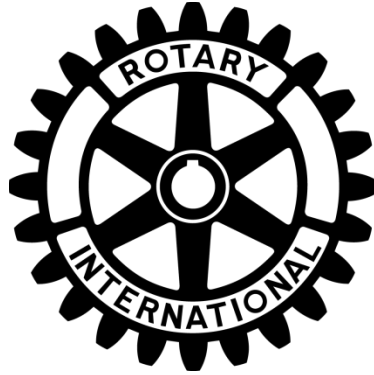


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# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



## MINUTES

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**JANUARY 2015**

***RI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING***

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2014–15**

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JANUARY 2015

## Rotary International Board of Directors Meeting

The Rotary International Board of Directors held its third meeting of the year on 26–29 January 2015 in San Diego, California, USA.

Present were: President Gary C. K. Huang, President-elect K.R. Ravindran, Vice President Celia Elena Cruz de Giay, Treasurer Holger Knaack, Executive Committee Chairman Larry A. Lunsford, other directors, Safak Alpay, Mary Beth Growney Selene, Robert L. Hall, Per Høyen, Seiji Kita, Julia D. Phelps, Greg E. Podd, P. T. Prabhakar, Steven A. Snyder, Guiller E. Tumangan, Michael F. Webb, Giuseppe Viale, Sangkoo Yun, and General Secretary John Hewko. Samuel F. Owori attended as trustee liaison. Director Takanori Sugitani was unable to attend the meeting.

At the Board's invitation, also present were President-nominee John F. Germ, and Directors-elect Manoj D. Desai, Bradford R. Howard, Jennifer E. Jones, Frederick Lin, Peter Offer, Saowalak Rattanavich, Eduardo San Martin Carreño, José Ubiracy Silva, and Karen Wentz.

Andrew McDonald served as secretary of the meeting with assistance from Laura Roel and Matt Hohmann. Other staff present were David Alexander, Michele Berg, Joseph Brownlee, Lori Carlson, Brian King, Peter Markos, Michele Moiron, and Steve Routburg. Dora Calkins, Taka Hoshino, Patrick Nunes, and Eiko Terao served as staff interpreters.

Under the guidance of the president, the general secretary had prepared an advance memorandum for this meeting containing items for consideration with background information and analyses. Those items, along with others initiated during this meeting, constituted the agenda of the meeting as reflected in the remainder of these minutes.

### 107. Minutes of the October 2014 Board Meeting

*Statement:* The general secretary distributed the October 2014 Board meeting minutes to each director.

*DECISION:* The Board approves the minutes of its October 2014 meeting.

### 108. Ratification of Decisions Made by the President

*Statement:* As previously authorized, President Huang took decisions on behalf of the Board during the period 6 September through 11 December 2014.

*DECISION:* The Board ratifies the decisions shown in Appendix A made on behalf of the Board by President Huang during the period 6 September through 11 December 2014.

### 109. Ratification of Decisions Made by the General Secretary

*Statement:* As previously authorized, the general secretary took decisions on behalf of the Board during the period 6 September through 30 November 2014.

*DECISION:* The Board ratifies the decisions shown in Appendix B made by the general secretary on behalf of the Board during the period 6 September through 30 November 2014.

### 110. Report of the President

*Statement:* President Huang reported on his activities since the October 2014 Board meeting.

*DECISION:* The Board thanks President Huang for his report.

### 111. Report of the General Secretary

*Statement:* General Secretary Hewko presented a report on the work at the Secretariat since the Board's October 2014 meeting.

*DECISION:* The Board receives the general secretary's report on the activities at the Secretariat.

## 112. Report of the Treasurer

*Statement:* Rotary Code of Policies section 29.040.7. requires the treasurer to report on the status of RI finances at each Board meeting.

*DECISION:* The Board thanks Treasurer Knaack for his report.

## 113. Communications from the Trustees

*Statement:* At their January 2015 meeting, the Rotary Foundation Trustees took several decisions of interest to the Board.

*DECISION:* The Board

1. notes the following decisions from the January 2015 Trustees meeting:

- Item 65. Communications from the Board
- Item 81. IPPC Report: Polio Ambassadors Recognition Award
- Item 84. IPPC Report: Council on Legislation Resolution on Polio Eradication
- Item 92. Membership Growth Support Initiatives
- Item 95. RI/USAID Partnership Steering Committee
- Item 100. RI/TRF Joint Cost Allocation Committee Report

2. reaffirms that the certification of polio eradication is the premier goal of Rotary International and its foundation and agrees to submit to the 2016 Council on Legislation the following:

### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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

Proposed by the RI Board of Directors

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 the 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.

- 3. supports the PolioPlus Action Plan 2016–19 as adopted by the Trustees and shown in Appendix C;
- 4. thanks the Trustees for their proposal and refers the Trustees' plans to establish a Centennial Award for New Clubs program to the RI Membership Committee for report to the Board at its May 2015 meeting.
- 5. requests the 2015–16 RI president to work with the 2015–16 Trustee chairman to jointly reappoint a three member steering committee to oversee the RI/USAID partnership.

## 114. Election of Foundation Trustee

*Statement:* With the recent passing of Trustee Monty J. Audenart, the president, in accordance with RI Bylaws section 22.020.1., presented his nomination for the Board's consideration to fill Trustee Audenart's unexpired term on The Rotary Foundation board of Trustees.

*DECISION:* The Board, upon the nomination of President Huang, elects Bryn Styles to fill the remainder of Monty J. Audenart's term as a Foundation Trustee, to serve through 30 June 2017, effective immediately.

## 115. Operations Review Committee Report:

*Statement:* The Operations Review Committee met on 4–5 December 2014 in Evanston, Illinois, USA to discuss matters regarding its role as a compensation advisory committee to the Board's Executive Committee.

**DECISION:** The Board receives the report of the Operations Review Committee and, in accordance with the timeline and process approved by the Board for the Committee to act as a compensation advisory committee:

1. notes that the Operations Review Committee has reviewed and approved the six sources of compensation comparability data shown in Appendix D (filed only with the official copy of these minutes) to be used for the annual disqualified persons analysis;
2. notes also that the Operations Review Committee has reviewed Rotary's current employee compensation strategy and found it to be competitive and reasonable within the US nonprofit sector and appropriate for Rotary;
3. approves the employee compensation strategy shown in Appendix E, filed only with the official copy of these minutes.

#### **116. Petitions to the Board**

*Statement:* The Board considered four petitions from Rotary clubs and districts:

- From District 3140, requesting the Board to exempt the district from certain clauses of the district governor-nominee selection pilot process.
- From District 3271, requesting the Board to exempt the district from the district governor-nominee selection pilot.
- From the Rotary Club of Darent Valley, England, requesting the Board to consider offering a family membership in Rotary and to offer family membership magazine subscriptions concessions.
- From the Rotary Club of D'Antananarivo-Tsimbaroa, Madagascar, requesting the Board to reconsider its October 2014 decision concerning the complaint of the Rotary Club of Saint-Paul-Baie and the selection of the 2016–17 governor of District 9220.

**DECISION:** The Board, the Executive Committee acting on its behalf, requests the general secretary to follow-through on the petitions received at this meeting in accordance with discussion at this meeting.

#### **117. Updates to the Rotary Code of Policies**

*Statement:* Board policy requires the general secretary, at the conclusion of each Board meeting, to review the decisions taken by the Board at that meeting and to prepare a report listing the decisions that might be added to the Rotary Code of Policies. The general

secretary provided suggested amendments to the Code based upon decisions taken by the Board at its October 2014 meeting.

**DECISION:** The Board, to record the decisions taken at its October 2014 meeting and previously, amends the Rotary Code of Policies as shown in Appendix F, filed only with the official copy of these minutes.

#### **118. Revised Rotary Code of Policies Chapter 3 (Districts)**

*Statement:* In decision 39, November 2010, the Board requested the general secretary to conduct a thorough review of the Rotary Code of Policies with the goal of reducing its length by removing obsolete and unnecessary provisions. The Board previously adopted revisions to chapters 2 (the Rotary Club), 6 (Communications), 7 (Meetings), and 8 (Finances).

**DECISION:** The Board

1. adopts the revised Rotary Code of Policies chapter 3 (Districts) as shown in Appendix G, filed only with the official copy of these minutes;
2. requests the general secretary to present a similarly revised version of chapter 4 (Administration) for review by the Board at its October 2015 meeting.

#### **119. 2015–16 RI Committee Appointments**

*Statement:* RI Bylaws section 16.010. mandates that the Board shall establish standing committees on communications, constitution and bylaws, conventions, districting, election review, finance, and Rotaract and Interact, as well as such other committees as it may determine is in RI's best interest. The number of members and terms of office for all other committees are determined by the Board. The president has typically presented his committee appointments at the Board's first meeting. President-elect Ravindran requested the Board to review his 2015–16 committee appointments at this meeting to allow more time for planning purposes and to be able to fill the position before the year starts if the appointee is unable to serve.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. establishes, upon President-elect Ravindran's recommendation, the 2015–16 RI and joint RI/TRF committees as shown in Appendix H;
2. offers its congratulations, encouragement, and support to each committee.

## 120. Criteria and Evaluation for RI Standing Committee Membership

*Statement:* In decision 40, October 2014, the Board requested the president to appoint a committee to establish appointment criteria and evaluation metrics for membership on RI's standing committees. This committee met on 23 January 2015 and reviewed an analysis of the 2014–15 committee appointment process, research results on best practices for committee membership on not-for-profit boards, and possible strategies for RI committee appointments and an evaluation process going forward.

*DECISION:* The Board receives the committee's interim report and requests the general secretary to provide an update on this matter at the Board's May 2015 meeting.

## 121. Status of Litigation

*Statement:* The general secretary provides a report at each Board meeting regarding ongoing litigation concerning RI. In decision 63, October 2014, the Board expressed concern that the total amount spent by RI on attorneys' fees since January 2013 in defending pending litigation in India arising out of election disputes and stewardship issues exceeds US\$50,000 and therefor requested the general secretary, in consultation with Rotary leadership in India, to consider ways to reduce election- and stewardship-related litigation, for report at this meeting.

