership shall be as determined by the board. Persons may hold honorary membership in more than one club.

(End of Text)

### **ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-48**

To amend the provisions for suspension of membership

*To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows (page 208 MOP)*

#### **Article 12 Duration of Membership**

**Section 10** — *Temporary Suspension.* Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution, if in the opinion of the board

- (d) that in the best interests of the club and without any vote being taken as to his or her membership, the member's membership should be temporarily suspended and the member should be excluded from attendance at meetings and other activities of this club and from any office or position the member holds within the club. ~~For the purposes of this clause, the member shall be excused from fulfilling attendance responsibilities;~~

the board may, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the board, temporarily suspend the member as aforesaid for such period and on such further conditions as the board determines, albeit for a period no longer than is reasonably necessary in all the circumstances. For the purposes of this clause, the member shall be excused from fulfilling attendance responsibilities.

(End of Text)

### **ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-49\***

To amend the provisions for suspension of membership

*To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows (page 208 MOP)*

#### **Article 12 Duration of Membership**

**Section 10** — *Temporary Suspension.* Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution, if in the opinion of the board

- (d) that in the best interests of the club and without any vote being taken as to his or her membership, the member's membership should be temporarily suspended

and the member should be excluded from attendance at meetings and other activities of this club and from any office or position the member holds within the club. For the purposes of this clause, the member shall be excused from fulfilling attendance responsibilities;

the board may, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the board, temporarily suspend the member as aforesaid ~~for such period and on such further conditions as the board determines, albeit for a period no longer than is reasonably necessary in all the circumstances~~ for a reasonable period of time not to exceed 90 days and on such further conditions as the board determines. Prior to the expiration of the suspension period, the board must either proceed to terminate the membership of the suspended Rotarian or reinstate the suspended Rotarian to full regular status.

(End of Text)

### **ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-50\***

To amend the provisions for suspension of membership

To amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows (page 208 MOP)

#### **Article 12 Duration of Membership**

**Section 10 — Temporary Suspension.** Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution, if in the opinion of the board

- (a) credible accusations have been made that a member has refused or neglected to comply with this constitution, or has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member or prejudicial to the interests of the club; and
- (b) those accusations, if proved, constitute good cause for terminating the membership of the member; and
- (c) it is desirable that no action should be taken in respect of the membership of the member pending the outcome of a matter or an event that the board considers should properly occur before such action is taken by the board; and
- (d) that in the best interests of the club and without any vote being taken as to his or her membership, the member's membership should be temporarily suspended and the member should be excluded from attendance at meetings and other activities of this club and from any office or position the member holds within the club. For the purposes of this clause, the member shall be excused from fulfilling attendance responsibilities;

the board may, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the board, temporarily suspend the member as aforesaid for such period and on such further conditions as the board determines, albeit for a period no longer than is reasonably necessary in all the circumstances. A suspended member may appeal or refer to mediation or arbitration the suspension as provided in article 12, section 6.

(End of Text)

## ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-51\*

To amend the provisions for transferring and former Rotarians

To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 134-135 MOP)

### Article 4 Membership in Clubs

#### 4.030. *Transferring or Former Rotarian.*

A member may propose to active membership a transferring member or former member of a club. The transferring or former member of a club being proposed to active membership ~~under this section~~ may also be proposed by the former club. The classification of a transferring or former member of a club shall not preclude election to active membership even if the election results in club membership temporarily exceeding the classification limits. Potential members of a club who have debts to another club are ineligible for membership. Any club wishing to admit a former member ~~should~~ shall demand that the potential member provide written proof from the previous club that all debts have been paid. The admission of a transferring or former Rotarian as an active member ~~pursuant to this section~~ shall be contingent upon receiving a certificate from the board of the previous club confirming the prospective member's prior membership in that club. ~~The transferring or former members changing clubs should be asked to bring a letter of recommendation from their previous club.~~ A club shall provide a statement whether debts are owed when requested by another club with respect to its current or former member being considered for membership in the other club. If such a statement is not provided within 30 days of being requested, it shall be assumed that the member does not owe any money to the club.

And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows (page 200 MOP)

### Article 7 Membership

#### ~~Section 4~~ — *Transferring or Former Rotarian.*

- ~~(a) *Potential Members.* A member may propose to active membership a transferring member or former member of a club. The transferring or former member of a club being proposed to active membership under this section may also be proposed by the former club. The classification of a transferring or former member of a club shall not preclude election to active membership even if the election results in club membership temporarily exceeding the classification limits. Potential members of this club who are current or former members of another club who have debts to the other club are ineligible for membership in this club. The club should demand that a potential member present written proof that no money is owed to the other club. The admission of a transferring or former Rotarian as an active member pursuant to this section shall be contingent upon receiving a certificate from the board of the previous club confirming the prospective member's prior membership in that club. Transferring or former~~

~~members changing clubs should be asked to bring a letter of recommendation from their previous club.~~

- ~~(b) *Current or Former Members.* This club shall provide a statement whether money is owed to this club when requested by another club with respect to a current or former member of this club being considered for membership in the other club. If such a statement is not provided within 30 days of being requested, it shall be assumed that the member does not owe any money to this club.~~

(Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

### **ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-54\***

To amend the duties of the president

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 142 MOP)*

#### **Article 6 Officers**

##### **6.140. Duties of Officers.**

###### **6.140.1. President.**

The president shall be the highest officer of RI. As such, the president:

- (a) shall be a positive and motivational leader for Rotarians worldwide;
- (b) shall be the chair of the board and preside at all meetings of the board;
- ~~(a)~~ (c) shall be the principal person to speak on behalf of RI;
- ~~(b)~~ (d) shall preside at all conventions and other international RI meetings of the board;
- ~~(e)~~ (e) shall counsel the general secretary; and
- ~~(d)~~ (f) shall perform have such other further duties as pertain to the office, consistent with the strategic plan as adopted by the board and responsibilities as assigned by the board.

(End of Text)

### **ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-55**

To provide for the president-nominee to be a non-voting participant at meetings of the RI Board

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 137 MOP)*

#### **Article 5 Board of Directors**

**5.050. Meetings of the Board.**

5.050.4. Additional Participants.

The president-nominee shall be a non-voting participant at meetings of the board.

(End of Text)

**ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-57**

To revise the qualifications for membership on the nominating committee for president

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 160 MOP)*

**Article 11 Nominations and Elections for President**

**11.020. Nominating Committee for President.**

*11.020.5. Qualifications.*

Each member of the nominating committee shall be a past director of RI. A candidate for membership on the committee must be a past director at the time of election, except where there is no past director available for election or appointment as a member of the committee from a particular zone. In such case, a past governor shall be eligible for such election or appointment provided that such past governor has served for at least one year as a member of a committee provided for in sections 16.010., 16.020., and 16.030. or as a trustee of The Rotary Foundation. ~~No Rotarian shall be a member of the nominating committee for president more than three times unless there are no more than two candidates willing to serve on this committee.~~

(End of Text)

**ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-61**

To revise the procedures for selecting directors-nominee

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 169 MOP)*

**Article 12 Nominations and Elections for Directors**

**12.020. Selection of Director-nominee and Alternate by Nominating Committee Procedure.**

12.020.16. Committee Inability to Select Nominee.

Where a nominating committee adjourns and no candidate for director-nominee receives the votes of a 60 percent majority of the nominating committee, the director-nominee shall be selected in a ballot-by-mail. Such ballot-by-mail shall be based on the

ballot-by-mail procedure set forth in section 12.030. and include all suggested names for director considered by the committee.

(Subsequent subsections will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

## **ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-62**

To amend the provisions for selecting the director-nominee by nominating committee procedure

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 166 MOP)*

### **Article 12 Nominations and Elections for Directors**

**12.020.** *Selection of Director-nominee and Alternate by Nominating Committee Procedure.*

**12.020.1.** *General Provisions of Nominating Committee Procedure.*

Directors-nominee and alternates shall be selected by the nominating committee procedure except in zones and sections of zones wholly within RIBI. Nominating committees shall be constituted from the entire zone, except for zones that include both districts within RIBI and districts not within RIBI, notwithstanding any bylaw provisions or informal understandings which may limit the area within the zone from which the candidate may be nominated. However, where there are two or more sections in a zone, the committee shall be selected from only those districts in the section(s) from which the director is to be nominated ~~if~~ unless a majority of all districts in ~~each section~~ of the zone, by resolutions adopted at their respective district conferences, agree to the selection from ~~such section(s)~~ the zone.

~~Initially, for~~ For such agreement to be effective for the selection of a nominating committee, it must be certified to the general secretary by the district governor by 1 March in the year preceding such selection. Such agreement shall be void if the districts comprising the zone are changed, but shall otherwise remain in effect unless rescinded by a majority of districts ~~in any section~~ of the zone by resolution adopted at their conferences and such rescission is certified to the general secretary by the district governors.

(End of Text)

## **ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-63**

To amend the qualifications for membership on the nominating committee for director

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 167 MOP)*

### **Article 12 Nominations and Elections for Directors**

**12.020.** *Selection of Director-nominee and Alternate by Nominating Committee Procedure.*

**12.020.3.** *Membership on Nominating Committee.*

A nominating committee shall consist of one member from each district in the zone or section elected by the clubs of such district as hereinafter provided. Each member shall be a past governor at the time ~~they are to serve~~ of election, who is a member of a club in the relevant zone or section. Such members also shall have attended at least two Rotary institutes of the zone from which the director is being nominated and one convention in the three years prior to serving on the committee, provided that a district may by a resolution adopted at a district conference by a majority of the votes of the electors of the clubs present and voting dispense with some or all of these requirements, such resolution to apply only to the next nominating committee. Members shall be elected for a term of one year. The president, president-elect, any past president, director, or any past director shall not be eligible for membership on the nominating committee. No Rotarian who has served twice as a member of such a committee shall be eligible for service again. Each member shall have one vote.

(End of Text)

## **ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-71**

To amend the provisions regarding concurrences to challenges

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 173-174 MOP)*

### **Article 13 Nominations and Elections for Governors**

**13.020.** *Nominating Procedure for Governor.*

**13.020.9.** *Concurrence to Challenges.*

The governor shall inform all clubs through a form prescribed by RI of the name of any challenging candidate who has been proposed as specified above. The governor shall also inquire whether any club wishes to concur with the challenge. A club must file a resolution of the club adopted at a regular meeting to concur with a challenge. Such resolutions must be filed with the governor by the date determined by the governor. Only challenges that have been concurred to by at least ~~five~~ 10 other clubs which have been in existence for at least one year as of the beginning of that year or ~~10~~ 20 percent of

the total number of clubs as at the beginning of that year in the district which have been in existence for at least one year as of the beginning of that year, whichever is higher, and only when such resolutions by the club were adopted at a regular meeting in accordance with the club bylaws as determined by the governor shall be considered valid. A club shall concur with only one challenging candidate.

