

**From the District Council on Legislation & Resolutions Representative 2015-20,
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Make your Club's Voice Heard at the 2019 Council on Legislation

As your Representative at the next Council, which will be held in Chicago in 2019, I want to know the views of clubs and individual Rotarians about any of the 116 items of legislation that will be considered.

Many of the matters to be considered are procedural and will barely impact on Rotary as we know it, but some of the legislation to be considered may have a more substantial impact. These include matters submitted by the Board of RI to continue the momentum of the previous Council in 2016.

If you really are passionate about one or more items, do not tell just me, tell the other 544 Representatives from around the world as well! Use this link to present your argument for or against any of the legislation being considered:

https://rotary.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3z84O8VkGe5J1oV

You need to do this before 14th February 2019 and your comments will be shared with all Representatives to consider the pros and cons to formulate their voting intention.

So how do you find out what will be considered? You need the Book on Proposed Legislation, which you can download at:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/search/all/2019%20council%20on%20legislation>

This area at the MyRotary provides access to a lot of information about the Council but requires some stamina to study in detail. You might want to identify a suitable person in your club to look through the proposed legislation and suggest matters that your club might want to examine more closely to reach an informed decision.

For convenience the legislation is grouped in 18 sections according to its relevance to other legislation such as Club Administration, Membership and Meetings and Attendance.

You will see some of the proposed legislation is to modify decisions made at the previous Council, demonstrating that not everyone like the outcomes of the previous Council.

Some proposals have been canvassed strongly and I have had contact from clubs looking to make comment on the proposals that seek to make the Regional Rotary Magazine optional or electronic only. This matter received a lot of attention in a recent RDU edition for obvious reasons and readers were encouraged to comment via the link provided above.