*DECISION:* The Board

1. receives the general secretary's report on litigation and potential ways to reduce election- and stewardship-related litigation;
2. requests the senior leadership in Zones 4, 5 and 6A to consider a comprehensive approach to reduce election complaints and election- and stewardship-related litigation in those zones, for report to the Board at its May 2015 meeting.

## 122. Election Review Committee Report

*Statement:* The general secretary received four election complaints since the Board's October 2014 meeting. In accordance with Board policy, the Election Review Committee reviewed these complaints and made its recommendations to the Board. The Board also noted that the bond required for election complaints had not changed since 1999 and therefore considered whether the amount should be increased.

*DECISION:* The Board

1. receives the complaint of the Rotary Club of Alexandria Mariout, Egypt, concerning the election of the 2016–17 governor of District 2451 (Egypt) and
  - a. does not find any concrete evidence of procedural irregularities in the election process or any other evidence to substantiate the allegations in the complaint;
  - b. dismisses the complaint of the Rotary Club of Alexandria Mariout and confirms the selection of Rotarian Mayan Raslan as the 2016–17 governor of District 2451;
2. receives the complaint of the Rotary Club of Moradabad Mid-Town, Utt. Pr., India, concerning the election of the 2016–17 governor of District 3100 (India) and
  - a. notes that it has previously determined that Rotarian Diwakar Agarwal was ineligible to contest the election under the rules of the governor-nominee selection procedures pilot project currently in effect;
  - b. as there were only two candidates for the election, believes that no further election in the district was necessary once it was determined that Rotarian Agarwal was ineligible;
  - c. upholds the complaint of the Rotary Club of Moradabad Mid Town and confirms the selection of Rotarian Deepak Babu as the 2016–17 governor of District 3100;
  - d. notes that District 3100 has a long history of election disputes, allegations, and complaints against Rotary's election rules and regulations;
  - e. notes the serious concerns expressed by the Indian senior leadership about District 3100 in this regard;
  - f. notes that this is the second election complaint concerning the election of District 3100's governor that the Board has upheld in this Rotary year and agrees to exercise its authority under RI Bylaws section 10.070.3. to dissolve the district and reassign its clubs to neighboring districts should a third election complaint be upheld by the Board in any of the next four years;



3. receives the complaint of the Rotary Club of Islamabad Downtown, Punjab, Pakistan, concerning the election of the 2016–17 governor from District 3272 (Pakistan) and
  - a. agrees with the findings of the zone-level election review panel that the 2013–14 governor, Ifikhar Ahmed, played a dubious role in the election and failed to ensure that elections were conducted in accordance with RI’s policies and procedures;
  - b. upholds the decision of the zone-level review panel that the complaint was not filed within 21 days of the announcement of the results at the district conference as required by RI Bylaws section 10.070.1;
  - c. dismisses the complaint filed by the Rotary Club of Islamabad Downtown and affirms the selection of Rotarian Mir Arif Ali as the 2016–17 governor of District 3272;
  - d. notes with disfavor that the Rotary Club of Islamabad Downtown has filed election complaints concerning the election of the 2012–13, 2014–15, and 2016–17 governors and refers the club to the definition of “failure to function” in Rotary Code of Policies section 2.010.1.;
4. receives the election complaint of the Rotary Club of Torreon Centenario, Coah., Mexico, concerning the election of the 2016–17 governor of District 4110 (Mexico) and
  - a. finds that 2013–14 Governor Gilberto Aguilera committed numerous violations of RI Bylaws Article 13 in the selection process for governor, including:
    - impermissibly extending the deadline for selection of the governor-nominee;
    - failing to follow the procedures in the RI Bylaws where the nominating committee is unable to select a nominee;
    - not allowing clubs sufficient time to return ballots;
  - b. given the election violations itemized above, upholds the complaint of the Rotary Club of Torreon Centenario, voids the election of Rotarian Ariel Garcia, and requests the governor to carry out a new election in strict compliance with the RI Bylaws;
5. thanks the Election Review Committee for their review of the above-referenced complaints;
6. agrees that the cash bond required by filing an election complaint shall be US\$2,000 for district-level offices and \$5,000 for all other offices, effective 1 July 2015.

DECISIONS 123–126

**Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report**  
Meeting on 20–21 November 2014 in Evanston,  
Illinois, USA.

**123. Amendments to Previously Proposed Legislation**

*Statement:* The Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommended several changes to legislation previously submitted by the Board.

*DECISION:* The Board agrees to amend the proposed legislation it had previously submitted to the 2016 Council on Legislation, as shown in Appendix I.

**124. Proposed Legislation**

*Statement:* In decision 58, October 2014, the Board authorized the president with the consent of the Board Council on Legislation Advisory Committee chairman, to act on the Board’s behalf with respect to all matters relating to the Council until the Board’s next meeting. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee noted that President Huang had submitted seven items of legislation to the 2016 Council since the Board’s October 2014 meeting.

*DECISION:* The Board notes that, pursuant to its decision 58, October 2014 that authorized the president with the consent of the Board Council on Legislation Advisory Committee chairman, to act on the Board’s behalf with respect to all matters relating to the Council, President Huang submitted to the 2016 Council on Legislation the items as shown in Appendix J and listed below:

1. To create a new category of membership: associate membership (File 033)
2. To amend the attendance provisions for members from the same corporation (File 053)
3. To allow clubs flexibility in structuring their regular meetings (File 054)
4. To allow clubs to conduct multiple club meetings (File 055)

5. To revise the procedures for selecting directors-nominee (File 056)
6. To amend the subscription requirements for the Rotary magazine and regional magazines (File 051)
7. To allow Rotaractors to be active members (File 052)

### 125. Club and District Proposed Legislation

*Statement:* Pursuant to RI Bylaws section 7.040., the Constitution and Bylaws Committee reviewed Legislation submitted to the general secretary for submission to the 2016 Council. The committee determined the status of each file as reflected in the following decision.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. tentatively agrees that the following files containing proposed legislation for the 2016 Council are not defective at this time: 004, 005, 006, 018, 021, 022, 023, 024, 025, 027, 034, 035, 036, 037, 041, 042, 043, 044, 058, 059, 060, and 061;
2. tentatively agrees that the following files containing proposed legislation for the 2016 Council are defective at this time: 003, 019, 020, 026, 028, 031, 032, 038, and 040;
3. agrees that legislation that is not duly proposed, defective, or not within the framework of the program of RI shall not be transmitted to the Council.

### 126. Publishing of Legislation

*Statement:* RI Bylaws section 7.050.5. requires the general secretary to provide 10 copies of all duly proposed legislation, as approved by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, to each governor, plus one copy to members of the Council and to all past directors by 30 September in the year the Council convenes. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommended a schedule for the publication of legislation that meets these requirements.

**DECISION:** The Board requests the general secretary to use the following schedule for publishing and mailing legislation proposed to the 2016 Council on Legislation:

1. a volume of the official “English version” of all legislation found by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to be duly proposed and not defective or

not within the framework of the program of RI will be sent electronically to governors, Council members, and past directors by 30 September 2015. One paper copy will also be sent to any Council member, past director, and any governor who requests it. Governors may also request to receive additional copies of the official volume of legislation;

2. French, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish versions of the volume will be sent electronically by the end of October to governors, past directors and Council members as appropriate. One paper copy will also be sent to any Council member, past director and any governor who requests it. Governors may also request to receive additional copies of the volume;
3. only legislation that is to be transmitted to the Council will be published;
4. the Report of Action of all legislation adopted by the Council will be sent electronically to each club within two months of the Council’s adjournment.

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DECISIONS 127–129  
**Board Council on Legislation Advisory  
Committee Report**  
Meeting on 18 January 2015 in San Diego,  
California, USA.

### 127. Withdrawal of Proposed Legislation

*Statement:* The Board Council on Legislation Advisory Committee reviewed all items of legislation that the Board had previously agreed to propose to the 2016 Council and suggested that the Board withdraw seven of these proposed enactments.

**DECISION:** The Board rescinds its decisions 52, 84 point 3, 100 point 2, and 103, October 2014, thereby not submitting to the 2016 Council on Legislation its proposed legislation titled as follows:

- To amend the rules for selecting the RI president-nominee (File 016)
- To create a new category of membership: associate membership (File 033)
- To modify the general surplus fund expenditures requirements (File 048)
- To establish Rotaract clubs (File 050)

- To amend the attendance provisions for members from the same corporation (File 053)
- To allow clubs flexibility in structuring their regular meetings (File 054)
- To allow clubs to conduct multiple club meetings (File 055)

### 128. Recommended Legislation for Rotary Institutes

*Statement:* Rotary Code of Policies section 60.050. requests that in the year of the Council, Rotary institute conveners provide for a training session for Council representatives and alternates to discuss the operation and procedures of the Council and to also schedule a plenary session to discuss the substance of select proposals to be considered at the next Council. The Board Council on Legislation Advisory Committee suggested seven enactments for conveners to present for discussion.

*DECISION:* The Board

1. in accordance with Rotary Code of Policies section 60.050., requests the 2015–16 Rotary Institutes conveners to schedule plenary sessions to discuss the substance of the following proposals to be considered at the 2016 Council, for the purpose of allowing voting representatives the opportunity to hear the views of Rotarians from their area of the world:
  - To provide for a membership committee of RI (File 001)
  - To add a fifth part to the Object of Rotary to include the development of service and leadership in youth (File 008)
  - To amend the terms of reference for the Strategic Planning Committee (File 013)
  - To authorize the RI Board to suspend or terminate a club for litigation-related actions (File 029)
  - To allow for flexibility in club meetings and attendance (File 045)
  - To allow for flexibility in membership (File 046)
  - To provide that each club pays dues for a minimum of 10 members (File 049)
2. requests the Board Council on Legislation Advisory Committee to draft and provide to conveners

appropriate discussion points regarding legislation identified in point 1 for use in such plenary sessions.

*Note:* President Huang and Director Viale requested their negative votes be recorded.

### 129. RI President Authorization

*Statement:* Since various Council-related matters requiring Board approval may arise before the Board's next meeting, the Board Council on Legislation Advisory Committee recommended that the Board grant authority to the president to act on its behalf on any such issues until the May 2015 Board meeting.