(End of Text)

### **ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-72**

To amend the provisions regarding special elections

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 177 MOP)*

#### **Article 13 Nominations and Elections for Governors**

##### **13.070. Special Elections.**

###### 13.070.1. Special Provision to Special Elections.

When a governor reinitiates the nominating committee procedure in accordance with section 13.070., the governor shall not be required to repeat the procedure required in subsection 13.020.4. if there were no suggestions from clubs to the nominating committee during the previous nominating process.

(End of Text)

### **ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-74\***

To amend the provisions for selecting the vice-governor

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 141 MOP)*

#### **Article 6 Officers**

##### **6.120. Vacancy in the Office of Governor.**

###### **6.120.1. Vice-Governor.**

The nominating committee for governor ~~will~~ may select one available past governor to be named vice-governor who shall serve during the year following selection. The role of the vice-governor will be to replace the governor in case of temporary or permanent inability to continue in the performance of the governor's duties.

(End of Text)

**ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-76**

To amend the provisions for selecting the vice-governor

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 141 MOP)*

**Article 6 Officers**

**6.120. Vacancy in the Office of Governor.**

**6.120.1. Vice-Governor.**

The nominating committee for governor will select one available past governor, proposed by the governor-elect, to be named vice-governor. The role of the vice-governor will be to replace the governor in case of temporary or permanent inability to continue in the performance of the governor’s duties.

**ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-77\***

To amend the provisions for selecting the vice-governor

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 141 MOP)*

**Article 6 Officers**

**6.120. Vacancy in the Office of Governor.**

**6.120.1. Vice-Governor.**

The nominating committee for governor will select one available past governor to be named vice-governor. The role of the vice-governor will be to replace the governor in case of temporary or permanent inability to continue in the performance of the governor’s duties. If no nomination is received, the governor-elect may select a past governor as vice-governor.

(End of Text)

**ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-79**

To amend the procedures for selecting Council representatives and members of the nominating committee for director

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows  
in article 8 (page 149 MOP)*

**Article 8 Council on Legislation**

**8.060. Election of Representatives at the District Conference.**

**8.060.3. Selection of Representatives and Alternates.**

The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be the representative to the council. ~~All votes from clubs with more than one vote shall be cast for the same candidate, failing which the votes from such clubs shall be deemed to be spoiled votes.~~ If there are only two candidates, the candidate failing to receive a majority of votes cast shall be the alternate representative, to serve only in the event the representative is unable to serve. When there are more than two candidates, the balloting shall be by single transferable ballot. At such point in the balloting by the single transferable ballot system that one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the candidate who has the second highest number of votes shall be the alternate representative. Each club shall designate one elector to cast all of its votes. All votes from a club with more than one vote shall be cast for the same candidate. For votes requiring or utilizing a single transferable ballot with three or more candidates, all votes from a club with more than one vote shall be cast for the same-ordered choices of candidates.

*and in article 12 (page 167 MOP)*

**Article 12 Nominations and Elections for Directors**

**12.020. Selection of Director-nominee and Alternate by Nominating Committee Procedure.**

**12.020.5. Nominations.**

Any club in a district may nominate a qualified member of the club for membership on the nominating committee where such member has indicated a willingness and ability to serve. The club shall certify such nomination in writing. Such certification must include the signatures of the club president and secretary. Such nomination shall be forwarded to the governor for presentation to the electors of the clubs at the district conference. ~~Each elector at the district conference shall be entitled to cast one vote in the election of the member.~~ Each club shall designate one elector to cast all of its votes. All votes from a club with more than one vote shall be cast for the same candidate. For votes requiring or utilizing a single transferable ballot with three or more candidates, all votes from a club with more than one vote shall be cast for the same-ordered choices of candidates.

(End of Text)

**ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-81**

To authorize the RI Board to suspend or terminate a club for litigation-related actions and to amend the provisions for repeated election complaints from a district

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

in article 3 (page 133 MOP)

### **Article 3 Resignation, Suspension or Termination of Membership in RI**

#### **3.030. Board Authority to Discipline, Suspend, or Terminate a Club.**

##### **3.030.4. Termination for Legal Action.**

The board may suspend or terminate the membership of any club that initiates or maintains, or retains in its membership an individual who initiates or maintains, litigation against Rotary International or The Rotary Foundation, including their directors, trustees, officers, and employees, prior to exhausting all remedies provided for in the constitutional documents.

(Subsequent subsections will be renumbered as appropriate)

and in article 10 (pages 158-159 MOP)

### **Article 10 Nominations and Elections for Officers – General Provisions**

#### **10.070. Election Review Procedures.**

##### **10.070.3. Repeated Election Complaints from a District.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these bylaws or the standard club constitution:

- (a) ~~If a district's selection of a governor nominee has resulted in~~ there are two or more election complaints in a district under subsection 10.070.1 in the previous five-year period, and the board has upheld two or more election complaints in the previous five-year period, the board may take any or all of the following actions when it has reasonable cause to believe that RI's bylaws or election complaint procedures have been violated:
1. ~~disqualify from the election the nominee and any or all candidates and select a past governor~~ qualified individual from a club in the district to serve as ~~governor~~;
  2. ~~remove from office any governor, governor elect or governor nominee~~ individual who improperly influences or interferes in the election process; and
  3. ~~declare that a current or past RI officer who improperly influences or interferes in the election process shall no longer be considered to be a current or past RI officer;~~
- (b) ~~If a district's selection of a governor nominee has resulted in~~ there are three or more election complaints in a district under subsection 10.070.1 in the previous five-year period, and the board has upheld three or more election complaints in the previous five-year period, the board may dissolve the district and assign the

clubs to surrounding districts. The provisions of section 15.010. shall not apply to this section.

10.070.5. *Completion of Election Review Procedure.*

Rotarians and clubs are obligated to follow the election review procedure established in the bylaws as the exclusive method of contesting the right to an elective office or the result of an RI election. If a Rotarian candidate or a club acting on behalf of such a candidate fails to follow and complete the election review procedure, before seeking the intervention of any non-Rotary agency or other dispute resolution system, the Rotarian candidate shall be disqualified from the election in question and from contesting any elective office of RI in the future for a period as determined by the board. ~~The board may deem a club that fails to follow and complete the election review process as failing to function and take such appropriate action as necessary.~~ In the event that a club or a Rotarian fails to follow and complete the election review procedure before seeking the intervention of any non-Rotary agency or other dispute resolution system, the board may take appropriate action pursuant to subsection 3.030.4.

(End of Text)

**ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-82**

To remove the distinction between traditional clubs and e-clubs

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

*in article 1 (page 131 MOP)*

**Article 1 Definitions**

As used in the bylaws, unless the context otherwise clearly requires, the words in this article shall have the following meanings:

1. Board: The Board of Directors of Rotary International.
2. Club: A Rotary club.
3. Constitutional documents: The Rotary International constitution and bylaws and the standard Rotary club constitution.
4. ~~E club:~~ ~~A Rotary club that meets through electronic communications.~~
5. 4. Governor: The governor of a Rotary district.
6. ~~5.~~ Member: A member, other than an honorary member, of a Rotary club.
7. 6. RI: Rotary International.
8. ~~7.~~ RIBI: The administrative territorial unit of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland.
9. 8. Satellite club: A potential club whose members shall also be members of the sponsor club.
10. ~~9.~~ Year: The twelve-month period which begins on 1 July.

*and in article 2 (page 131 MOP)*

**Article 2 Membership in Rotary International**

**2.010. Application for Membership in RI.**

A club seeking admission to membership in RI shall apply to the board. The application shall be accompanied by the admission fee as determined by the board. The fee shall be in US currency or equivalent currency of the country in which the club is located. Membership shall become effective on the date such application is approved by the board.

~~2.010.1. E-Clubs.~~

~~The board shall assign each e-club to a district.~~

**2.020. Locality of a Club.**

A club may be organized in a locality which contains the minimum number of classifications for organizing a new club. A club may be organized in the same locality as one or more existing clubs. The locality of a club that conducts interactive activities on the club’s website once each week or during the week(s) chosen in advance shall be worldwide or as otherwise determined by the club board.

~~2.030. Locality of an E-Club.~~

~~The locality of an e-club shall be worldwide or as otherwise determined by the club board.~~

(Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows

in article 2 (page 197 MOP)

**Article 2 Name (select one)**

The name of this organization shall be Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Member of Rotary International)

or

~~The name of this organization shall be Rotary E-Club of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Member of Rotary International)~~

- (a) The name of a satellite of this club (when applicable) shall be Rotary Satellite Club of \_\_\_\_\_  
(A satellite of Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_)

and in article 3 (page 197 MOP)

**Article 3 Locality of the Club (select one)**

The locality of this club is as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

or

The locality of this club is (worldwide) \_\_\_\_\_ and can be found on the web at: www. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

and in article 6 (pages 198-199 MOP)

**(Select one Article 6)**

**Article 6 Meetings**

**Section 1 — Regular Meetings.**

- (a) *Day and Time.* This club shall hold a regular meeting once each week on the day and at the time provided in the bylaws or hold a meeting once each week or during the week(s) chosen in advance by posting an interactive activity on the club's website. The latter type of meeting shall be considered as held on the day that the interactive activity is to be posted on the website.
- (b) *Change of Meeting.* For good cause, the board may change a regular meeting to any day during the period commencing with the day following the preceding regular meeting and ending with the day preceding the next regular meeting, or to a different hour of the regular day, or to a different place.
- (c) *Cancellation.* The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or in case of the death of a club member, or of an epidemic or of a disaster affecting the whole community, or of an armed conflict in the community which endangers the lives of the club members. The board may cancel not more than four regular meetings in a year for causes not otherwise specified herein provided that this club does not fail to meet for more than three consecutive meetings.
- (d) *Satellite Club Meeting (When Applicable).* If provided in the bylaws, a satellite club shall hold regular weekly meetings at a place and at a time and day decided by its members. The day, time and place of the meeting may be changed in a similar way to that provided for the club's regular meetings in section 1(b) of this article. A satellite club meeting may be cancelled for any of the reasons enumerated in section 1(c) of this article. Voting procedures shall be as provided in the bylaws.

**Section 2 — Annual Meeting.**

- (a) An annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held not later than 31 December as provided in the bylaws.
- (b) A satellite club (when applicable) shall hold an annual meeting of its members before 31 December to elect officers for the general governance of the satellite club.

or

~~☐ Article 6 Meetings (for e Clubs)~~

~~Section 1 — Regular Meetings.~~

~~(a) Day. This club shall hold a regular meeting once each week by posting an interactive activity on the club's website on the day provided in the bylaws. The meeting shall be considered as held on the day that the interactive activity is to be posted on the website.~~

~~(b) Change of Meeting. For good cause, the board may change a regular meeting to any day during the period commencing with the day following the preceding regular meeting and ending with the day preceding the next regular meeting.~~

~~(c) Cancellation. The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or in case of the death of a club member, or of an epidemic or of a disaster affecting the whole community, or of an armed conflict in the community which endangers the lives of the club members.~~

~~The board may cancel not more than four regular meetings in a year for causes not otherwise specified herein provided that this club does not fail to meet for more than three consecutive meetings.~~

~~Section 2 — Annual Meeting. An annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held not later than 31 December as provided in the bylaws.~~

*and in article 9 (page 202 MOP)*

**Article 9 Attendance**

**~~(Select one introductory paragraph to Section 1)~~**

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

~~or~~

~~☐ Section 1 (for e Clubs) — General Provisions. Each member should attend this club's regular meetings. A member shall be counted as attending a regular meeting if the member participates in the regular meeting posted on the club's website within one week following its posting, or makes up a missed meeting in any of the following ways:~~

(End of Text)

## ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-83

To provide for a minimum number of charter members for new clubs

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 131 MOP)*

### **Article 2 Membership in Rotary International**

#### **2.010. Application for Membership in RI.**

A club seeking admission to membership in RI shall apply to the board. The application shall be accompanied by the admission fee as determined by the board. The fee shall be in US currency or equivalent currency of the country in which the club is located. Membership shall become effective on the date such application is approved by the board.

