

District Governor Role Description

The purpose of this document

This role description is designed to accompany the DG Nominee selection materials for D7815 for selection of the DG for the Rotary year 2024/5. This is not a comprehensive role description; it is written to communicate changes to the DG role to assist in attracting a wide range of qualified candidates that may have been hesitant to run based on the history of the role and the expectations that came with it.

Rotary District 7815

The purpose of a Rotary district is... **to enable clubs to thrive**. The role of the DG is to deliver on this purpose.

Effective July 1, 2022, Rotary Districts 7810 and 7820 will merge to become District 7815. The 10 clubs in Maine, which are currently part of District 7810, will join District 7790, which already includes clubs from Maine and Quebec. Iles de la Madeleine will become part of the 7790 watersheds. 7815 will be a bilingual district (French and English). The leadership team planning the amalgamation has taken the approach that, as Rotary transforms, it is an opportunity to merge the best of the 7810 and 7820 and build a new district capable of supporting the future success of Rotarians in Atlantic Canada and St. Pierre and Miquelon. In this regard, they wrote the following “vision” for District 7815.

Rotary District 7815 will inspire diversity, collaboration, fellowship and service.

Rotary Atlantic will have 75 clubs and approximately 2,450 members.

The changing role of the District Governor

District 7815 recognises that Rotary needs to change to maintain relevance in the communities that we serve. This change is reflected in the role of the District Governor.

Some of the changes in the role that are already underway include:

- A recognition that the role is one capable of being held at the same time as a full-time career
- There is no requirement to visit every club in the district. The Area Governors are the primary contact between the district and club leaders.
- The role has transitioned from one focussed on travel, club visits and speech giving to one focussed on team leadership, good governance and change management.

Role Function

- Update and implement the strategic plan for D7815
- Facilitate the effective performance of the District Leadership Team, including
 - Chair district board meetings
 - Ensure all roles are filled with qualified candidates
 - Support, as needed, the development of the directors and committee chairs
- Act as the conduit for information between Rotary International and Rotarians in the district
- Facilitate communications with clubs and Rotarians through the effective use of the Area Governor Team
- Ensure compliance with District, RI processes and procedures
- Ensure compliance with safety and oversight relating to youth programs
- Act as the spokesperson for the district in external and community communications

Key Areas of Focus for D7815

- Increasing membership in the district / creating new clubs
- Increasing the diversity of the district and of the district leadership team
- Strengthening the relationship with Rotaract

Skills and Competencies

- Not for profit board governance
- Leadership of community or charitable organizations
- Change management
- Excellent communication
- A sense of humour is essential 😊

Rotary is in transition; it is becoming more diverse and better integrated with community partners and the role of the DG is an essential catalyst to this transition.