*DECISION:* The Board authorizes President Huang, with the consent of the chair of the Board Council Advisory Committee, to act on its behalf until the June 2015 meeting with respect to all Council on Legislation matters, including amending Board-proposed legislation.

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### 130. Extension of Governor-nominee Selection Procedures Pilot in India

*Statement:* In 2012 the Board adopted a three-year governor nominee selection pilot project for India. The pilot is scheduled to end 30 June 2015. Noting the positive results from this pilot project, Director Prabhakar suggested the Board extend the pilot—with some minor revisions—for an additional three-year term.

*DECISION:* The Board

1. thanks Director Prabhakar for the update on the governor-nominee selection pilot;
2. notes that the pilot has been decided through comprehensive and continuous consultations with the district leadership;
3. extends this pilot project for an additional three years to 30 June 2018;
4. amends paragraphs 1, 6, and 7 of the Regional Election Complaint Pilot Project as follows:
  1. Each year, the RI president will appoint a panel of three Rotarians jointly recommended by the current director(s) and past RI Presidents from ~~in each of~~ zones 4,

5, and 6A to comprise a Zone-level Election Complaint Panel (“panel”) for that zone. Panel members should be past RI officers or Rotarians with expertise and experience in an appropriate field, including, but not limited to, such as law or the judiciary. Should any member be unavailable to serve on the panel for any reason, the RI president shall appoint additional members as needed. Names of the panel members ~~may~~ shall be kept confidential. ~~and be known only to the RI Board upon request.~~

6. All decisions of the panel shall be submitted in writing to the general secretary no later than 15 days after receipt of all documentation by the panel. Based on its review of all the available information, the panel’s report shall state its findings of fact, its conclusions and recommendations and reasons therefor. If the panel is unable to reach a decision, the complaint will be administered in accordance with the Board’s election complaint procedures found in Rotary Code of Policies section 26.100.
7. The general secretary will forward the panel’s report to ~~notify the parties of the panel’s decision upon receipt of the panel’s report.~~ If the panel’s decision is to uphold the complaint, the general secretary will refund the cash bond submitted with the complaint.

### 131. Member Benefit Program Update

*Statement:* In decision 60, October 2014, the Board agreed to establish a new member benefit card program, requested the president to appoint a committee to work with the general secretary in launching this initiative, and requested the general secretary to provide an update at this meeting. The committee met on 13–14 January 2015 in San Diego, California, USA and discussed the technology requirements for establishing a member benefit card, a marketing plan, including a program name, strategies for aligning the program with the six Areas of Focus, and a timeline for launching the program, among other topics.

*DECISION:* The Board thanks the Member Benefit Program Committee for its report and requests a further update at its May 2015 meeting.

### 132. Reconsideration of Board Decisions

*Statement:* The Board considered a proposal that would limit how soon the Board could reconsider a previously considered agenda item.

*DECISION:* The Board does not look with favor on the recommendation to amend the Rotary Code of Policies so as to limit the Board from reconsidering previously considered items.

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*Note:* Directors Growney Selene and Webb requested that their negative votes be recorded.

### 133. UNESCO-IHE Partnership Agreement Extension

*Statement:* In decision 64, October 2014, the Board requested the general secretary to work on a one-year extension of the current agreement with UNESCO-IHE and further negotiate the terms of the partnership for report at this meeting.

*DECISION:* The Board approves the one-year extension of the memorandum of understanding between The Rotary Foundation and UNESCO-IHE (cohort of 2015–17).

### 134. Update to District Leadership Plan

*Statement:* In decision 72, October 2014, the Board requested the Leadership Development and Training Committee to review making district New Generations (Youth Service) committees mandatory under the District Leadership Plan.

*DECISION:* The Board acknowledges the importance of New Generations (Youth Service) committee and agrees that it should be mandatory.

### 135. Clarification of Responsibilities for Rotary Coordinators and Rotary Public Image Coordinators

*Statement:* At their January 2015 meeting, the Trustees amended the responsibilities of the regional Rotary Foundation coordinators and the endowment/major gifts advisers to include helping the Trustees achieve their annual priorities and goals. The president-elect suggested the Board make a corresponding change in the regional coordinator list of responsibilities to include helping achieve the priorities and goals set annually by the Board.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. agrees that in addition to the responsibilities currently listed in the Rotary Code of Policies, the Rotary coordinators and Rotary public image coordinators are also responsible for helping to achieve the 2015–16 priorities and goals approved by the Board in its decision 31, October 2014;
2. requests the general secretary to prepare proposed revisions for the Rotary Code of Policies that will add the responsibility for the Rotary coordinators and Rotary public image coordinators to help achieve such priorities and goals approved by the Board in the future.

**136. Rotaract and Interact Committee Report**

*Statement:* The Rotaract and Interact Committee met on 11–12 December 2014 in Evanston, Illinois, USA and discussed possible amendments to the Rotary Code of Policies and the standard Interact club constitution and bylaws that would promote greater cooperation between Rotaract and Rotary, strengthen RI and district oversight of Rotaract, provide flexibility for Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organizations, and clarify the upper age limit for Interactors, among other topics.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. thanks the Rotaract and Interact Committee for its report;
2. agrees in principle to continue studying alternative models for Rotary clubs and Rotary membership to attract young professionals, including Rotaract and Rotary alumni;
3. requests future RI Convention committees to incorporate meaningful programming in general plenary and breakout sessions that is relevant to Rotaractors and Rotary alumni and to investigate further integration of Rotaract programming into the Rotary International Convention;
4. amends the Rotary Code of Policies and the Standard Interact Club Constitution as shown in Appendix K to:
  - a. clarify the age range of the Interact program to permit Interactors to participate until 30 June of the Rotary year in which they turn 18 years old;
  - b. reduce election-related litigation and encourage local resolution of election conflicts for district Interact representatives and district Rotaract representatives;

- c. amend district representation in Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organizations;
- d. encourage inclusion of Rotaractors in Rotary district leadership training as a best practice;
- e. amend INTEROTA bidding procedures.

**137. Pre-Convention Young Generations Get Together Update**

*Statement:* In decision 71, October 2014, the Board requested an update on plans for the 2016 Host Organization Preconvention Young Leaders Summit in Korea. Director Yun reported on draft programming for the event, projected attendance, criteria for participation, an on-line contest centered around the event, and possible sponsorships. The Board also considered revised dates for the Rotaract Preconvention to minimize schedule conflicts.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. thanks Director Yun, 2016 RI Seoul Convention Host Organization Committee Chairman, for the report on the Young Leaders Summit;
2. agrees on an exception basis that the 2016 Rotaract Preconvention occurs on Saturday and Sunday morning, 28–29 May 2016, and concurrent with the first seating of the international convention's opening plenary session.

**138. Updated Identity for Youth Programs**

*Statement:* The general secretary presented the Board with new youth programs logos that have been updated to be consistent with Rotary's visual identity.

*DECISION:* The Board thanks the general secretary and communications committee for the report received at this meeting on the updated identity for youth programs and requests the general secretary to implement the new identity as soon as possible.

**139. Rotarian Action Groups Committee Report**

*Statement:* The Rotarian Action Groups Committee met on 16 January 2015 in San Diego, California, USA and reviewed proposals for new Rotarian Action Groups, discussed how RI can better support Rotarian Action Groups, and how to improve Rotarians' awareness of Rotarian Action Groups, among other topics.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. recognizes the proposed Disaster Network of Assistance Rotarian Action Group;
2. recognizes the proposed Rotarian Action Group for Endangered Species;
3. recognizes the proposed Rotarian Action Group – Preparing for Life, provided that the group organizers agree to function as an entity independent of the Preparing for Life Foundation, and that the group fulfill the Rotarian Action Groups mandate to help Rotary clubs and districts plan and implement service projects, and further provided that the name of the Rotarian Action Group more accurately reflects the mission of the group;
4. requests the general secretary to promote all Rotarian Action Groups in *The Rotarian* and regional magazines;
5. requests the Rotarian Action Groups Committee to form a subcommittee to continue exploring, by correspondence, strategies for improving Rotarians' awareness of, and involvement in, Rotarian Action Groups, for report to the Board at its May 2015 meeting.

**140. Award for Non-Rotarians**

*Statement:* The Board considered a proposal to develop a new Rotary award to recognize non-Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. agrees to establish a new award called the Rotary Award for Excellence in Service to Humanity and adopts new Rotary Code of Policies section 43.110. as follows:

**43.110. Rotary Award for Excellence in Service to Humanity**

The purpose of this award is to recognize non-Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service consistent with Rotary's ideals, and who might otherwise go unrecognized.

**Eligibility**

Only non-Rotarians may be nominated for this award. The nominee may not be a spouse,

partner, lineal descendant (child or grandchild), a spouse or partner of a lineal descendant, or an ancestor (parent or grandparent) of a Rotarian.

An individual may only receive the award once. The awardee will be selected by a committee of the district's five most recent past governors. The award is limited to one per district.

**Criteria**

A current district governor may grant only one Rotary Award for Excellence in Service to Humanity award to a deserving non-Rotarian in the district. Governors may order certificates from Rotary International free of charge.

2. requests the general secretary to create and administer this new Rotary Award for Excellence in Service to Humanity program, beginning in 2015–16, and requests the general secretary to budget US\$6,000 for this purpose.

**141. Service Above Self Award Policy Changes**

*Statement:* Director Hall suggested an amendment to the Service Above Self Award nomination process to require the governor of the district where the award nominee is from to be notified of the nomination.

**DECISION:** The Board amends the Rotary Code of Policies regarding the Service Above Self Award as follows:

**43.030. Service Above Self Award**

[text omitted]

**Criteria**

Nominees must be Rotarians in good standing. They must have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service, in any form and at any level, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary. The award will not be given solely in recognition of one's performance in an elected or appointed Rotary assignment. Nominees' service through Rotary must be on a continuing basis.

Only current or immediate past district governors, and current and past RI directors may submit nominations. Any eligible nominator may nominate no more than three candidates for the award in any given year.

RI's current special representatives to non-districted Rotary clubs may also nominate a maximum of three Rotarians per year belonging to the clubs they serve.

The current governor of the nominee's district must be notified of the nomination, if he or she is not the person submitting the nomination.