#### 2.010.2. New Clubs.

The minimum number of charter members for a new club shall be 20.

(End of Text)

## ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-84

To revise the Board's authority to change district boundaries

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 178 MOP)*

### **Article 15 Districts**

#### **15.010. How Established.**

The board is authorized to group the clubs into districts. The president shall promulgate a list of such districts and their boundaries. Such action shall be at the direction of the board. The board may assign an e-club to any district without regard to the boundaries of such district.

#### 15.010.1. Eliminating and Changing Boundaries.

The board may eliminate or change the boundaries of any district with fewer than 33 clubs more than 100 clubs or fewer than 1,100 Rotarians, and in conjunction with any such change, the board may move the clubs from such districts into adjacent districts. The board also may merge such districts with other districts or divide the districts. No ~~Otherwise, no~~ change shall be made to the boundaries of any district ~~with 33 or more clubs and 1,100 or more Rotarians~~ over the objection of a majority of the total number of clubs in the district. The board may eliminate or change the boundaries of a district only after consulting with and providing reasonable opportunity for the governors and clubs of the districts involved to provide a recommendation on the proposed change. The board shall take into account geographical boundaries, potential for district growth, and cultural, economic, language, and other relevant factors. The board shall establish

procedures as to administration, leadership and representation for future or merged districts.

(Subsequent subsections will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

### **ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-86**

To provide when districts and their boundaries are established

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 178 MOP)*

#### **Article 15 Districts**

##### **15.010. How Established.**

The board is authorized to group the clubs into districts. The president shall promulgate a list of such districts and their boundaries. Such action shall be at the direction of the board. The board may assign an e-club to any district without regard to the boundaries of such district. The board may eliminate or change the boundaries of any district with fewer than 33 clubs or fewer than 1,100 Rotarians. No change shall be made to the boundaries of any district with 33 or more clubs and 1,100 or more Rotarians over the objection of a majority of the total number of clubs in the district. The board may eliminate or change the boundaries of a district only after consulting with and providing reasonable opportunity for the governors and clubs of the districts involved to provide a recommendation on the proposed change. The board shall take into account geographical boundaries, potential for district growth, and cultural, economic, language, and other relevant factors. Any decision by the board to eliminate or change district boundaries shall not be effective for at least two years. The board shall establish procedures as to administration, leadership and representation for future or merged districts.

(End of Text)

### **ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-88**

To revise the provisions for a district to adopt its annual statement

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 181-182 MOP)*

#### **Article 15 Districts**

##### **15.060. District Finances.**

15.060.4. *Annual Statement and Report of District Finances.*

The governor must provide an annual statement and report of the district finances that has been independently reviewed to each club in the district within three months of the completion of the governor's year in office. It may be reviewed either by a qualified accountant or by a district audit committee as may be decided by the district conference. If an audit committee approach is selected, then it must:

- (a) be composed of at least three members;
- (b) have all the members be active Rotarians;
- (c) have at least one member who is a past governor or a person with audit experience;
- (d) not allow the following to serve on the audit committee for the year in which they serve in these positions: governor, treasurer, signatories of district bank accounts, and members of the finance committee; and
- (e) have the members selected by the district in accordance with the procedures established by the district.

This annual statement and report shall include but not be limited to details of:

- (a) all sources of the district's funds (RI, The Rotary Foundation, district and club);
- (b) all funds received by or on behalf of the district from fundraising activities;
- (c) grants received from The Rotary Foundation or funds of The Rotary Foundation designated by the district for use;
- (d) all financial transactions of district committees;
- (e) all financial transactions of the governor by or on behalf of the district;
- (f) all expenditures of the district's funds; and
- (g) all funds received by the governor from RI.

The annual statement and report shall be presented for discussion and adoption at the next district meeting to which all clubs are entitled to send a representative and for which 30 days notice has been given that the statement and report of district finances will be presented. If no such district meeting is held, the statement and report shall be presented for discussion and adoption at the next district conference. If the statement is not adopted after presentation, it shall be discussed and adopted within three months of the conclusion of the district conference at the next district meeting to which all clubs are entitled to send a representative and for which 30 days notice has been given that the statement and report of district finances will be presented. If a district meeting does not take place, the governor shall conduct a ballot-by-mail within 60 days thereafter.

(End of Text)

### **ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-89\***

To sanction those who improperly administer the district fund

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 180 MOP)*

#### **Article 15 Districts**

**15.060.** *District Finances.*

15.060.1. *District Fund.*

Each district may establish a fund to be called “The District Fund” for financing district-sponsored projects and the administration and development of Rotary in the district. The District Fund shall be established by resolution of the district conference. Any person who fails to fulfill financial requirements, including improperly administering the district fund or failing to comply with subsection 15.060.4., shall be prohibited from holding any RI or district office until financial irregularities are resolved within the district.

(End of Text)

**ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-90**

To provide for a membership committee of RI

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 185-186 MOP)*

**Article 16 Committees**

**16.040. *Special Committees.***

The provisions of sections 16.010.-16.030. do not apply to any nominating committee or any committee formed under sections 16.100. - ~~16.120~~ 16.130.

**16.100. *Membership Committee.***

The board shall appoint a membership committee to be composed of at least eight members, appointed for at least three-year terms, on a staggered basis, with the ability for reappointment.

*Interim Provision Relating to Section 16.100.*

Amendments to section 16.100. adopted at the 2016 Council on Legislation pursuant to council enactment 16-90 shall be implemented by the board in a manner it deems appropriate.

(Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

**ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-91**

To amend the terms of reference for the Audit Committee

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 186-187 MOP)*

**Article 16 Committees**

**16.110. Audit Committee.**

The board shall appoint an audit committee to be composed of seven members, each of whom shall be independent and financially literate. The members of the committee shall include ~~three~~ two current members of the board appointed annually by the board and ~~two current trustees~~ one current trustee of The Rotary Foundation appointed annually by the trustees. In addition, the committee shall include ~~two~~ four members appointed by the board who shall be neither members of the board nor trustees of The Rotary Foundation, and who shall serve single terms of six years ~~with one member appointed every third year~~. The audit committee shall review and report to the board as appropriate on RI and The Rotary Foundation financial reports, the external audit, the system of internal control, internal audit, and other matters connected therewith. The committee shall meet up to three times per year at such times and places and upon such notice as may be determined by the president, the board, or the chairman of the committee, and, if deemed necessary by the president or the chairman of the committee, additional times during the year at such times and places and upon such notice as may be determined by the president or the chairman of the committee. The chairman of the operations review committee or the chairman's designee shall serve as a liaison to the committee. The committee, which shall act only in an advisory capacity to the board and trustees, shall function under such terms of reference not in conflict with the provisions of this section, as may be prescribed by the board and trustees.

Interim Provision Relating to Section 16.110.

From the effective date of 1 July 2016, one additional non-director/non-trustee member shall serve a six-year term beginning 1 July 2017 and one additional non-director/non-trustee member shall serve a six-year term beginning 1 July 2018.

(End of Text)

**ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-93\***

To amend the terms of reference for the Strategic Planning Committee

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 186 MOP)*

**Article 16 Committees**

**16.100. Strategic Planning Committee.**

The board and trustees of The Rotary Foundation shall appoint a strategic planning committee to be composed of ~~six members, four of whom shall serve a single term for a six year period with two members appointed every third year and two of whom shall be members of the board appointed annually~~ eight members who shall be neither members of the board nor trustees of The Rotary Foundation and who shall serve four-year terms with two members appointed each year. Four of the members shall be appointed by the board and four of the members shall be appointed by the trustees of The Rotary Foundation. One member shall be appointed annually by the board and one member

shall be appointed annually by the trustees. No member of the committee shall be a past president. Membership shall be selected so that qualifications provide a balance in membership with Rotarians experienced in long-term planning, RI and/or The Rotary Foundation programs and activities, and financial management. The committee shall meet at such times and places and upon such notice as may be determined by the president, ~~or~~ the board, the chair of The Rotary Foundation or the trustees of The Rotary Foundation. The strategic planning committee shall develop, recommend and update a strategic plan for consideration by the board and trustees, survey Rotarians and clubs not less than every three years in discharge of its duties to review and make recommendations to the board and trustees pertaining to the strategic plan and undertake other duties assigned by the board and trustees; ~~it shall take into account studies of the change in the number of potential Rotarians on each continent, including in countries that may open soon to expansion, in order to predict the impact of such change on the membership in each zone.~~ The chair and vice chair of the committee shall be jointly appointed by the president and chair of The Rotary Foundation. Members who have served fewer than three years may be reappointed.

*Interim Provision Relating to Section 16.100.*

Amendments to section 16.100, adopted at the 2016 Council on Legislation pursuant to council enactment 16-93 shall be implemented by the board in a manner it deems appropriate.

(End of Text)

### **ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-96\***

To amend the subscription requirements for the Rotary magazine and regional magazines

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 193 MOP)*

#### **Article 20 Official Magazine**

##### **20.030. Subscription to Magazines.**

###### *20.030.1. Required Subscription.*

Each member of a club not located in the United States or Canada and each member of an e-club shall become a paid subscriber to the official magazine of RI or to a Rotary magazine approved and prescribed for that club by the board. Two Rotarians residing at the same address have the option to subscribe jointly to the official magazine or the Rotary magazine approved and prescribed by the board for their club or clubs. The members shall maintain such subscriptions for the duration of their membership. Each member shall have the option to choose to receive either a printed copy by mail or an electronic copy via the internet where available.

And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows (page 209 MOP)

#### **Article 14 Rotary Magazines**

**Section 1 — Mandatory Subscription.** Unless, in accordance with the bylaws of RI, this club is excused by the board of directors of RI from complying with the provisions of this article, each member shall, for the duration of membership, subscribe to the official magazine or to the magazine approved and prescribed for this club by the board of directors of RI. Two Rotarians residing at the same address have the option to subscribe jointly to the official magazine or the Rotary magazine approved and prescribed by the board for their club or clubs. The subscription shall be paid in six (6) month periods for the duration of membership in this club and to the end of any six (6) month period during which membership may terminate.

