**Governor Nominee**

**Excerpted from Rotary International Bylaws**

12.010. Selection of a Governor-nominee.

The district shall select a nominee for governor between 24 and 36 months before taking office. The nominee shall become the governor-nominee-designate upon selection and the governor-nominee on 1 July two years before taking office as governor. The board shall have the authority to extend the date under this section for good and sufficient reason. The nominee will be elected at the RI convention in the year before the nominee will attend the international assembly, if such an election is needed under the provisions of section 6.010. of these bylaws.

12.020. Procedure to Select Governor.

Except for those districts in RIBI, a district shall adopt, by a resolution at a district conference by a majority vote of the electors present and voting, one of three processes to select the governor-nominee-designate in future years:

* (a) nominating committee;
* (b) club ballot; or
* (c) district conference.

If the district has not adopted a process by 1 July, the district shall use the nominating committee process. The district must follow all procedures for its chosen selection method as provided in the remainder of this article. To participate in district voting for the election of governors-nominee, a club shall have paid the required district levy for the Rotary year in which the voting is taking place and shall not be indebted to the district. The financial status of the club is determined by the governor.

12.030. Nominating Committee Process.

12.030.1. Nominating Committee for Governor.

In districts adopting a nominating committee procedure, the committee shall seek out and propose the best qualified candidate for governor-nominee. The terms of reference of the committee, including the method for selecting members, shall be determined in a resolution adopted by the electors present and voting at a district conference. The terms of reference must not be inconsistent with the bylaws.

12.030.2. Failure to Select Members of the Nominating Committee. Any district that has adopted the nominating committee procedure but fails to select the

members of the committee shall select the five most recent past governors who are still members of a club in that district as its nominating committee. The committee shall function in accordance with section 12.030. If five past governors are not available, the RI president shall appoint additional members from that district so that the committee has five members.

12.030.3. Club Suggestions for Governor.

The governor shall invite clubs to submit their suggestions for nominations for governor. The deadline for suggestions is at least two months before the nominating committee meeting. The suggestions shall be submitted by a resolution naming the suggested candidate adopted at a regular club meeting and certified by the secretary. A club shall only suggest one of its own members.

12.030.4. Nomination by Committee of Best Qualified Rotarian. The committee shall nominate the best qualified Rotarian who is available to serve as governor and not be limited to those names submitted by clubs in the district.

12.030.5. Notification of Nomination.

The chair of the nominating committee shall notify the governor of the candidate selected within 24 hours of the adjournment of the nominating committee. Within three days of the receipt of the notice, the governor shall notify the clubs in writing of the name and club of the nominee.

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Excerpted from District Policy and Procedures:  
   
SECTION II – NOMINATION OF THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Article 1  
In July, the District Governor shall advise the presidents of all clubs in the District that they may propose a candidate for consideration by the Nominating Committee, for selection as a nominee to serve as District Governor for the Rotary year three (3) years hence. All proposals must be submitted to the District Governor on or before 1 October on fully executed forms available from the Governor and on the District website.

Article 2  
The Nominating Committee shall review all the submissions, select the best-qualified candidate and the Governor shall then publish to all clubs in the district the name and club of the nominee.

Article 3  
In the event a club wishes to propose a challenging candidate for Governor-nominee the procedure for proposal, concurrence and subsequent ballot-by-mail shall be in strict accordance with the applicable RI Bylaws. (14, 14.020.8 and 14.020.11).

Article 4  
In the absence of a challenging candidate, the Governor shall declare to all clubs in the district that the candidate of the District Nominating Committee is the Governor-nominee. The Governor shall certify the name of the Governor-Nominee to the RI General Secretary and the presidents of the clubs within fifteen days after such declaration.

Article 5  
In the event that a District Governor-Nominee finds it impossible to assume the duties as District Governor or moves into the District Governor-Elect position early, the District Governor shall issue an invitation to all clubs in the district inviting proposals for a District Governor-Nominee. All proposals shall be reviewed by the Nominating Committee.

This goes under DG Duties

The governor is the officer of RI in the district, functioning under the general control and supervision of the board. The governor shall inspire and motivate the clubs in the district. The governor shall ensure continuity within the district by working with past, current, and incoming district leaders. The governor is responsible for:

* (a) organizing new clubs;
* (b) strengthening existing clubs;
* (c) promoting membership growth;
* (d) working with district and club leaders to encourage participation in a district leadership plan as developed by the board;
* (e) furthering the Object of Rotary by providing leadership and supervision of the clubs in the district;
* (f) supporting The Rotary Foundation;
* (g) promoting cordial relations among the clubs and Rotaract clubs and between the clubs, Rotaract clubs, and RI;
* (h) planning for and presiding at the district conference and assisting the governor elect in planning and preparing the PETS and the district training assembly;
* (i) conducting an official visit to each club, individually or in multi-club meetings, that maximizes the governor’s presence to:

1. focus attention on important Rotary issues;
2. provide special attention to weak and struggling clubs;
3. motivate Rotarians to participate in service activities;
4. ensure that the club constitution and bylaws comply with the constitutional
5. documents, especially following councils on legislation; and
6. personally recognize the outstanding contributions of Rotarians in the district;

* (j) issuing a monthly communication to each club;
* (k) reporting promptly to RI as required by the president or the board;
* (l) providing the governor-elect, before the international assembly, full information about the condition of clubs and recommended action to strengthen them;
* (m) assuring that district nominations and elections comply with the constitutional documents and RI’s established policies;
* (n) inquiring regularly about the activities of Rotarian organizations in the district;
* (o) transferring district files to the governor-elect; and
* (p) performing any other duties as are inherent of an RI officer Additional Resource: RI Governors Manual