Up to 150 recipients will be selected each year. It is possible that there will be fewer than 150 recipients selected. No more than one recipient will be selected from a given district each year. Nominations must be limited to the space provided on the prescribed form and must include a clear description of the nominee's service rendered through Rotary. Additional information will not be considered by the selection committee.

The award shall consist of a lapel pin and plaque.

*Note:* Director Growney Selene requested that her negative vote be recorded.

#### 142. Chinese Interpretation

*Statement:* Noting the growing number of Chinese-speaking Rotarians, President Huang suggested that the Board add Chinese to the list of languages supported at the International Assembly and the Council on Legislation.

*DECISION:* The Board agrees that Chinese should be available at the International Assembly and Council on Legislation and amends Rotary Code of Policies sections 58.050.2. and 59.060.7. as follows:

58.050.2. Simultaneous Interpretation/Language Support

The International Assembly shall be conducted primarily in English with simultaneous interpretation provided during plenary sessions in Chinese, French, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish. Discussion sessions at the International Assembly will be held in English, French, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish.

59.060.7. Simultaneous Interpretation/Language Support

The Council shall be conducted in English, with simultaneous interpretation provided during plenary sessions in Chinese, French, Japanese, Korean,

Portuguese, and Spanish. The general secretary, with the concurrence of the president, may choose other languages for simultaneous interpretation.

#### 143. RI Convention Site Recommendation Report Deadline

*Statement:* Noting that the site visits have already been confirmed for the 2019, 2021, and 2022 conventions, the Board discussed the benefits of receiving the report at its May rather than October 2015 meeting that it had previously requested.

*DECISION:* The Board amends its decision 68, October 2014 as follows:

##### 68. Possible Host Cities for 2019, 2021, and 2022 RI Convention

*DECISION:* The Board

3. requests the general secretary to report to the Board at its ~~October~~ May 2015 meeting regarding site selection recommendations for the 2019, 2021, and 2022 RI Conventions.

#### 144. Districting Committee Report

*Statement:* The Districting Committee met via teleconference in December 2014 to discuss several redistricting requests, district membership reports from Mexico, 10-year membership histories, and "additionally-supported" status districts, among other topics. The committee made several recommendations to the Board.

*DECISION:* The Board

1. reorganizes the clubs in District 3460 (Taiwan) into two new districts, effective 1 July 2017, as follows:

##### District 3461

TAIWAN—Yuan-Li township, Tung-Shiao township, Cho-Lan township of Miaoli county, Northern Taichung city, Fengyuan district of Taichung county, and Taichung Harbor district of Taichung county

##### District 3462

TAIWAN—Southern Taichung city, Taichung county (except for Fengyuan district and Taichung Harbor district), Chungwa county and Nantou county

and requests the general secretary to notify District 3460 of this decision;

- reorganizes the clubs in District 3480 (Taiwan) into two new districts, effective 1 July 2017, as follows:

**District 3481**

TAIWAN—Administrative districts of Taipei West Chung San, Taipei Hsin Yi, Taipei Wen Shan, New Taipei City Chung Ho & Yung Ho & Hsintien, and Kin Men

**District 3482**

TAIWAN—Administrative districts of Taipei Ta An, Taipei Chung Cheng, Taipei Ta Tung, and Taipei Wan Hua

and requests the general secretary to notify District 3480 of this decision;

- reorganizes the clubs in District 3500 (Taiwan) into two new districts, effective 1 July 2017, as follows:

**District 3501**

TAIWAN—Counties of Chungli, Hsinchu, Miaoli (except Yuan-Li township, Tung-Shiao township, and Cho-Lan township)

**District 3502**

TAIWAN—Taoyuan county

and requests the general secretary to notify District 3500 of this decision;

- noting that District 3520's (Taiwan) 10-year growth rate was over 92 percent and acknowledging the proposers wish to create a longer term sustainable districting structure, reorganizes the clubs in District 3520 (Taiwan) into three new districts, effective 1 July 2017, as follows:

**District 3521**

TAIWAN—Peitou, Shihlin, Chungshan East (by Chungshan North road), and Tamsui of Metro Taipei

**District 3522**

TAIWAN—Sungshan, Neihu, Hsinchih, Hsinyi North (by Hsinyi Road) of Metro Taipei

**District 3523**

TAIWAN—Nankong, Wenshan, Hsinyi South (by Hsinyi Road) of Metro Taipei

and requests the general secretary to notify District 3520 of this decision;

- requests President Huang to appoint past RI Director José Alfredo Sepúlveda to work with leadership in the eight districts in Mexico to create a national redistricting plan that will help address decreasing membership and administrative and district leadership issues, for report at the Board's October 2015 meeting;

- noting that District 9140's (Nigeria) 10-year growth rate was over 139 percent and acknowledging the proposers' wish to create a longer term, sustainable districting structure, reorganizes the clubs in District 9140 into two new districts, effective 1 July 2017, as follows:

**District 9141**

NIGERIA—States of Bayelsa, Delta, Edo and Rivers

**District 9142**

NIGERIA—States of Abia, Akwa Ibom, Anambra, Cross River, Ebonyi, Engugu, and Imo

and requests the general secretary to notify District 9140 of this decision;

- noting that only one additionally-supported district (District 2225) has shown marginal growth since the pilot's 2011 start, agrees that the investment of additional funding and resources has not produced the expected results;
- requests district leadership in Brazil to appoint a chairman by 1 March 2015 to review districting issues and the 10-year membership trends in Brazil, for report to the Board at its October 2015 meeting and notes that if the district leadership is unable to recommend a chairman by the deadline, the RI president will make the appointment by 31 March 2015.

**145. Report on Additionally Supported Districts**

*Statement:* An “additionally-supported” district is a temporary designation that allows the Board to create or maintain a district that does not meet the minimum number of clubs or members as required by the RI Bylaws. Rotary Code of Policies section 17.010.7. authorizes annual funding of up to US\$200,000 to such districts for additional training, membership development, promotion of participation in The Rotary Foundation, and other appropriate support as determined by the general secretary in consultation with



the director for that area and district leadership. The general secretary works with the leadership in these districts to assess their funding needs. The Board reviews the status of additionally-supported districts annually at its January meeting.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. extends “additionally-supported” status and related funding in 2015–16 to District 1912 (Slovenia) and District 1913 (Croatia), noting the districts’ positive membership growth since the start of the pilot on 1 July 2012;
2. rescinds “additionally-supported” status and related funding in 2015–16 to Districts 2220 (Russia), 2225 (Russia), and 2484 (Greece);
3. reminds the districts noted in points 1 and 2 above of Board decision 91, January 2014, which granted an exemption to the districts from meeting the minimum membership requirements until 30 June 2018 and requested the districts to postpone the selection of their 2018–19 district governor;
4. requests the general secretary to develop effective assessment and measurement tools to support membership growth and determine resource needs in these districts.

**146. Zone Reassignment of District 2232**

*Statement:* In decision 90, January 2014, the Board reorganized the clubs in District 2230 (Belarus, Poland, and Ukraine) into new District 2231 (Poland) and District 2232 (Belarus, Ukraine), both in Zone 16 (sections of northern Europe). Citing a closer affinity to clubs in Zone 19 (which includes sections of central and eastern Europe), new District 2232 petitioned the general secretary to be transferred from Zone 16 to Zone 19.

**DECISION:** The Board reassigns District 2232 (Belarus and Ukraine) from Zone 16 to Zone 19, effective 1 July 2016.

**147. District Governor Budget Approval**

*Statement:* In decision 167, May 2014, the Board recognized that its schedule for approving district governor budgets did not allow governors-elect sufficient time to effectively plan for their years in office and therefore agreed to consider this budget item at its annual January meeting.

**DECISION:** The Board approves the 2015–16 district governors funding budget (including expenses for district governor-elect mailings, RIBI governor-elect expenses for attendance at GETS, additionally-supported districts, and non-districted clubs), as shown in Appendix L.

**148. Assistant Governor Term of Service**

*Statement:* The role of assistant governor is limited to three one-year terms. Noting that some governors find that the role can be difficult to fill, and that some assistant governors do not wish to advance to the role of governor, the Board discussed allowing flexibility in the term length of an assistant governor.

**DECISION:** The Board amends Rotary Code of Policies section 19.060.1. to allow assistant governors to serve a longer term as follows:

19.060.1. Assistant Governor Term

Assistant governors may serve no more than a total of for a period of three one-year terms. Assistant governors may serve an additional period of three one-year terms two years after their last one-year term.

**149. Rotary in Vietnam**

*Statement:* The Board considered a proposal for approving the formation of expatriate-only clubs in Vietnam.

**DECISION:** The Board defers consideration of the formation of Rotary clubs in Vietnam until its May 2015 meeting and requests the general secretary to investigate options for clubs to operate within the legal framework of Vietnam and consistent with Rotary’s policies and practices.

**150. Magazine Subscription Options in South America**

*Statement:* Districts 4970 and 4980 (Uruguay) petitioned the Board to have their official magazine subscription changed. The Board further discussed establishing a provision to allow other South American districts outside of Venezuela the option to change their regional magazine subscription if they believe another magazine could better serve them.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. changes Districts 4970 and 4980’s (Uruguay) approved regional magazine from *Revista Rotaria*

to *Vida Rotaria*, effective 1 July 2015 and requests the general secretary to notify all involved parties of the Board's decision by 15 February 2015;

2. agrees that all districts outside of Venezuela that are currently served by *Revista Rotaria* be provided the opportunity to designate—by written resolution approved by two-thirds of each district's member clubs and submitted to the general secretary during the period 1 January 2016 and 31 March 2016—their regional magazine choice to be officially approved for the district by RI, with an effective date of 1 July 2016, and further requests the general secretary to notify all affected parties of this decision and to provide guidelines for implementation by 1 March 2015.

### 151. Recognition Working Group

*Statement:* The Board discussed the need for and possible strategies for receiving public recognition for its humanitarian efforts.

*DECISION:* The Board requests the president to appoint a working group to review appropriate recognition for Rotary's humanitarian efforts, for report to the Board at its May 2015 meeting.

### 152. PolioPlus Communications

*Statement:* In decision 162, May 2014, the Board allocated US\$3.09 million from the General Surplus Fund to sustain comprehensive end-of-polio communications activities through 30 June 2016. The Board discussed further enhancements to this plan.