(End of Text)

#### **ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-99\***

To increase per capita dues

To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (pages 187-188 MOP)

#### **Article 17 Fiscal Matters**

##### **17.030. Dues.**

##### **17.030.1. Per Capita Dues.**

Each club shall pay to RI per capita dues for each of its members as follows: ~~US\$26.50 per half year in 2013-2014, US\$27.00 per half year in 2014-2015, US\$27.50 per half year in 2015-2016, and US\$28.00 per half year in 2016-2017, US\$30.00 per half year in 2017-2018, US\$32.00 per half year in 2018-2019, and US\$34.00 per half year in 2019-2020~~ and thereafter. Such dues shall remain constant until changed by the council on legislation.

(End of Text)

#### **ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-105\***

To provide that the RI Board shall establish the dates for club reports and RI per capita dues

To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 127 MOP)

#### **Article 11 Dues**

Every club shall pay to RI per capita dues semiannually to RI, or on such other dates as established by the board per capita dues as provided in the bylaws.

*And to amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

*in article 3 (page 133 MOP)*

### **Article 3 Resignation, Suspension, or Termination of Membership in RI**

#### **3.030. Board Authority to Discipline, Suspend, or Terminate a Club**

##### **3.030.1. Suspension or Termination for Failure to Pay Dues or Report Members**

The board may suspend or terminate the membership of any club which fails to pay its dues or other financial obligations to RI or approved contributions to the district fund. The board may suspend the membership of any club which fails to report changes to its membership on a timely basis.

*and in article 8 (pages 149-152 MOP)*

### **Article 8 Council on Legislation**

#### **8.070. Election of Representatives Through Ballot-by-Mail.**

##### **8.070.1. Board Authorization for Ballot-by-Mail.**

In certain circumstances, the board may authorize a district to select the representative and the alternate representative to the council in a ballot-by-mail. In such case, the governor shall prepare and cause to be mailed to the secretary of every club in the district an official call for nominations for representative. All nominations must be made in writing and signed by the president and the secretary of the club. The nominations must be received by the governor on or before a date to be fixed by the governor. The governor shall cause to be prepared and mailed to each club a ballot naming in alphabetical order the qualified nominees so offered and shall conduct the ballot-by-mail. Those candidates whose written requests for exclusion from the ballot are received no later than the date fixed by the governor shall be excluded from such ballot. Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members. Such membership shall be determined by the number of members in the club as of the date of the most recent ~~semiannual payment~~ club invoice preceding the date on which the vote is to be held. However, any club whose membership in RI has been suspended by the board shall not be entitled to participate in the voting. The governor may appoint a committee for the purpose of conducting the ballot-by-mail procedure as provided herein.

#### **8.140. Action of the Council.**

##### **8.140.5. Vote by Clubs Through Ballot-by-Mail.**

If one or more items of approved legislation are suspended due to opposition by clubs, the general secretary shall prepare and distribute a ballot to the secretary of each club within one month following such suspension. The ballot shall submit the question of whether the action of the council should be sustained in regard to the suspended item of legislation. Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members. Such membership shall be determined by the number of members in the club as of the date of the most recent ~~semiannual payment~~ club invoice preceding the adjournment of the council. However, any club whose membership in RI has been suspended by the board shall not be entitled to participate in the voting. The ballots by clubs must be certified by the club presidents and received by the general secretary no later than the date stated on the ballots, which shall be at least two months after the mailing of such ballots.

*and in article 11 (pages 161-165 MOP)*

## **Article 11 Nominations and Elections for President**

### **11.030. Election of Members to the Nominating Committee for President.**

#### **11.030.4. Club Voting.**

Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members. Such membership shall be determined by the number of members in the club as of the date of the most recent ~~semiannual payment~~ club invoice preceding the date on which the vote is to be held.

However, any club whose membership in RI has been suspended by the board shall not be entitled to participate in the voting.

#### **11.070. Additional Nomination by Clubs.**

In addition to the nomination made by the committee, challenges may be made in the following manner.

#### **11.070.4. Endorsement of Challenging Candidate.**

If on 15 November, any such challenging candidate has been endorsed by 1 percent of the clubs comprising the membership of RI as of the ~~preceding 1 July~~ most recent club invoice, with at least half of the endorsements originating from clubs in zones other than that of the challenging candidate(s), such challenging candidate(s) and the nominee of the committee shall be balloted upon as provided in section 11.100. Where the challenging candidate fails to receive the prescribed endorsements by 15 November, the president shall declare the nominee of the committee to be the president-nominee.

#### **11.100. Ballot-by-Mail.**

The procedure for electing a president pursuant to a ballot-by-mail as provided in section 11.070. shall be by the following procedures.

**11.100.4. Club Voting.**

Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members. Such membership shall be determined by the number of members in the club as of the date of the most recent ~~semiannual payment~~ club invoice preceding the date on which the vote is to be held. However, any club whose membership in RI has been suspended by the board shall not be entitled to participate in the voting.

*and in article 12 (pages 168-171 MOP)*

**Article 12 Nominations and Elections for Directors**

**12.020. Selection of Director-nominee and Alternate by Nominating Committee Procedure.**

**12.020.9. Election of Member of the Nominating Committee Through Ballot-by-Mail.**

In certain circumstances, the board may authorize a district to select the member of the nominating committee and the alternate member of the nominating committee in a ballot-by-mail. In such cases, the governor shall prepare and cause to be mailed to the secretary of every club in the district an official call for nominations for member. All nominations must be made in writing and signed by the president and the secretary of the club. The nominations must be received by the governor on or before a date to be fixed by the governor. The governor shall cause to be prepared and mailed to each club a ballot naming in alphabetical order the qualified nominees so offered and shall conduct the ballot-by-mail. Those candidates whose written requests for exclusion from the ballot are received no later than the date fixed by the governor shall be excluded from such

ballot. Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members. Such membership shall be determined by the number of members in the club as of the date of the most recent ~~semiannual payment~~ club invoice preceding the date on which the vote is to be held. However, any club whose membership in RI has been suspended by the board shall not be entitled to participate in the voting. The governor may appoint a committee for the purpose of conducting the ballot-by-mail procedure as provided herein.

**12.030. Ballot-by-Mail Procedure.**

The procedure for selecting a director-nominee in a ballot-by-mail pursuant to section 12.020. shall be as provided below.

**12.030.5. Club Voting.**

Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members. Such membership shall be determined by the number of members in the club as of the date of the most recent ~~semiannual payment~~ club invoice preceding the date on which the vote is to be held. However, any club whose

membership in RI has been suspended by the board shall not be entitled to participate in the voting.

*and in article 13 (page 175 MOP)*

## **Article 13 Nominations and Elections for Governor**

### **13.040. Ballot-by-Mail Specifications.**

#### **13.040.1. Club Voting.**

Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members. Such membership shall be determined by the number of members in the club as of the date of the most recent ~~semiannual payment~~ club invoice preceding the date on which the vote is to be held. However, any club whose membership in RI has been suspended by the board shall not be entitled to participate in the voting. If a club is entitled to cast more than one vote, the club shall cast all votes for the same candidate. The name of the candidate for whom the club has cast its vote(s) shall be verified by the secretary and president of the club and forwarded to the governor in a sealed envelope provided therefor.

*and in article 15 (page 180 MOP)*

## **Article 15 Districts**

### **15.050. Conference and District Resolutions Meeting Voting.**

#### **15.050.1. Electors.**

Each club in a district shall select, certify, and send to its annual district conference and district resolutions meeting (if one is held) at least one elector. Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional elector for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members. That is, a club with a membership of up to 37 members is entitled to one elector, a club with 38 to 62 members is entitled to two electors, a club with 63 to 87 members is entitled to three electors and so on. Such membership shall be determined by the number of members in the club as of the date of the most recent ~~semiannual payment~~ club invoice preceding the date on which the vote is to be held. However, any club whose membership in RI has been suspended by the board shall not be entitled to any electors. Each elector shall be a member of the club. An elector must be present at the district conference or a district resolutions meeting to vote.

and in article 17 (pages 187-189 MOP)

## **Article 17 Fiscal Matters**

### **17.020. Club Reports.**

Each club shall certify to the board in any manner prescribed by the board the number of its members on 1 July and on 1 January in each year or on such other dates as established by the board. ~~This certificate shall be signed by the club president and secretary and shall be transmitted to the general secretary. The certified club report shall be circulated to the club members.~~

### **17.040. Date of Payment.**

#### **17.040.1. Due Date of Per Capita Dues.**

Per capita dues shall be due and payable pursuant to subsection 17.030.1. on 1 July and 1 January of each year or such other dates as established by the board. Dues payable pursuant to subsection 17.030.2. shall be due and payable on 1 July or such other dates as established by the board.

#### **17.040.2. Prorated Dues.**

For each member who is elected into membership of a club, the club shall pay per capita dues in prorated amounts until the beginning of the next ~~semiannual~~ period for which dues are payable. The amount payable for each full month of membership shall be one-twelfth of the per capita dues. However, no prorated per capita dues shall be payable by a club for a transferring member or former member of another club, as described in section 4.030. The prorated per capita dues are due and payable on 1 July and 1 January or on such other dates as established by the board. Such dues shall be changed only by the council on legislation.

#### **17.040.4. New Clubs.**

No club shall be liable for payment of dues until the ~~semiannual period~~ date next following its date of admission on which a per capita dues payment is due pursuant to subsection 17.040.1.

*And to amend the **STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION** as follows (page 209 MOP)*

## **Article 14 Rotary Magazines**

**Section 1 — Mandatory Subscription.** Unless, in accordance with the bylaws of RI, this club is excused by the board of directors of RI from complying with the provisions of this article, each member shall, for the duration of membership, subscribe to the official magazine or to the magazine approved and prescribed for this club by the board of directors of RI. Two Rotarians residing at the same address have the option to subscribe jointly to the official magazine. The subscription shall be paid ~~in six (6) month periods~~ on such dates as established by the board for the payment of per capita

~~dues for the duration of membership in this club and to the end of any six (6) month period during which membership may terminate.~~

**Section 2** — *Subscription Collection.* The subscription shall be collected by this club from each member ~~semiannually~~ in advance and remitted to the Secretariat of RI or to the office of such regional publications as may be determined by the board of directors of RI.

(End of Text)

## **ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-106**

To revise the publication requirement for legislation

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows (page 145 MOP)*

### **Article 7 Legislative Procedure**

**7.050.** *Board Examination of Proposed Legislation.*

**7.050.5.** *Publication of Proposed Legislation.*

The general secretary ~~shall mail ten (10) copies~~ will provide a copy of all duly proposed legislation together with the proposer's statement of purpose and effect, as reviewed and approved by the constitution and bylaws committee, to each governor, ~~one copy~~ to all members of the council on legislation ~~and all past directors~~, and ~~one copy~~ to the secretary of any club that requests it, no later than 30 September in the year the council shall be convened. The proposed legislation also will be made available via Rotary's website.

