



PROTOCOL

The following order of protocol is recommended for introducing, presenting, and seating all current, past, and future officers of RI and its Foundation, committee members, and their partners at all RI meetings, functions, and receiving lines, and for listing in all RI publications:

ORDER OF PROTOCOL

President (or president's representative)	Past Trustees
Past presidents (in order of seniority)	Incoming trustees
President-elect	Directors-nominee
President-nominee	Past general secretaries (in order of seniority)
Vice president	President, immediate past president, vice president, and honorary treasurer of RIBI
Treasurer	District governors
Director/Executive Committee chair	Past district governors (in order of seniority)
Other directors	Rotary coordinators, Rotary public image coordinators, regional Rotary Foundation coordinators, and endowment/major gifts advisers
Trustee chair	District governors-elect
Trustee chair-elect	District governors-nominee
Trustee vice chair	
Other trustees	
General secretary	
Past directors (in order of seniority)	
Directors-elect	

At Rotary functions, officers should be addressed according to protocol only once, with partners included at the time of introduction. Individuals holding more than one office or past office shall be ranked by the highest current or past office held.

At district meetings, Rotarians visiting from a foreign country may be placed before local Rotarians of the same rank, as a courtesy. High-ranking non-Rotarians may be given precedence in ranking according to local custom. Clubs and districts are encouraged to advise guests if protocol places Rotarians before non-Rotarians.

After the recommended order of protocol above, the following order of protocol is recommended and should be modified to fit local customs and practice:

Regional and zone-level committee members

Assistant governors

District secretaries/treasurers

District committee members

Club presidents

Club presidents-elect

Club vice presidents

Club secretaries

Club treasurers

Club sergeants-at-arms

Other club board members

Club committee chairs

Past assistant governors

Rotarians

Rotary alumni

Rotarians' families