*DECISION:* The Board requests the president and the trustee chairman to appoint a joint subcommittee of the Communications and International PolioPlus Committees to focus on communications efforts at the end of polio, for initial report to the Board at its May 2015 meeting.

### 153. RI/TRF Joint Cost Allocation Committee Report

*Statement:* The RI and TRF Codes of Policies require the president and trustee chairman to each appoint two members annually to a joint committee to review and recommend any necessary changes to RI's methodology for allocating costs to The Rotary Foundation. The committee discussed its role and suggested that the RI and TRF Finance Committees could assume its responsibilities.

*DECISION:* The Board

1. thanks the RI/TRF Joint Cost Allocation Committee for its report;
2. approves the amended administrative services agreement for 1 July 2014 through 1 July 2017, as shown in Appendix M, filed only with the official copy of these minutes;
3. approves the following modifications to Exhibit C of the Administrative Services Agreement beginning fiscal year 2015–16:
  - Communications expenses for 'Public Relations for Polio' to be shared equally between RI and TRF effective 1 July 2015.
4. transfers the responsibilities of the RI/TRF Joint Cost Allocation Committee to the RI Finance Committee and TRF Finance Committee with the assistance of a joint working group of those committees, effective 1 July 2015;
5. notes that the joint responsibility of the RI Finance Committee and Rotary Foundation Finance Committee regarding the allocation of funds between Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation and the Administrative Services Agreement, is to review both agreements and to recommend to the Board and Trustees any changes required to RI's methodology and allocation of costs to the Foundation;
6. rescinds the Rotary Code of Policy section 69.060.1, as follows:

~~69.060.1. Joint Committee to Review Allocation of Costs Between RI and TRF  
The RI president and the chairman of The Rotary Foundation Trustees shall each appoint two members of their respective bodies each year to a joint committee of Directors and Trustees to review and recommend to the Board and Trustees any changes required to RI's methodology and allocation of costs to the Foundation.~~

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*Note:* Director Høyen requested that his negative vote be recorded.

**154. 2015 RI (São Paulo) Convention Financial Status Report**

*Statement:* The RI Finance Committee reviewed the monthly financial forecasts for the São Paulo convention along with current attendance figures and expressed concern that various attendance models indicated that the convention could result in considerable losses for RI.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. authorizes use of up to US\$2,000,000 from the convention reserve to cover RI’s potential loss from the 2015 RI (São Paulo) Convention, in addition to the use of \$400,000 from the convention reserve approved in Board decision 85, January 2014;
2. requests the Host Organization Committee to provide the RI Finance Committee with a revised financial report by February 2015;
3. agrees that it will not reimburse any deficits incurred by the Host Organization Committee.

**155. 2016 RI (Seoul) Convention Budget**

*Statement:* At its annual January meeting, the Board approves the budget for the following year’s international convention. In decision 96, October 2014, the Board requested the Finance Committee to review the proposed convention budget (to include financial recommendations) before submission to the Board at this meeting. Reviewing convention registration trends from Asia and projected attendance figures, among other factors, the RI Finance Committee recommended a convention registration budget based on a US\$310 registration fee and an attendance of 28,000 registrants.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. approves the 2016 RI (Seoul) Convention budget as shown in Appendix N, filed only with the official copy of these minutes;
2. amends point 2 of its decision 67, October 2014 as follows:

**67. 2016 RI (Seoul) Convention Committee Report**

2. approves a budgeted attendance of ~~27,500~~ 28,000 for the 2016 RI (Seoul) Convention;

3. sets the registration fee for the 2016 RI (Seoul) Convention based upon 28,000 registrants with corresponding registration fees as outlined below:

<b>Registration Fees:</b>	<b>15 Dec 2015</b>	<b>31 March 2016</b>	<b>On Site</b>
Rotarian, Non-Rotarian spouse, Spouse of deceased Rotarian, Rotary club/district employee, Guest age 19 or older	US\$310	US\$375	US\$440
Rotaractor, Non-Rotarian alumnus and one guest of Rotaractor or Non-Rotarian alumnus*	US\$70	US\$100	US\$130
Guest age 5 to 18, Youth Exchange Student or Interactor	US\$10	US\$10	US\$10
Guests younger than age 5	Free	Free	Free

\*Rate does not apply to alumni who were Rotarians prior to their Foundation program participation

**156. Convention Expenses**

*Statement:* The Board discussed its decision 96, October 2014 that had approved use of convention registration fees to fund the cost of some RI convention support staff, and had requested the general secretary to research potential outsourcing for RI convention event planning. The Board also more broadly discussed the purpose of an RI Convention and the challenges with Rotary’s current convention model.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. reaffirms point 1 of its decision 96, October 2014 that approved use of convention registration fees to fund the cost of RI staff who spend a significant amount of their time supporting the international convention, effective for the 2016 RI (Seoul) Convention;
2. requests the RI president to appoint a working group of Rotarians with past convention experience to define the purpose of the convention, establish success measurements, and clarify the opportunities and challenges with the current convention model, for review at the Board’s October 2015 meeting;
3. rescinds point 3 of its decision 96, October 2014 as shown below:

**96. International Convention—Fully Costing**

3. ~~requests the general secretary to review the potential impact of outsourcing aspects of RI convention event planning, for report to the RI Finance Committee at its October 2015 meeting.~~

<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
Dec. 144 Dist. Comm. Rpt.	-	-	(78,935)
Dec. 153 RI/TRF Joint Cost Allc.	1,300,000	-	-
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>1,224,000</u></b>	<b><u>(36,000)</u></b>	<b><u>(114,935)</u></b>

*Note:* Director Hall requested his negative vote be recorded

**157. Modifications to the Budget in 2014-15**

*Statement:* At the conclusion of each meeting, the Board reviews all actions taken during that meeting affecting Rotary’s budget.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. notes no modification to the 2014-15 RI budget as approved through July 2014, as follows:

<b><u>2014-15 Budget (US\$)</u></b>	
Revenues:	\$97,353,000
Expenses:	<u>(100,928,000)</u>
<b>Change in net assets:</b>	<b><u>(3,575,000)</u></b>
Convention reserves:	562,000
GSF funded expenses:	3,388,000
Additional GSF spending 2014-15:	1,630,000
Total change in net assets (net resv/GSF):	<u>\$2,005,000</u>

2. approves the following 2014-15 budget variances:

<b>Expenses:</b>	
<u>January 2015 mtg:</u>	
Dec. 154 São Paulo Convention Financial Status Report:	(2,000,000)
<u>July 2014 mtg.</u>	(8,500)
<u>October 2014 mtg.</u>	(387,550)
Total 2014-15 Board meeting Variances to the 2014-15 budget:	<u>(2,396,050)</u>
<b>Funding from GSF/Reserves:</b>	
Dec. 154 São Paulo Convention Financial Status Report:	2,000,000
<b>Total 2014-15 changes in net assets Including variances:</b>	<b><u>\$1,608,950</u></b>

3. notes the following decisions at this meeting impacting future years:

<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
Dec. 140 Rotary Award for Excellence:	(6,000)	(6,000)	(6,000)
Dec. 142 Chinese Interp.	(70,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)

**Adjournment**

The foregoing is a true record of the proceedings at the January 2015 Rotary International Board of Directors meeting.

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Gary C. K. Huang  
President

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Andrew McDonald  
Secretary of the Meeting

**ATTEST:**

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John Hewko  
General Secretary, RI

## APPENDIX A

### RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS MADE BY THE PRESIDENT (Decision 108)

#### 1. Vacancy in the Office of Governor-elect, District 1240 (England)

*Statement:* District 1240 reported that Governor-elect Adrian Phillips is unable to perform the duties of office for personal reasons. The District Council recommended that Alan Clark, a member of the Rotary Club of Rayleigh Mill, Essex England be appointed as governor. Director Webb concurred with this recommendation and Rotarian Clark indicated that he is willing to perform this duty.

**DECISION:** The Board, the president acting on its behalf, in accordance with RI Bylaws section 6.120.1 and 13.070, appoints Alan Clark a member of the Rotary Club of Rayleigh Mill, Essex England, to serve as governor-elect of District 1240.

#### 2. Vacancy in the Office of Governor-elect, District 3011 (India)

*Statement:* Governor Sanjay Khanna reported that District 3011 was unable to select its 2015–16 governor at least three months before the International Assembly because the district was newly created by the Board at its October 2014 meeting. (The Board split District 3010 into two new districts: District 3011 and District 3012). Governor Khanna recommended that Sudhir Mangla, who had previously been selected as the 2016–17 governor from District 3010, be appointed as governor. Director Prabhakar concurred with this recommendation, and Rotarian Mangla indicated he is willing to perform this duty.

**DECISION:** The Board, the president acting on its behalf, in accordance with RI Bylaws sections 6.120.1 and 13.070, appoints Sudhir Mangla of the Rotary Club of Delhi Lutyens, Delhi, India, to serve as governor-elect of District 3011.

## APPENDIX B

### RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS MADE BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY (Decision 109)

*Statement:* The general secretary reported that, in accordance with instruction and authorization from the Board, he had made the following decisions on behalf of the Board during the period 5 September 2014 through 5 December 2014.

#### 1. Admission of Clubs

*Statement:* Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may approve provisional clubs' applications for membership in RI in accordance with established procedure and policy.