(End of Text)

## **ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-113**

To provide for a Council on Resolutions

*To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 127 MOP)*

### **Article 10 Council on Legislation**

**Section 5** — *Extraordinary Meeting to Adopt ~~Enactments and Resolutions~~*

*Legislation.* The board, by a 90 percent vote of the entire board, may determine that an emergency exists, such that an extraordinary meeting of the council on legislation is required in order to adopt legislation. The board will determine the time and place for such a meeting and specify its purpose. Such a meeting may consider and act only upon legislation proposed by the board related to the emergency for which the meeting is called. Legislation to be considered at such meetings is not subject to the

submission deadlines and procedures specified elsewhere in the constitutional documents of RI, except that those procedures shall be followed to the extent that time permits. Any action of such a meeting of the council shall be subject thereafter to action by the clubs as provided in section 3 of this article.

~~**Section 6**—*Adopted Resolution.* Within one year of the conclusion of the council on legislation, the board shall notify all governors of any board action taken in regard to resolutions adopted by the council.~~

*And to amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

*in article 5 (page 136 MOP)*

## **Article 5 Board of Directors**

### **5.030. Appeals of Board Action.**

Action by the board shall be subject only to appeal through a ballot-by-mail submitted to the district representatives of the ~~most recent~~ council on legislation under rules to be established by the board. An appeal shall be duly filed with the general secretary by any club with the concurrence of at least 24 other clubs. At least half of the concurring clubs must be located in districts other than that of the appealing club. The appeal and concurrences must be received no later than four months after the action of the board is taken and the general secretary shall conduct said ballot-by-mail within ninety (90) days thereafter. Such appeal shall be in the form of a resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the club and certified by the president and secretary. The only question to be considered by the district representatives in acting upon the appeal is whether the action of the board should be sustained. Provided, however, if such appeal is received by the general secretary within three months before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the council on legislation, then the appeal of the board action shall be submitted to the council on legislation to decide if the action of the board should be sustained.

*and in article 7 (pages 142-145 MOP)*

## **Article 7 ~~Legislative Procedure~~ Council on Legislation**

### **7.010. Types of Legislation.**

Legislation to be considered by the council on legislation shall be limited to proposed enactments and proposed position statements. Legislation seeking to amend the constitutional documents shall be known as proposed enactments. ~~Legislation which does not seek to amend the constitutional documents shall be known as proposed resolutions.~~ Legislation seeking to state a position of RI shall be known as proposed position statements.

### **7.020. Who May Propose Legislation.**

Legislation Proposed enactments may be proposed by a club, a district conference, the general council or conference of RIBI, the council on legislation, and the board. Proposed position statements may only be proposed by the board. The board shall not

propose legislation relating to The Rotary Foundation without the prior agreement of the trustees.

**7.030. District Endorsement of Club Legislation.**

~~Legislation~~ Proposed enactments from a club must be endorsed by the clubs of the district at a district conference, a district ~~resolutions~~ legislation meeting or RIBI district council. Where time does not allow ~~legislation~~ proposed enactments to be submitted to the district conference, a district ~~resolutions~~ legislation meeting or RIBI district council, the ~~legislation~~ proposed enactments may be submitted to the clubs of the district through a ballot-by-mail conducted by the governor. Such ballot-by-mail shall follow the procedures in section 13.040. as closely as possible. ~~All legislation~~ A proposed enactment delivered to the general secretary shall be accompanied by a certificate from the governor stating that it has been considered by the district conference, a district ~~resolutions~~ legislation meeting, RIBI district council, or in a ballot-by-mail and has been endorsed. No district should propose or endorse more than a total of five ~~items of~~ legislation proposed enactments per council on legislation.

**7.035. Deadline for Proposed Enactments and Resolutions Position Statements.**

Proposed enactments ~~and resolutions~~ shall be delivered to the general secretary in writing no later than 31 December in the year preceding the council. The board may propose and deliver to the general secretary enactments it determines to be of an urgent nature no later than 31 December in the year of the council on legislation. ~~Resolutions~~ Position statements also may be offered by ~~the council or~~ the board and acted upon by the council on legislation at any time prior to the adjournment of the council on legislation.

**7.037. Duly Proposed Legislation; Defective Proposed Legislation.**

**7.037.2. Defective Legislation.**

~~Legislation~~ A proposed enactment is defective if:

- (a) it is subject to two or more inconsistent meanings;
- (b) it fails to amend all affected parts of the constitutional documents;
- (c) its adoption would violate governing law;
- ~~(d) it is in the form of a resolution, but it would require an action, or express an opinion, that is in conflict with the letter or spirit of the constitutional documents;~~
- ~~(e) (d) it would amend the standard Rotary club constitution in a way that would conflict with the RI bylaws or the RI constitution or it would amend the RI bylaws in a way that would conflict with the RI constitution; or~~
- ~~(f) (e) it would be impossible to administer or enforce; or~~
- (f) it is in the form of a position statement, but it fails to state a proposed position of RI.

**7.040. Review of Proposed Legislation.**

The constitution and bylaws committee shall review all legislation submitted to the general secretary for transmittal to the council on legislation and may:

7.040.5. recommend to the board that the general secretary not transmit to the council on legislation legislation determined by the committee to be defective; and

7.040.6. carry out other duties defined in subsection ~~8.130.2~~ 9.140.2.

**7.050. Board Examination of Proposed Legislation.**

The board (by the constitution and bylaws committee acting on its behalf) shall examine the text of all proposed legislation and shall advise the proposers of any defects in the proposed legislation and recommend, where feasible, corrective action.

**7.050.1. Similar Legislation.**

Where substantially similar legislation is proposed, the board (by the constitution and bylaws committee acting on its behalf) may recommend compromise legislation to the proposers. Where the proposers do not agree to such compromise legislation, the board, on the advice of the constitution and bylaws committee, may direct the general secretary to transmit to the council on legislation alternate legislation which best expresses the objective of the similar proposals. Such compromise and alternate legislation shall be designated as such and shall not be subject to the established deadline.

**7.050.2. Legislation Not Transmitted to the Council on Legislation.**

Where the board, on the advice of the constitution and bylaws committee, acting in accordance with section 7.040.4., determines that proposed legislation is not duly proposed, the board shall direct that the legislation not be transmitted to the council on legislation for consideration, and where it determines that proposed legislation is defective, the board may direct that the proposed legislation not be transmitted to the council on legislation for consideration. In the event of any such action by the board, the proposer shall thereupon be notified by the general secretary. In either such event, the proposer must secure the consent of two-thirds of the members of the council to have the proposed legislation considered by the council on legislation.

**7.050.3. Resolutions Not Within the Framework.**

~~The board (by the constitution and bylaws committee acting on its behalf) shall examine the text of all proposed resolutions and the board, on the advice of the constitution and bylaws committee, shall direct the general secretary to transmit to the council such proposed resolutions as the board determines to be within the framework of the program of RI. In the event the board, on the advice of the constitution and bylaws committee, determines that a proposed resolution is not within the framework of the program of RI, the board may direct that the proposed resolution not be transmitted to the council for consideration. In the event of such action by the board, the proposer shall be so advised before the council convenes. In such instance, the proposer must secure the consent of two thirds of the members of the council to have the proposed resolution considered by the council.~~

**7.050.4. 7.050.3. Amendments to the Council and Transmittal of Legislation.**

All amendments to legislation must be submitted by the proposers to the general secretary not later than 31 March of the year preceding the council on legislation unless

the deadline is extended by the board (the constitution and bylaws committee acting on its behalf). Subject to the provisions of sections 7.050.2. ~~and 7.050.3.~~, the general secretary shall transmit to the council on legislation all duly proposed legislation, including all timely amendments.

~~7.050.5.~~ 7.050.4. *Publication of Proposed Legislation.*

The general secretary shall mail ten (10) copies of all duly proposed legislation together with the proposer's statement of purpose and effect, as reviewed and approved by the constitution and bylaws committee, to each governor, one copy to all members of the council on legislation and all past directors, and one copy to the secretary of any club that requests it, no later than 30 September in the year the council on legislation shall be convened. The proposed legislation also will be made available via Rotary's website.

~~7.050.6.~~ 7.050.5. *Council Consideration of Legislation.*

The council on legislation shall consider and act upon such duly proposed legislation and any proffered amendments.

~~7.050.7. *Adoption of Resolutions.*~~

~~Legislation in the form of resolutions may be adopted by the affirmative vote of at least a majority of those present and voting at the council.~~

*and in article 8 (pages 146-153 MOP)*

## **Article 8 Council on Resolutions**

### **8.010. *Meeting of the Council on Resolutions.***

There shall be a council on resolutions conducted annually. The council on resolutions shall be convened through electronic communications.

### **8.020. *Resolutions.***

Proposals that are expressions of opinions of the council on resolutions shall be known as resolutions.

### **8.030. *Who May Propose Resolutions.***

Resolutions may be proposed by a club, a district conference, the general council or conference of RIBI, and the board.

### **8.040. *District Endorsement of Club Resolutions.***

Proposed resolutions from a club must be endorsed by the clubs of the district at a district conference, a district legislation meeting or RIBI district council. A proposed resolution delivered to the general secretary shall be accompanied by a certificate from the governor stating that it has been considered by the district conference, a district legislation meeting, RIBI district council, or in a ballot-by-mail and has been endorsed.

### **8.050. *Deadline for Proposed Resolutions.***

Proposed resolutions shall be delivered to the general secretary in writing no later than 30 June in the year prior to the year in which they are to be considered by the council on

resolutions. Resolutions also may be offered by the board and acted upon by the council on resolutions at any time prior to the adjournment of the council.

**8.060. Duly Proposed Resolutions; Defective Proposed Resolutions.**

**8.060.1. Duly Proposed Resolutions.**

A proposed resolution is duly proposed if:

- (a) it is delivered to the general secretary under the deadlines contained in section 8.050. of the bylaws;
- (b) it complies with the requirements of section 8.030. of the bylaws regarding who may propose a resolution; and
- (c) when it is proposed by a club, the requirements of section 8.040. of the bylaws regarding district endorsement have been met.

**8.060.2. Defective Resolution.**

A proposed resolution is defective if:

- (a) it would require an action, or express an opinion, that is in conflict with the letter or spirit of the constitutional documents; or
- (b) it is not within the framework of the program of RI.

**8.070. Review of Proposed Resolutions.**

The constitution and bylaws committee shall review all proposed resolutions submitted to the general secretary for transmittal to the council on resolutions and may:

8.070.1. recommend to the board whether a proposed resolution is duly proposed and whether it is defective; and

8.070.2. recommend to the board that the general secretary not transmit to the council on resolutions proposed resolutions determined by the committee to be defective.

**8.080. Board Examination of Proposed Resolutions.**

The board (by the constitution and bylaws committee acting on its behalf) shall examine the text of all proposed resolutions and shall advise the proposers of any defects in the proposed resolutions.

**8.080.1. Resolutions Not Transmitted to the Council.**

Where the board, on the advice of the constitution and bylaws committee, acting in accordance with section 8.070.1., determines that proposed resolutions are not duly proposed or defective, the board shall direct that the proposed resolutions not be transmitted to the council for consideration. In the event of any such action by the board, the proposer shall thereupon be notified by the general secretary.