**DECISION:** The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, approves admission of the following Rotary clubs to membership in RI:

#### Zone 2

Tokyo Sunrise Shiodome, Tokyo, Japan

#### Zone 3

Kawachinagano Koyakaido, Osaka, Japan

#### Zone 4

Abhona, Maharashtra, India  
Ambajogai Yogeshwari, Maharashtra, India  
Beed Central, Maharashtra, India  
Beed City, Maharashtra, India  
Dhule Vidyanagari, Maharashtra, India  
Faridabad Cosmopolitan, Haryana, India  
JVPD Mumbai, Maharashtra, India  
Malegaon West, Maharashtra, India  
Pune Deccan Queen, Maharashtra, India  
Pune Diamond, Maharashtra, India  
Pune Mayur, Maharashtra, India  
Pune Mukundnagar, Maharashtra, India  
Pune Royal Maharashtra, India  
Udgir Central, Maharashtra, India  
Wakad, Maharashtra, India

#### Zone 5

Avadi, Chennai, India  
Batticaloa Heritage, Sri Lanka  
Digana, Central Province, Sri Lanka  
Gollapudi, Andhra Pradesh, India  
Greater Bengaluru, Karnataka, India  
Jaffna City, Sri Lanka  
K.V. Kuppam, Tamil Nadu, India  
Karur Amaravathi, Tamil Nadu, India

#### Zone 5 (continued)

Karur Thanthondrimalai, Tamil Nadu, India  
Kilinochchi Town, Northern Prov., Sri Lanka  
Kondotty, Kerala, India  
Kumpalampoika, Kerala, India  
Mannar, Kerala, India  
Mullaithivu, Sri Lanka  
Somanur, Tamil Nadu, India  
Sri Jayawardenapura, Sri Lanka  
Tiruvannamalai Vengikkal, Tamil Nadu, India  
Uthamapalayam Mullai, Tamil Nadu, India  
Vavuniya City, Sri Lanka

#### Zone 6

Ashugonj, Bangladesh  
Bang Kruai, Nonthaburi, Thailand  
Chaumuhani, Bangladesh  
Chittagong Alliance, Bangladesh  
Chittagong Aristocrat, Bangladesh  
Chittagong Karnafhuly, Bangladesh  
Chittagong Pearl, Bangladesh  
Chittagong River Shine, Bangladesh  
Chouddagram, Bangladesh  
Comilla Cantonment, Bangladesh  
Comilla Central, Bangladesh  
Comilla Mahanagar, Bangladesh  
Daudkandi, Bangladesh  
Dhanbad Central, Jharkhand, India  
E-Club of Siam, Thailand  
Giridih Couple, Jharkhand, India  
Gulshan Green, Dhaka, Bangladesh  
Ishurdi, Bangladesh  
Manpur, Bihar, India  
Matlab, Bangladesh  
Muzaffarpur City, Bihar, India  
Nakhon Khon Kaen International, Thailand  
Narayanganj City, Bangladesh  
Nasirabad Chittagong, Bangladesh  
Rat Burana, Bangkok, Thailand  
Shahrasti Central, Bangladesh  
Sylhet Elites, Bangladesh  
Uttara Model Town, Bangladesh

#### Zone 7

Batanes Isles, Batanes, Philippines  
Metro Calamba, Laguna, Philippines  
Paranaque- San Dionisio, Paranaque City, Philippines  
Pasay Marina, Pasay City, Philippines

#### Zone 8

Ellenbrook, W. A., Australia  
Lake Macquarie, N.S.W., Australia

**Zone 9**

Goyang Alam, Gyeonggi, Korea, Republic of  
Korea University, Seoul, Korea, Republic of  
New Baegjae, Daejeon, Korea, Republic of  
E-Club of Good People, Gyeonggi, Korea, Republic of  
E-Club of Seoul Plan B, Seoul, Korea, Republic of  
Seoul Michangjae, Seoul, Korea, Republic of  
Seoul-Miyoo, Seoul, Korea, Republic of

**Zone 10**

Busan Jungang, Busan, Korea, Republic of  
Busan Yeowon, Busan, Korea, Republic of  
Busan-Chorus, Busan, Korea, Republic of  
Chiayi Rainbow, Taiwan  
E-Club of Taipei Yam, Taiwan  
Kaoshiung Sunlight, Taiwan  
Tainan Dream Age, Taiwan  
Tainan Elite, Taiwan

**Zone 12**

Distretto 2110, Italy (e-club)  
Duemondi, Italy (e-club)

**Zone 13**

Eindhoven International, Netherlands  
Getxo, Spain

**Zone 14**

Hamburg-Walddörfer, Germany

**Zone 16**

Aarhus International, Denmark

**Zone 18**

Leuven Brussel Dijleland, Belgium

**Zone 19**

2060, Italy (e-club)  
Bucharest Cismigiu, Romania  
Roman, Romania  
Rovereto Vallagarina, Italy  
Zagreb 1242, Croatia

**Zone 20**

Accra-Airport City, Ghana  
Accra-Westlands, Ghana  
Agadir Tajddigt Oumlal, Morocco  
Alger les Jasmins, Alger  
Bungoma, Kenya  
East Jerusalem, Palestine  
Eldoret-Uasin Gishu, Kenya  
Lomé Horizon, Togo  
Machakos Syokimau, Kenya  
Marrakech Hivernage, Morocco  
Marsabit, Kenya  
Mbita Mfangano Island, Kenya  
Nairobi Peponi, Kenya

**Zone 20 (continued)**

Nzara, South Sudan  
Sapele Urban, Delta State, Nigeria  
Welkom-Bahumi, South Africa

**Zone 21**

Acapulco Las Brisas, Guerrero, Mexico  
Ceiba Villahermosa, Tabasco, Mexico  
Morelia Experiencia y Juventud, Michoacán, México  
Puebla Diamante, Puebla, Mexico  
Zapopan Puerta de Hierro, Jalisco, Mexico

**Zone 23**

Oasis Calama, Ant., Chile

**Zone 26**

Compton, California, USA  
HuaRen in Silicon Valley, California, USA  
Lahaina Sunset, Maui, Hawaii, USA  
Saddlebrooke Sunrise, Arizona, USA  
San Diego South Bay, California, USA

**Zone 30**

Johnson County, Indiana, USA

**Zone 31**

East Mississippi, Mississippi, USA

**Zone 33**

Howard West, Maryland, USA

**Zone 34**

Longboat Key, Florida, USA  
South Bay After Hours, Florida, USA

**2. Amendment of Club Constitution – Change in Name of Clubs**

*Statement:* Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may amend a club constitution to change the name of the club.

*DECISION:* The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, approves an amendment to the following clubs' constitution whereby the names of the clubs are changed as follows:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Beachy Head, East Sussex, England	Eastbourne Beachy Head, East Sussex, England
Boonton, New Jersey, USA	Mountain Lakes & The Boontons, New Jersey, USA
Ciudad Madero Miramar, Tamaulipas, México	Tampico Industriales, Tamaulipas, México

<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>
Columbus Capitol Square, Ohio, USA	Columbus Short North, Ohio, USA
Cosmopolitan Austin, Texas, USA	Austin Cosmopolitan, Texas, USA
Daejeon-Wooam, Daejeon, Korea, Republic of	Daejeon Hope, Daejeon, Korea, Republic of
Giza-Pyramids, Egypt	Giza Grand Pyramids, Egypt
Ijapo, Ondo State, Nigeria	Akure Metro, Ondo State, Nigeria
Irinjalakuda North, Kerala, India	Irinjalakuda Central, Kerala, India
Mariposa, California, USA	Mariposa Yosemite, California, USA
Marrakech New Generation, Morocco	Marrakech Espoir, Morocco
North Stafford County-Garrisonville, Virginia, USA	North Stafford, Virginia, USA
Porches International-Algarve West, Portugal	E-club of Porches International, Portugal
Puebla La Noria, Puebla, México	Puebla Colonial, Puebla, México
Rozzano-Parco Sud, Italy	Milano Parco Sud, Italy
Saint-Nazaire Atlantique, L.-Atlant., France	Pornichet Saint-Nazaire Atlantique, L.-Atlant., France
San Antonio Circle, Quezon, Philippines	Tiaong Circle, Quezon, Philippines
Seoul Sheldon, Seoul, Korea, Republic of	Seoul Karam, Seoul, Korea, Republic of
Sorsogon Metro, Sorsogon City, Bicol, Philippines	Metro Sorsogon, Sorsogon City, Bicol, Philippines
Southern Ocean (Tuckerton), New Jersey, USA	Southern Ocean (Manahawkin), New Jersey, USA
Thousand Oaks Sunrise, California, USA	Newbury Park, California, USA
Three Oaks Region, Michigan, USA	Harbor Country (Southwest Berrien County), Michigan, USA
West Knoxville, Tennessee, USA	Bearden, Tennessee, USA
Yeongdeog-Yasihol, Gyeongsangbug, Korea, Republic of	Yeongdeok Hanmaeum, Gyeongsangbug, Korea, Republic of

### **3. Amendment of Club Constitution – Change in Locality**

*Statement:* Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may approve requests from clubs to amend Article III of the club constitution to revise club locality.

**DECISION:** The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, approves amendments to the constitution of the following Rotary clubs, thereby revising their localities:

<b><u>Club</u></b>
Atherton, Queensland, Australia
Diamond Creek, Victoria, Australia
Fitzroy, Victoria, Australia
Footscray, Victoria, Australia
Fujieda South, Shizuoka, Japan
Geelong East, Victoria, Australia
Glenorchy, Tasmania, Australia
Mariposa Yosemite, California, USA
Mitcham, South Australia, Australia
Peoria, Illinois, USA
Porches International-Algarve West, Portugal
Portland Bay, Victoria, Australia
Shibata, Niigata, Japan

### **4. Incorporation of Rotary Clubs**

*Statement:* Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may approve all applications for incorporation that are in conformity with the general provisions for articles of incorporation.

**DECISION:** The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, offers no objection to the incorporation of the following Rotary clubs under the proposed articles of incorporation as submitted by those clubs:

#### **Club Name**

Atherton, Queensland, Australia
City Central Hobart, Victoria, Australia
Colac West, Victoria, Australia
Glenorchy, Tasmania, Australia
Hamilton North, Victoria, Australia
Huon Valley, Victoria, Australia
Innisfil, Ontario, Canada
Salamanca, Tasmania, Australia

### **5. Incorporation of Rotary Club Activity or Fund**

*Statement:* Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may authorize Rotary clubs to use the name “Rotary” in incorporating club service or charitable foundation in accordance with the policy set forth in Rotary Code of Policies section 33.020.3.

**DECISION:** The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, offers no objection to the incorporation of the Rotary Club of Royal Oak Foundation (British Columbia, Canada) under the proposed articles of incorporation as submitted by the club.



## 6. Merger of Clubs

*Statement:* Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may approve the application of two or more Rotary clubs to merge into a single new club, in accordance with established procedure and policy.

**DECISION:** The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, approves the merging of the following rotary clubs in RI:

<u>Clubs</u>	<u>New Club</u>	<u>New Charter Date</u>
Sugito, Saitama, Japan and Sugito Chuo, Saitama, Japan	Sugito, Saitama, Japan	6 September 2014
Delhi South Cosmopolitan, Delhi, India and Delhi Greater, Delhi, India	Delhi Cosmopolitan Greater, Delhi, India	12 January 1993
Geumma, Jeonrabug, Korea, Republic of and Wanggung, Jeonrabug, Korea, Republic of	Iksan Muwang, Jeonrabug, Korea, Republic	23 January 1975
Yongin-Jookjeon, Gyeonggi, Korea, Republic of and E-Club of Yongin Haengboknanum, Gyeonggi, Korea, Republic of	E-Club of Yongin Haengboknanum, Gyeonggi, Korea, Republic of	28 March 2014
Busan Dongseo Kumryoungsan, Busan, Korea, Republic of and Pusan-Kaya, Pusan, Korea, Republic of	Busan Donggaryeon, Busan, Korea, Republic	6 June 1986
Busan-Haedong, Busan, Korea, Republic of and Busan Hwamyong, Busan, Korea, Republic of	Busan-Haedong, Busan, Korea, Republic of	18 June 2008
Norrköping Campus Västra and Norrköping Norra	Norrköping Norra	15 July 1955
Gentofte-Vangede, Denmark and Gentofte, Denmark	Gentofte, Denmark	11 April 1936

## Clubs

San-Lee Sunrise (Sanford) and Jonesboro (Sanford), North Carolina, USA  
Paris, Texas, USA and Greater Paris, Texas, USA

## New Club

Jonesboro (Sanford), North Carolina, USA  
Paris United, Texas, USA

## New Charter Date

6 June 1985  
1 January 1916

## 7. Reinstatement of Membership in Rotary International

*Statement:* Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may reinstate the membership of a club that was terminated for non-payment of financial obligations to RI, if such obligations have been met.

**DECISION:** In accordance with Rotary Code of Policies section 31.030.05 and in view of the fact that the former Rotary clubs listed below have met the conditions of that policy, the Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, reinstates the following clubs:

<u>District</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Country</u>
3120	Gola Central, Uttar Pradesh	India
3250	Mokameh, Bihar	India
3261	Murwara, Mad.Pr	India
3272	Jhang Central, Punjab	Pakistan
3272	Islamabad	Pakistan
3281	Dhaka Lalmatia	Bangladesh
3291	Narendrapur, West Bengal	India
3700	Kyongsan-Central, Gyeongsangbug	Korea, Republic of
4160	Tacambaro Internacional, Michoacán	Mexico
4690	San Jose de Chiquitos, S.C.,	Bolivia
4690	Puerto Suarez-German Bush, S.C.,	Bolivia
4945	Coronda, S.F.,	Argentina

## 8. Resignation of Membership in Rotary International

*Statement:* Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may cancel a club's charter under the recommendation of the governor if the club has ceased to exist.

**DECISION:** The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, accepts the resignation of the following clubs and declares the charters issued to these clubs to be null and void:

<u>District</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Country</u>
1750	Châtillon-sur-Seine	France
1960	Amadora	Portugal
2275	Øksnes	Norway
3140	Mumbai Sea Link, Maharashtra	India
4060	Santo Domingo Sur,	Dominican Republic
4945	Parana del Parque, E.R.,	Argentina
5450	Denver West (Golden), Colorado	USA
5870	Teague, Texas	USA
6270	Racine, Wisconsin	USA
6630	Euclid, Ohio	USA
6110	Greenwood, Arkansas	USA
6110	Humboldt, Kansas	USA
6110	Sand Springs Sunset, Oklahoma	USA
7360	Frostburg, Maryland	USA
7360	Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania	USA
7430	Shoemakersville, Pennsylvania	USA
9400	Pietersburg Capricorn	South Africa

**9. Termination of Membership in RI – Disbanded**

*Statement:* Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may terminate the charters of clubs where further effort to rehabilitate the club is futile.

**DECISION:** The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, terminates the membership in RI of the following Rotary clubs:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Admitted</u>	<u>Terminated</u>
Ballina, Ireland	2 Dec. 1968	22 Oct. 2014
Tierp, Sweden	5 Sept. 1970	30 June 2014
Jeju Aewol, Jeju, Korea, Republic of	30 Mar. 2012	29 Sept. 2014
Chile Chico, XI Region, Chile	10 May 2006	30 June 2014
Rosario Centenario, S.F., Argentina	30 Dec. 2004	1 July 2014
North Tillamook County, Oregon, USA	21 June 2007	30 June 2014
Portland-Westside, Oregon, USA	31 May 1979	30 June 2014

<u>Club</u>	<u>Admitted</u>	<u>Terminated</u>
Daly City, California, USA	8 June 1954	22 Oct. 2014
Plano Latin American, Texas, USA	26 Aug. 2009	20 Oct. 2014
Delavan, Illinois, USA	11 May 1925	21 Oct. 2014
Blue Mound, Illinois, USA	26 Feb. 1948	12 Nov. 2014
Conklin, NY, USA	30 June 2009	17 Sept. 2014
Lords Valley, PA, USA	20 Oct. 1995	30 June 2014
Ashburnham/Westminster, MA, USA	23 May 1959	30 June 2014

**10. Termination of Membership in RI – Failure to Function**

*Statement:* Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may terminate the charters of clubs where further effort to rehabilitate the club is futile.

**DECISION:** The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, in accordance with RI Bylaws section 3.030.2., terminates the membership in RI of the Rotary club of Harbour City Wellington, New Zealand

**11. Ballot-by-Mail for Selection of 2016 Council on Legislation Representative**

*Statement:* Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, may authorize a district governor to hold a ballot-by-mail within their districts instead of convening a nominating committee to select their representatives and alternate representatives to serve on the 2016 Council of Legislation.

**DECISION:** The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, authorizes Districts 5050 and 7230 to conduct a ballot-by-mail to select their representatives and alternate representatives to serve on the 2016 Council on Legislation.

**12. Request to Join Multidistrict Youth Exchange—District 7470**

*Statement:* In accordance with Rotary Code of Polices sections 31.090.12 and 41.060.21., the governor for District 7470 requested the Board’s approval to participate in multidistrict Youth Exchange activities.

**DECISION:** The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, in accordance with Rotary Code of Policies section 31.090.12., authorizes the governor and clubs in District 7470 to participate in activities with the Eastern States Student Exchange Program (ESSEX) Multidistrict.

**13. Request to Join Multidistrict Youth Exchange—District 5470**

*Statement:* In accordance with Rotary Code of Policies sections 31.090.12 and 41.060.21., the governor for District 5470 requested the Board's approval to participate in multidistrict Youth Exchange activities.

**DECISION:** The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, in accordance with Rotary Code of Policies section 31.090.12., authorizes the governor and clubs in District 5470 to participate in activities with the Western States Student Exchange Program (WESSEX) Multidistrict.

**14. Request to Withdraw from Multidistrict Youth Exchange—District 4610**

*Statement:* In accordance with Rotary Code of Policies sections 31.090.12 and 41.060.21., the governor for District 4610 requested the Board's approval to withdraw from multidistrict Youth Exchange activities.

**DECISION:** The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, in accordance with Rotary Code of Policies section 31.090.12., authorizes the governor and clubs in District 4610 to withdraw from activities with the EXPRO/BRAZIL Multidistrict Youth Exchange Program.

## APPENDIX C

### POLIOPLUS ACTION PLAN 2016-19 (Decision 113)

Rotary's PolioPlus goals for 2016-19 are:

1. Help close the funding gap for polio eradication activities through 2018, and help identify sources of funding from Rotarian, private, and public sources, in collaboration with our partners.
2. Help ensure that polio eradication efforts receive the highest level of political attention in polio endemic and high-risk countries.
3. Assure that Rotary remains an equal leader in the global polio eradication initiative.
4. Sustain the commitment of Rotarians in polio-endemic countries to polio eradication in their countries.
5. Sustain the interest of Rotarians in polio-free countries and their support of the polio eradication goal, and sustain the status of PolioPlus as the premier and highest priority program of Rotary.
6. Execute a legacy planning process to identify the lessons learned in PolioPlus to inform current and future activities of Rotary.
7. Document the history of Rotary's role in global polio eradication efforts.

#### Actions to Accomplish Goals

- Engage in high-level advocacy efforts with donor governments to help close the funding gap. (Goal 1)
- Actively support fundraising for PolioPlus. (Goal 1 and 5)
- Provide presentations on PolioPlus, the status of the global polio eradication initiative, Rotary's fundraising activities and advocacy efforts at all Rotary zone institutes, the International Assembly and the convention. (Goal 1, 4 and 5)
- Pursue opportunities to publicly highlight Rotary's role in global polio eradication activities in various media. (Goal 1, 3, 4, and 5)
- Engage in high-level advocacy efforts with polio-affected and high risk countries to encourage the highest level of political support for polio eradication activities. (Goal 2)
- Participate in high-level meetings with partner agencies relative to achieving the goal of the certification of polio eradication. (Goal 3)
- Assign PolioPlus representatives to the various GPEI working groups as appropriate. (Goal 3)
- Provide an annual update to the Board of Trustees and Directors until the certification of the eradication of polio. (Goal 3)
- Recommend participation of Rotary senior leaders in National Immunization Days activities and major meetings in polio-endemic and high-risk countries. (Goal 3 and 4)
- Pursue awards that bring recognition to Rotary for our involvement in global polio eradication. (Goal 3)
- Articulate Rotary's role during the certification period. (Goal 3, 4 and 5)
- Encourage the RI president, president-elect, president-nominee, Trustee chair, members of the Board of Directors and Trustees, and district governors to publicly reaffirm to Rotarians Rotary's focus on its priority program, PolioPlus. (Goal 4 and 5)
- Conduct research and document the lessons learned in carrying out the PolioPlus program to share with Rotary staff, volunteers, partners, and others as appropriate. (Goal 6).
- Oversee work on PolioPlus History Manuscript. (Goal 7)

**APPENDIX H**

**2015–16 RI COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS  
(Decision 119)**

**2016 International Assembly**

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## APPENDIX I

### AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED LEGISLATION (Decision 123)

#### PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-

To add a fifth part to the Object of Rotary to include the development of service and leadership in youth

Proposed by the Board of Directors of RI

To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (page 123 MOP)

#### Article 4 Object

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- Second.* High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service-;
- Fifth.* A new generation of global leaders through service, mentoring, international exchange, and leadership development opportunities.