**8.080.2. Council Consideration of Resolutions.**

The council on resolutions shall consider and act upon such duly proposed resolutions.

8.080.3. Adoption of Resolutions.

Resolutions may be adopted by the affirmative vote of at least a majority of those voting at the council on resolutions.

**Article 8 9 Council on Legislation Members of the Council on Legislation and Council on Resolutions**

**8.010. 9.010. Members of the Council on Legislation and Council on Resolutions.**

The council on legislation and the council on resolutions shall be composed of the following voting and non-voting members:

**8.010.1. 9.010.1. Representatives.**

There shall be one representative elected by the clubs of each district as provided in sections ~~8.050., 8.060., and 8.070.~~ 9.060., 9.070., and 9.080. Each non-districted club shall designate a convenient district whose representative shall represent the club. The representative shall be a voting member. ~~No Rotarian shall attend more than three meetings of the council as a representative.~~

**8.010.2. 9.010.2. Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Parliamentarian.**

A chairman, vice-chairman, and parliamentarian of the councils shall be selected by the incoming president in the year immediately prior to the council on legislation and shall serve for three years or until a successor has been selected. The chairman and vice-chairman shall be non-voting members except that, when presiding, either may cast the deciding vote in the case of a tie vote.

**8.010.3. 9.010.3. Constitution and Bylaws Committee.**

The members of the constitution and bylaws committee of RI shall be non-voting members of the councils and shall serve on the council operations committee. They shall have the duties and responsibilities as provided in subsections ~~8.130.1. 9.140.1. and 8.130.2. 9.140.2.~~

**8.010.4. 9.010.4. President, President-elect, Directors, and General Secretary.**

The president, president-elect, other members of the board, and general secretary shall be non-voting members of the councils.

**8.010.5. 9.010.5. Past Presidents.**

All past presidents of RI shall be non-voting members of the councils.

**8.010.6. 9.010.6. Trustees.**

A trustee of The Rotary Foundation, elected by the trustees, shall be a non-voting member of the councils.

**8.010.7. 9.010.7. Members-at-Large.**

There may be as many as three members-at-large who shall be non-voting members of the councils on legislation if appointed by the president. Such members-at-large shall have the duties and responsibilities as hereinafter provided in section ~~8.100. 9.110.~~ and shall serve under the direction of the chairman of the council.

**~~8.020.~~ 9.020. *Qualifications of Voting Members of the Council.***

**~~8.020.1.~~ 9.020.1. *Club Member.***

Each member of ~~the~~ a council shall be a member of a club.

**~~8.020.3.~~ 9.020.3. *Qualifications.***

To qualify for service at ~~the~~ a council, ~~the~~ a representative must be informed of the qualifications and submit to the general secretary a signed statement that the Rotarian understands the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of a representative; is qualified, willing, and able to assume and perform faithfully such duties and responsibilities; and shall attend the meeting of the council on legislation for its full duration and actively participate in the council on resolutions.

**~~8.020.4.~~ 9.020.4. *Not Eligible.***

~~Non-voting members~~ A non-voting member of the a council and or a full-time, salaried employees of RI, or of any district or any club(s) shall not be eligible to serve as a voting members of the a council.

**~~8.030.~~ 9.030. *Duties of District Representatives to the Councils.***

It shall be the duty of a representative to:

- (a) assist clubs in preparing their proposals for ~~the~~ each council;
- (b) discuss proposed legislation and resolutions at the district conference and/or other district meetings;
- (c) be knowledgeable of the existing attitudes of Rotarians within the district;
- (d) give critical consideration to all legislation and proposed resolutions presented to the councils and effectively communicate those views to the councils;
- (e) act as an objective legislator of RI;
- (f) attend the meeting of the council on legislation for its full duration;
- (g) participate in the council on resolutions;
- ~~(g)~~ (h) report on the deliberations of the councils to the clubs of the district following the meetings of the councils; and
- ~~(h)~~ (i) be accessible to clubs in the district to assist in their preparation of proposals for future councils.

**9.040. *Terms of Representatives.***

The term of each representative shall begin on 1 July in the year following the year in which they are to be selected. Each representative shall serve for three years or until a successor has been selected and certified.

**~~8.040.~~ 9.050. *Designation and Duties of Officers.***

The council officers shall consist of the chairman, vice-chairman, parliamentarian, and secretary.

~~8.040.1.~~ 9.050.1. *Chairman.*

The chairman shall be the presiding officer of the councils and shall have such other duties as may be specified in the bylaws and in the applicable rules of procedure and as generally pertain to such office.

~~8.040.3.~~ 9.050.3. *Parliamentarian.*

The parliamentarian shall advise and counsel the chairman and the councils on matters of parliamentary procedure.

~~8.040.4.~~ 9.050.4. *Secretary.*

The general secretary shall be the secretary of the councils or, with the approval of the president, may appoint another person to serve as secretary.

~~8.050.~~ 9.060. *Selection of Representatives by Nominating Committee Procedure.*

~~8.050.1.~~ 9.060.1. *Selection.*

The representative and the alternate representative should be selected by a nominating committee procedure. The nominating committee procedure, including any challenges and a resulting election, shall be conducted and completed in the year two years preceding the council on legislation. The nominating committee procedure shall be based on the nominating committee procedure for district governors set forth in section 13.020. to the extent it is not in conflict with this section. A candidate for representative shall not be eligible to serve on the committee.

~~8.050.3.~~ 9.060.3. *Representative and Alternate Unable to Serve.*

Where neither the representative nor the alternate representative is able to serve, the governor may designate some other duly qualified member of a club in the district to be the representative to the councils.

~~8.060.~~ 9.070. *Election of Representatives at the District Conference.*

~~8.060.1.~~ 9.070.1. *Election.*

If the district chooses not to utilize the nominating committee procedure, the representative and the alternate representative may be elected at the annual conference of the district or, in the case of a district in RIBI, at the district council. The election shall take place in the year two years preceding the council on legislation or, in the case of a district in RIBI, at the meeting of the district council after 1 October in the year two years preceding the council on legislation.

~~8.060.3.~~ 9.070.3. *Selection of Representatives and Alternates.*

The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be the representative to the council on legislation and the council on resolutions. All votes from clubs with more than one vote shall be cast for the same candidate, failing which the votes from such clubs shall be deemed to be spoiled votes. If there are only two candidates, the candidate failing to receive a majority of votes cast shall be the alternate representative, to serve only in the event the representative is unable to serve. When there are more

than two candidates, the balloting shall be by single transferable ballot. At such point in the balloting by the single transferable ballot system that one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the candidate who has the second highest number of votes shall be the alternate representative.

~~8.060.4.~~ 9.070.4. *One Candidate for Representative.*

No ballot shall be required where there is only one nominee in a district. In such cases, the governor shall declare such nominee the representative to the councils. The governor shall also appoint a qualified Rotarian who is a member of a club in the district as the alternate representative.

~~8.070.~~ 9.080. *Election of Representatives Through Ballot-by-Mail.*

~~8.070.1.~~ 9.080.1. *Board Authorization for Ballot-by-Mail.*

In certain circumstances, the board may authorize a district to select the representative and the alternate representative to the councils in a ballot-by-mail. In such case, the governor shall prepare and cause to be mailed to the secretary of every club in the district an official call for nominations for representative. All nominations must be made in writing and signed by the president and the secretary of the club. The nominations must be received by the governor on or before a date to be fixed by the governor. The governor shall cause to be prepared and mailed to each club a ballot naming in alphabetical order the qualified nominees so offered and shall conduct the ballot-by-mail. Those candidates whose written requests for exclusion from the ballot are received no later than the date fixed by the governor shall be excluded from such ballot. Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members. Such membership shall be determined by the number of members in the club as of the date of the most recent semiannual payment preceding the date on which the vote is to be held. However, any club whose membership in RI has been suspended by the board shall not be entitled to participate in the voting. The governor may appoint a committee for the purpose of conducting the ballot-by-mail procedure as provided herein.

~~8.070.2.~~ 9.080.2. *Election Through Ballot-by-Mail.*

A majority vote of electors present and voting at a district conference may vote to have the selection of the representative and the alternate representative to the councils pursuant to a ballot-by-mail. The ballot-by-mail shall be conducted in the month immediately following such annual district conference. Such ballot-by-mail shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions set forth in subsection ~~8.070.1.~~ 9.080.1.

~~8.080.~~ 9.090. *Notice.*

~~8.080.1.~~ 9.090.1. *Report of Representative to General Secretary.*

The names of the representative and the alternate representative to the councils shall be reported by the governor to the general secretary immediately following their selection.

~~8.080.2.~~ 9.090.2. *Publication of Representatives to Council Meeting.*

At least 30 days prior to the ~~meeting of the~~ convening of each council, the general secretary shall publish to each representative the names of representatives as reported by the governors ~~and notice of the time and place of the meetings of the council.~~

~~8.090.~~ 9.100. *Credentials Committee.*

The president shall appoint a credentials committee which shall meet in advance of the council on legislation ~~at the site~~. The committee shall examine and certify credentials. Any action of the committee may be reviewed by the council on legislation.

~~8.100.~~ 9.110. *Members-at-Large.*

Immediately following the publication of the proposed legislation, the chairman of the council on legislation shall assign each member-at-large items of proposed legislation. Each member-at-large shall study all proposed legislation so assigned and be prepared to facilitate consideration of and inform the council on legislation with respect to comments for or against adoption of the respective items of legislation which have not been covered adequately in debate.

~~8.110.~~ 9.120. *Quorum for the Council on Legislation and Council on Resolutions.*

A quorum shall consist of one half of the voting members of ~~the~~ each council. Each voting member shall be entitled to cast one vote on each question submitted to vote. There shall be no proxy voting in the councils.

~~8.120.~~ 9.130. *Procedures of the Councils.*

~~8.120.1.~~ 9.130.1. *Rules of Procedure.*

Subject to section ~~8.130.~~ 9.140., each council on legislation may adopt such rules of procedure as it deems necessary to govern the conduct of its deliberations. Such rules shall be in harmony with the bylaws and shall remain in effect until changed by a subsequent council on legislation. Each council on resolutions shall be conducted according to rules of procedure adopted by the council operations committee.

~~8.120.2.~~ 9.130.2. *Appeal.*

An appeal may be made to the council on legislation from any decision of the chair. A majority vote of the council on legislation shall be required to overrule the decision of the chair.

~~8.130.~~ 9.140. *Council Operations Committee; Duties of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.*

There shall be a council operations committee composed of the chairman, the vice-chairman, and the members of the constitution and bylaws committee. The chairman of the council shall be the chairman of the council operations committee.

~~8.130.1.~~ 9.140.1. *Duties of the Council Operations Committee.*

The council operations committee shall recommend rules of procedure ~~for the council~~ and the order of consideration for proposed legislation for the council on legislation and

shall adopt rules of procedure and the order of consideration for the council on resolutions. The committee shall also draft and revise for the council on legislation, where feasible, amendments to correct defects identified by the committee or council in any proposed legislation or amendments thereof. The committee shall further make correlative amendments to the bylaws and the standard club constitution to give full effect to enactments adopted by the council and prepare the report to the council on legislation which shall note any correlative amendments.

~~8.130.2.~~ 9.140.2. *Further Duties of the Members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.*

The constitution and bylaws committee shall review and approve the purpose and effect statements for all legislation prior to publication. Immediately following the publication of the proposed legislation, the chairman of the council shall assign each member of the constitution and bylaws committee items of proposed legislation. Each constitution and bylaws committee member shall study all proposed legislation so assigned and be prepared to inform the council on legislation with respect to the purpose, background, and effect of the respective items of legislation and of any defects in such items.

~~8.140.~~ 9.150. *Action of the Council.*

~~8.140.1.~~ 9.150.1. *Report of the Chairman.*

The chairman of the council shall transmit to the general secretary a comprehensive report of action by the council on legislation and council on resolutions within ten days following adjournment of the council.

~~8.140.2.~~ 9.150.2. *Report of the General Secretary.*

The general secretary shall transmit to the secretary of each club a report of action by the council on legislation or council on resolutions on all legislation or resolutions adopted by the councils within two months of the adjournment of the each council. The report shall be accompanied by a form for use by any club desiring to record its opposition to legislation adopted by the council on legislation.

~~8.140.3.~~ 9.150.3. *Opposition to Council Action.*

Forms from clubs recording opposition to action by ~~the~~ a council on legislation in adopting any legislation must be certified by the club presidents and received by the general secretary no later than the date stated in the report by the general secretary, which shall be at least two months after the mailing of such report. The general secretary shall examine and tabulate all forms duly received from clubs recording opposition to action by ~~the~~ a council on legislation.

~~8.140.4.~~ 9.150.4. *Suspension of Council Action.*

The action of ~~the~~ a council on such legislation shall be suspended where clubs representing at least 5 percent of the votes entitled to be cast by the clubs file forms recording their opposition.

**~~8.140.7.~~ 9.150.7. *Results of Balloting.***

If a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by clubs are to reject the action of ~~the a~~ council on legislation, the action of the council in regard to such item shall be nullified from the date of the suspension. Otherwise, the suspended action shall be reinstated as if no suspension occurred.

**~~8.140.8.~~ 9.150.8. *Effective Date of Council Action.***

Action by ~~the a~~ council regarding legislation or resolutions shall become effective on 1 July immediately following adjournment of the council unless suspended by action of clubs under the provisions of subsection ~~8.140.4~~ 9.150.4.

**~~8.150.~~ 9.160. *Site Selection.***

Pursuant to article 10, section 2 of the RI constitution, the board shall make every effort to ensure that no Rotarian will be excluded solely on the basis of national citizenship when selecting a site for the council on legislation.

**~~8.160.~~ 9.170. *Extraordinary Meeting of the Council.***

**~~8.160.1.~~ 9.170.1. *Notice.***

An extraordinary meeting of the council on legislation may be called by the board in accordance with article 10, section 5 of the RI constitution. Notice of an extraordinary meeting and the legislation it will consider shall be mailed to governors no later than 60 days before the meeting is scheduled to convene. The governors shall forthwith notify the clubs in their districts and as soon as possible inform the general secretary of the names of the Rotarians who will represent their respective districts at such a meeting.

**~~8.160.2.~~ *Representation.***

~~The clubs in a district will be represented at such extraordinary meeting by the representative most recently elected to represent them at the council. Where the representative is not able and willing to serve, the district shall be represented by the most recently elected alternate representative to the council. If neither is able and willing to serve, the governor or another person appointed by the governor who is qualified under the bylaws shall represent the clubs in the district.~~

**~~8.160.3.~~ 9.170.2. *Adoption of Enactments.***

A two-thirds affirmative vote of those present and voting shall be required for the adoption of legislation at an extraordinary meeting of the council on legislation.

**~~8.160.4.~~ 9.170.3. *Procedures.***

The procedures applicable at the regular meeting of the council on legislation shall apply at an extraordinary meeting with the following two exceptions:

**~~8.160.4.2.~~ 9.170.3.2. *Opposition to Action.***

The clubs shall have two months from the time the report is transmitted to the clubs to record their opposition to any action of an extraordinary meeting of the council on legislation.

~~8.160.5.~~ 9.170.4. *Effective Date of Action.*

Actions of an extraordinary meeting of the council on legislation shall become effective two months after the general secretary has transmitted the report of that council so long as the requisite number of opposition votes has not been filed by clubs. If the requisite number of clubs have recorded their opposition, the action will be subject to a ballot-by-mail following as closely as possible the provisions of section ~~8.140~~ 9.150.

*and in article 15 (pages 179-180 MOP)*

## **Article 15 Districts**

### **15.040. District Conference and District ~~Resolutions~~ Legislation Meeting.**

#### 15.040.1. *Time and Place.*

A conference of Rotarians of each district shall be held annually at such time and place as agreed upon by the governor and the presidents of a majority of the clubs of the district. The conference dates shall not conflict with the district training assembly, the international assembly, or the international convention. The board may authorize two or more districts to hold their conferences together. Further, the district may hold a district ~~resolutions~~ legislation meeting at a time and place determined by the governor, provided 21 days notice is given to all clubs in the district.

#### 15.040.3. *Conference and District ~~Resolutions~~ Legislation Meeting Actions.*

A district conference and district ~~resolutions~~ legislation meeting may adopt recommendations upon matters of importance in its district, provided such action shall be in accordance with the constitution and bylaws and in keeping with the spirit and principles of Rotary. Each district conference and district ~~resolutions~~ legislation meeting shall consider and act upon all matters submitted to it for consideration by the board and may adopt resolutions thereon.

### **15.050. Conference and District ~~Resolutions~~ Legislation Meeting Voting.**

#### 15.050.1. *Electors.*

Each club in a district shall select, certify, and send to its annual district conference and district ~~resolutions~~ legislation meeting (if one is held) at least one elector. Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional elector for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members. That is, a club with a membership of up to 37 members is entitled to one elector, a club with 38 to 62 members is entitled to two electors, a club with 63 to 87 members is entitled to three electors and so on. Such membership shall be determined by the number of members in the club as of the date of the most recent semiannual payment preceding the date on which the vote is to be held. However, any club whose membership in RI has been suspended by the board shall not be entitled to any electors. Each elector shall be a member of the club. An elector must be present at the district conference or a district ~~resolutions~~ legislation meeting to vote.

15.050.2. *Conference and District ~~Resolutions~~ Legislation Meeting Voting Procedures.* Every member in good standing of a club in a district present at the district conference or a district ~~resolutions~~ legislation meeting shall be entitled to vote on all matters submitted to a vote at such conference or district ~~resolutions~~ legislation meeting except for the selection of a governor-nominee, election of a member and alternate member of the nominating committee for director, composition and terms of reference of the nominating committee for governor, election of the club representative and alternate representative of the district to the council on legislation and council on resolutions, and the decision as to the amount of the per capita levy. However, any elector shall have the right to demand a poll upon any matter presented to the conference or district ~~resolutions~~ legislation meeting. In such cases, voting shall be restricted to electors. When voting on the selection of the governor-nominee, election of a member and alternate member of the nominating committee for director, composition and terms of reference of the nominating committee for governor, or election of the club representative and alternate representative of the district to the council on legislation and council on resolutions, all votes from a club with more than one vote shall be cast for the same candidate or proposition. For votes requiring or utilizing a single transferable ballot with three or more candidates, all votes from a club with more than one vote shall be cast for the same ordered choices of candidates.

(Subsequent articles will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

## **ADOPTED ENACTMENT 16-114**

To provide that representatives shall serve for a term of three years

*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows*

*in article 5 (page 136 MOP)*

### **Article 5 Board of Directors**

#### **5.030. Appeals of Board Action.**

Action by the board shall be subject only to appeal through a ballot-by-mail submitted to the district representatives of the ~~most recent~~ council on legislation under rules to be established by the board. An appeal shall be duly filed with the general secretary by any club with the concurrence of at least 24 other clubs. At least half of the concurring clubs must be located in districts other than that of the appealing club. The appeal and concurrences must be received no later than four months after the action of the board is taken and the general secretary shall conduct said ballot-by-mail within ninety (90) days thereafter. Such appeal shall be in the form of a resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the club and certified by the president and secretary. The only question to be considered by the district representatives in acting upon the appeal is whether the action of the board should be sustained. Provided, however, if such appeal is received

by the general secretary within three months before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the council on legislation, then the appeal of the board action shall be submitted to the council on legislation to decide if the action of the board should be sustained.

*and in article 8 (pages 148-153 MOP)*

## **Article 8 Council on Legislation**

### **8.040. Terms of Representatives.**

The term of each representative shall begin on 1 July in the year following the year in which they are to be selected. Each representative shall serve for three years or until a successor has been selected and certified.

(Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

### **8.160. Extraordinary Meeting of the Council.**

#### **~~8.160.2. Representation.~~**

~~The clubs in a district will be represented at such extraordinary meeting by the representative most recently elected to represent them at the council. Where the representative is not able and willing to serve, the district shall be represented by the most recently elected alternate representative to the council. If neither is able and willing to serve, the governor or another person appointed by the governor who is qualified under the bylaws shall represent the clubs in the district.~~

(End of Text)

## **ADOPTED RESOLUTION 16-118**

To endorse and affirm that the eradication of polio is a goal of the highest order of Rotary International

WHEREAS, the ultimate goal of the PolioPlus program of Rotary in cooperation and consultation with international, national, and local organizations and agencies is the certification of the worldwide eradication of all polioviruses

IT IS RESOLVED by the 2016 Council on Legislation that Rotary International

- affirms and endorses that the goal of certification of the worldwide eradication of all polioviruses is of the highest priority for this association,
- affirms that no other corporate project should be adopted until the certification of the eradication of all polioviruses, and
- confirms that, in accordance with 2004 Council on Legislation Resolution 04-

525, no other corporate program will be adopted until approved by a subsequent Council.

(End of Text)

### **ADOPTED RESOLUTION 16-126**

To request the RI Board to consider supporting the prevention of sexual mutilation

WHEREAS, thousands of girls are subject to genital mutilation every day, and

WHEREAS, in some parts of the world there are no laws against female genital mutilation, and

WHEREAS, genital mutilation cannot be justified by religious or cultural traditions, and

WHEREAS, genital mutilation is a human rights crime, and

WHEREAS, genital mutilation is torture causing severe pain, suffering, and sometimes death, and

WHEREAS, genital mutilation causes lifelong physical as well as mental suffering, and

WHEREAS, the second part of The Four-Way Test is “Is it FAIR to all concerned?”, and

WHEREAS, genital mutilation is manifestly not fair to those the practice is inflicted upon, and

WHEREAS, the fourth part of The Four-Way Test is “Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?”, and

WHEREAS, genital mutilation is manifestly not beneficial to those the practice is inflicted upon, and

WHEREAS, Rotary cares about mankind and we are a voice for the young and innocent and those who cannot speak for themselves, and

WHEREAS, the fourth Object of Rotary is the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider supporting initiatives, at every level of the organization, and in cooperation with other international organizations, to prevent the practice of female genital mutilation.

(End of Text)

## ADOPTED RESOLUTION 16-132

To request the RI Board to consider revising the membership age limits for Interact

WHEREAS, each country has a different age for the first year of school, from five to seven and older, which leads to students graduating from high school at different ages, from 17 to 19, meaning that at the age of 18, Interact club members from both school-based and community-based clubs have either graduated or are still students, and

WHEREAS, as a result, in Article IV, section 5 of the Standard Interact Club Constitution, there is discrimination against Interact club members in different types of clubs in terms of membership termination, which leads to inequity, frustration and Interact club administration problems

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider amending Article IV, section 5 of the Standard Interact Club Constitution so that membership termination in both school and community-based clubs (in connection with several schools) occurs at the time of graduation and not upon reaching the age of 18. In this way, in the final year of high school, a student can still be an Interact member and handle an officer position at the club or district level, even if he or she is already 18.

in Article IV, section 5 of the Standard Interact Club Constitution (page 21 of the Interact Handbook)

### **Article: IV - Membership**

5. Membership shall automatically terminate (a) upon removal from the community; (b) in a both school-based clubs, in connection with a school, and community-based clubs, in connection with several schools, upon graduation or otherwise ceasing to be a student in the last four years of school preceding the university level in the area from which the membership is drawn ~~or~~; (c) in a community-based club, not in connection with a school, ~~upon graduation or~~ upon reaching the age of eighteen; ~~(e)~~ (d) by termination of the club; or ~~(d)~~ (e) by failure to meet attendance requirements unless excused by the board of directors of this club for good and sufficient reason.

(End of Text)

## ADOPTED RESOLUTION 16-136

To request the RI Board to consider promoting Rotary Cards

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary

International consider promoting Rotary Cards, the only official credit cards to support The Rotary Foundation, in order to expand their use and encourage an increase in contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

(End of Text)

### **ADOPTED RESOLUTION 16-138**

To request the RI Board to consider adding the keyword “family” to the statements on opportunities for service

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider adding the keyword “family” to the statements on opportunities for service.

(End of Text)

### **ADOPTED RESOLUTION 16-139**

To acknowledge the centennial anniversary of The Rotary Foundation

WHEREAS, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International was initiated at the Atlanta convention on 18 June 1917 when RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed the establishment of an endowment “for the purpose of doing good in the world,” and

WHEREAS, the endowment fund was renamed The Rotary Foundation at the Minneapolis convention in 1928, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International, and

WHEREAS, since the first donation of US\$26.50 by the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, USA in 1917, the Foundation has received contributions totaling more than US\$1 billion, and

WHEREAS, the Foundation has touched the lives of millions of people around the world through polio eradication, humanitarian grants, international scholarships and fellowships, group study exchange teams, Rotary peace centers, and other programs

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the 2016 Council on Legislation that Rotary International and its member clubs should celebrate and commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Rotary Foundation in 2016-2017 and should encourage all Rotarians to mark the centennial anniversary by participating in the Foundation programs and supporting the Foundation in their charitable giving.

(End of Text)

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION 16-141**

To request the Trustees to consider amending the terms for Foundation grants to permit the purchase of equipment for pre- or post-surgical care units

WHEREAS, The Rotary Foundation, to prevent and control non-transmissible diseases, allows the funding of mobile technological equipment and vehicles to treat patients and ensure follow-up activities, and

WHEREAS, it is currently not permitted to use grants to fund the purchase of equipment for pre- or post-surgical care units for underprivileged populations

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider amending the terms and conditions for Rotary Foundation grants to permit the purchase of equipment for pre- or post-surgical care units.

(End of Text)

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION 16-142**

To request the Trustees to consider allowing district grant subcommittee chairs to monitor and review online grant applications

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider allowing the district grants subcommittee chair (DGSC) to monitor and review online all the grant applications for his/her district.

(End of Text)

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION 16-144**

To request the Trustees to consider reinstating funding for scholarships to support graduate students in areas not related to the areas of focus

WHEREAS, the full implementation of the Future Vision Plan has led to termination of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program, which has fostered brilliant talents. It also eliminated the possibility of using contributions carried over from the District Designated Fund to support graduate students outside of the areas of focus, and

WHEREAS, by reinstating the funding, we can support the educational areas which have been an important part of Rotary's program for a long time and continue to develop successful leaders

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider reinstating funding from the carried over District Designated Fund for scholarships to support graduate students in areas not related to the areas of focus.

(End of Text)

#### **ADOPTED RESOLUTION 16-149**

To request the RI Board to consider acknowledging the role and responsibilities of district secretaries

WHEREAS, district secretaries play an important role and have major responsibilities in assisting the governor in preparing for district meetings, overseeing communications of various types, and maintaining meeting minutes

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider acknowledging the role and responsibilities of district secretaries by including them in the District Leadership Plan.

(End of Text)

#### **ADOPTED RESOLUTION 16-151**

To request the RI Board to consider reminding clubs of their autonomy

WHEREAS, vibrant activities by self-motivated clubs energize Rotary, and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Code of Policies Section 8.010. provides that “Clubs should develop their own programs according to the needs of their communities. It is not within the scope of the program of RI to sponsor or prescribe for any club a particular service project or program.” In other words, RI and clubs are equal, and neither is above the other. Therefore, clubs should not consider that the programs recommended by RI are imposed on them, or to the contrary, that implementing those programs alone is sufficient

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider reminding clubs that each club is autonomous, inasmuch as it acts in a manner consistent with the RI Constitution, RI Bylaws, Standard Rotary Club Constitution and the Rotary Code of Policies, so that the clubs understand the real meaning of autonomy.

(End of Text)

### **ADOPTED RESOLUTION 16-157**

To request the RI Board to consider providing all district conferences with a video message from the RI president

WHEREAS, the success and results in terms of motivation of a district conference would benefit from an inspirational, motivational and educational address of the RI president, and

WHEREAS, the RI president obviously will not be able to attend more than a very select number of district conferences, and

WHEREAS, modern means of communication, i.e., video messages - for instance with a duration of about five minutes - could easily solve this problem and such messages could be given an important place in the program

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider providing all districts with a uniform video message for their district conferences.

(End of Text)

### **ADOPTED RESOLUTION 16-160**

To request the RI Board to consider proposing legislation to the next Council on Legislation to revise the corporate governance structure

WHEREAS, the corporate governance structure of RI and The Rotary Foundation have remained unchanged for many years, and

WHEREAS, the governance needs of RI and The Rotary Foundation are different from what they may have been many years ago, and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive review of Rotary's current corporate governance structure is overdue and might suggest areas in which Rotary's governance could and should be modified and improved, and

WHEREAS, some specific concepts that should be reviewed are a) the length of the terms for the RI Board of Directors and Trustees of The Rotary Foundation; b) the executive and administrative functions of the RI president and general secretary; c) whether the RI president should be a paid position; and d) qualifications to serve on the RI Board or Board of Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, and

WHEREAS, the RI Board and Rotary Foundation Trustees have retained outside professional consulting firms to advise on many proposed programs and projects, including The Rotary Foundation's current Future Vision Plan

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider retaining an outside professional consulting firm or firms to review the current corporate governance structure of RI and The Rotary Foundation, including but not limited to the ideas expressed in this resolution, and report on its findings and recommendations, including specific legislative proposals, to the 2019 Council on Legislation.

(End of Text)

### **ADOPTED RESOLUTION 16-172**

To request the RI Board to consider not recommending commercial or licensed branding materials when a free option is available

WHEREAS, the current Voice and Visual Identity Guidelines produced by RI specify licensed fonts as the Rotary standards, with free ones as alternatives, and

WHEREAS, many clubs are not prepared to use club funds for this purpose when an acceptable alternative is available at no cost, and

WHEREAS, these clubs find it unacceptable that RI should approve, let alone recommend, paid material over acceptable free material

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider adopting as policy that, when specifying branding materials and visual standards for general use by clubs throughout the organization, commercial or licensed materials should not be recommended when there is a free and acceptable alternative available.

(End of Text)

## ADOPTED LEGISLATION VOTING TOTALS

<b>Council Number</b>	<b>Yes Votes</b>	<b>No Votes</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
16-01	318	136	454
16-02	379	72	451
16-05*	238	213	451
16-06	236	217	453
16-07	232	228	460
16-10*	254	210	464
16-21*	392	82	474
16-26	272	222	494
16-30	322	188	510
16-34*	395	97	492
16-35	334	170	504
16-36*	386	75	461
16-38*	426	85	511
16-40*	413	97	510
16-47	417	89	506
16-48	442	44	486
16-49*	440	66	506
16-50*	410	96	506
16-51*	452	53	505
16-54*	488	13	501
16-55	469	36	505
16-57	388	120	508
16-61	413	91	504
16-62	415	89	504
16-63	465	36	501
16-71	390	121	511
16-72	329	174	503
16-74*	358	156	514
16-76	304	201	505
16-77*	348	169	517
16-79	306	206	512

<b>Council Number</b>	<b>Yes Votes</b>	<b>No Votes</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
16-81	463	52	515
16-82	355	145	500
16-83	Vote by Cards		
16-84	444	56	500
16-86	Vote by Cards		
16-88	337	136	473
16-89*	439	58	497
16-90	368	147	515
16-91	459	44	503
16-93*	483	27	510
16-96*	475	27	502
16-99*	317	197	514
16-105*	350	149	499
16-106	488	23	511
16-113	443	67	510
16-114	479	23	502
16-118	Vote by Cards		
16-126	377	128	505
16-132	428	65	493
16-136	335	170	505
16-138	253	252	505
16-139	481	27	508
16-141	329	175	504
16-142	385	113	498
16-144	267	223	490
16-149	357	121	478
16-151	274	208	482
16-157	Vote by Cards		
16-160	Vote by Cards		
16-172	Vote by Cards		



# OPPOSITION TO LEGISLATION REPORT FORM

*This form may be duplicated if your club wishes to record its vote in opposition to more than one item of adopted legislation. Please prepare one form for each item of opposed legislation. **Forms are due in Evanston no later than 15 August 2016.***

1) **Item being opposed:** I hereby certify that at a regular meeting, this club agreed to record its vote in opposition to the following action of the 2016 Council on Legislation:

16-\_\_\_\_\_

2) **Number of club votes:** Each club is entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25 members, or major fraction thereof, as follows:

<u>Members in the club</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
1-37	1
38-62	2
63-87	3
88-112	4
etc.	

I hereby certify that the membership of this club on 1 January 2016 (honorary members excepted) entitles it to:

Rotary  
Club of:

\_\_\_\_\_

District:

\_\_\_\_\_

Number  
of Votes:

\_\_\_\_\_

President  
Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form by 15 August 2016 to:**  
**[Council\\_Services@rotary.org](mailto:Council_Services@rotary.org)**

*(Forms received after this date will not be counted.)*