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

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*Fifth.* A new generation of global leaders through service, mentoring, international exchange, and leadership development opportunities.

(End of Text)



#### PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-

To provide for a membership committee of RI

Proposed by the Board of Directors 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 eight members. Four members shall serve a four-year term with one of these members appointed every year. Two members shall be members of the board with one member appointed annually. Two members shall be members of the trustees of The Rotary Foundation appointed for two-year staggered terms in consultation with the trustee chairman. 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 membership activity, planning and growth. The committee shall meet at such times and places and upon such notice as may be determined by the president or



the board. The membership committee shall develop and update membership strategies and plans, and recommend new membership concepts. Members 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- shall be implemented by the board in a manner it deems appropriate.

(Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)



#### PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-

To amend the terms of reference for the Strategic Planning Committee

Proposed by the Board of Directors of RI

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

#### Article 16 Committees

##### **16.100. Strategic Planning Committee.**

The board, in collaboration with the trustees, shall appoint a strategic planning committee to be composed of ~~six~~ eight members, four of whom shall be neither members of the board nor trustees of The Rotary Foundation, and serve a four-year term ~~for a six-year period with two one of these~~ members appointed every ~~third year and two of whom~~ year; two members shall be members of the board with one member appointed annually for a two-year term and two members shall be members of the trustees of The Rotary Foundation with one member appointed annually for a two-year term by the trustee chair in consultation with the trustee chairman. 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 strategic planning committee shall develop, recommend and update a strategic plan for consideration by the board, survey Rotarians and clubs not less than every three years in discharge of its duties to review and make

~~recommendations to the board pertaining to the strategic plan and undertake other duties assigned by the board; 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. Members 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- shall be implemented by the board in a manner it deems appropriate.

(End of Text)



#### PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-

To authorize the RI Board to take action against a club or Rotarian for repeated election complaints or litigation-related actions

Proposed by the Board of Directors of RI

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 (page 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 15.010.1. 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)



PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-

To provide that each club pays dues for a minimum of 10 members

Proposed by the Board of Directors of RI

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 and thereafter; provided that each club shall pay semiannually to RI a minimum of US\$280.00 in 2016-2017 and thereafter. Such dues shall remain constant until changed by the council on legislation.

17.030.2. *Additional Dues.*

Each club shall pay each year to RI for each of its members additional per capita dues of US\$1.00 or such other amount, as determined by the board, sufficient to pay for the projected expenses of the next scheduled council on legislation. ~~There shall be no minimum amount payable to RI by any club.~~ If a club has fewer than ten members, it shall pay additional per capita dues of an amount equal to the amount it would have paid if it had ten members. In the event an extraordinary meeting of the council is convened, additional per capita dues to pay for its expenses shall be paid as soon as practicable following the meeting. Such additional dues shall be held as a separate fund restricted to provide for the expenses of representatives in attending the council, as well as other administrative expenses of the council,

in a manner to be determined by the board. The board shall furnish the clubs an accounting of receipts and expenditures.

(End of Text)



PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-

To establish Rotaract clubs

Proposed by the Board of Directors of RI

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

in article 21 (page 193 MOP)

**Article 21 Rotaract Clubs**

The board may establish clubs for young people known as Rotaract clubs and may assess dues as determined by the board.

(Subsequent articles will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)



PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-

To allow for flexibility in club meetings and attendance

Proposed by the Board of Directors of RI

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.

(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)



PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-

To allow for flexibility in membership

Proposed by the Board of Directors of RI

To amend the **CONSTITUTION** of Rotary International as follows (pages 125 MOP)

## Article 5 Membership

**Section 3 — Ratification of Constitution and Bylaws.** Every club granted a certificate of membership in RI and accepting the same thereby accepts, ratifies, and agrees to be bound in all things, not contrary to law, by this constitution and the bylaws of RI, and amendments thereto, and to faithfully observe the provisions thereof. A club may adopt rules or requirements regarding membership that are not in accordance with Article 5, sections 2(a) and (b) of this constitution. Such rules or requirements shall supersede the rules or requirements of these sections of this constitution.

And 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 4.010. - 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 204 MOP)

## Article 10 Directors and Officers

### **Section 3 — Exceptions to Provisions on Membership.**

The bylaws may include rules or requirements not in accordance with Articles 7 and 8 of this constitution. Such rules or requirements shall supersede the rules or requirements of these sections of this constitution.

(Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)



## APPENDIX J

### PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO THE 2016 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION (Decision 124)

#### PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-

To provide for a new category of membership: associate membership

Proposed by the Board of Directors of RI

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

in article 5 (page 124 MOP)

#### Article 5 Membership

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

- (a) A club shall be composed of active members and associate members, each of whom shall be an adult person of good character and good business, professional and/or community reputation,
- (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 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 place of business or residence located in the locality of the club or the surrounding area. An active 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.

- (b) Each club shall have a well-balanced membership in which no one business, profession or type of community service predominates. Each associate member shall be assigned a classification. 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 Active members who are retired shall not be included in the total number of active members in a classification. The classification of a transferring or former active member of a club, or a 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 an active member changes classification, the club may continue the member's membership under the new classification notwithstanding these limitations.
- (c) The bylaws of RI may provide for active membership, associate membership, and honorary membership in clubs and shall prescribe the qualifications for each.

and in article 9 (page 126 MOP)

##### Section 3 — *Representation.*

- (a) In any convention, each club shall be entitled to be represented by at least one delegate. Any club with an active membership of more than fifty (50) shall be entitled to be represented by an additional delegate for each additional fifty of its active members or major fraction thereof. For this purpose, representation shall be determined on the basis of membership in the club on 31 December immediately preceding the convention. A club may authorize a delegate to cast one or more of the votes to which the club is entitled.

**Section 4 — *Delegates-at-Large.*** Each officer and each past president of RI, still holding active membership in a club, shall be a delegate-at-large.

And 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. Active member: A member who has been elected to membership pursuant to section 4.020. of the RI bylaws.

2. Associate member: A potential active member who has been elected to membership pursuant to section 4.030. of the RI bylaws.

~~3.~~ 3. Board: The Board of Directors of Rotary International.

~~4.~~ 4. Club: A Rotary club.

~~5.~~ 5. Constitutional documents: The Rotary International constitution and bylaws and the standard Rotary club constitution.

~~6.~~ 6. E-club: A Rotary club that meets through electronic communications.

~~7.~~ 7. Governor: The governor of a Rotary district.

~~8.~~ 8. Member: A member, other than an honorary member, of a Rotary club.

~~9.~~ 9. RI: Rotary International.

~~10.~~ 10. RIBI: The administrative territorial unit of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland.

~~11.~~ 11. Satellite club: A potential club whose members shall also be members of the sponsor club.

~~12.~~ 12. Year: The twelve-month period which begins on 1 July.

and in article 4 (pages 134-135 MOP)

### Article 4 Membership in Clubs

#### 4.010. *Types of Membership in a Club.*

A club may have ~~two~~ three kinds of membership, active, associate and honorary.

#### 4.020. *Active Membership.*

A person possessing the qualifications set forth in article 5, section 2 of the RI constitution may be elected to active or associate membership in a club.

#### 4.030. *Eligibility for Associate Membership.*

A person possessing the qualifications set forth in article 5, section 2 of the RI constitution may be elected to associate membership in a club through a process determined by the board of the club. The term of such membership shall be determined by the board of the club in which they hold membership, though it shall not

exceed one year. Active members are not permitted to convert to associate membership.

#### ~~4.030.~~ 4.040. *Transferring or Former Rotarian.*

An active 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 active member of a club shall not preclude election to active membership even if the election results in club membership temporarily exceeding the classification limits. Any club wishing to admit a former member should 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~~ a ~~active~~ a 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.

#### ~~4.040.~~ 4.050. *Dual Multiple Memberships.*

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~~ hold more than one type of membership in the same club. No person shall simultaneously hold active membership in a club and membership in a Rotaract club.

#### ~~4.060.~~ 4.070. *Holders of Public Office.*

Persons elected or appointed to public office for a specified time shall not be eligible ~~to active~~ for membership in a club under the classification of such office. This restriction shall not apply to persons holding positions or offices in schools, colleges, or other institutions of learning or to persons who are elected or appointed to the judiciary. Members who are elected or appointed to public office for a specified period may continue as such members in their existing classifications during the period in which they hold such office.

(Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

and in article 6 (page 139 MOP)

### Article 6 Officers

**6.050. Qualifications of Officers.**

**6.050.1. Club Membership.**

Each officer of RI shall be an active member in good standing of a club.

and in article 8 (pages 147-152 MOP)

**Article 8 Council on Legislation**

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

**8.020.1. Club Member.**

Each member of the council shall be an active member of a club.

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

**8.050.3. 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 active member of a club in the district to be the representative to the council.

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

**8.060.2. Nominations.**

Any club in a district may nominate a qualified active member of any club in the district for representative 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.

**8.060.4. 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 council. The governor shall also appoint a qualified Rotarian who is an active member of a club in the district as the alternate representative.

**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 an active membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its active members. Such active membership shall be determined by the number of active 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.

**8.140. 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 an active membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its active members. Such active membership shall be determined by the number of active members in the club as of the date of the most recent semiannual payment 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 9 (pages 154-155 MOP)

## Article 9 Convention

### 9.040. Delegates to the Convention.

#### 9.040.1. Delegates.

All delegates and alternates, except delegates by proxy, shall be active members of the clubs they represent.

#### 9.040.4. Proxies.

A club not represented at the convention by a delegate or an alternate may designate a proxy to cast its vote(s) pursuant to article 9, section 3(a) of the RI constitution. The proxy may be an active member of any club within the same district. Non-districted clubs may designate active members of any club as their proxy(ies).

### 9.060. Delegates-at-Large.

Each RI officer and each past president of RI still holding active membership in a club shall be a delegate-at-large and entitled to cast one vote on each question submitted to vote at the convention.

and in article 10 (page 157 MOP)

## Article 10 Nominations and Elections for Officers General Provisions

### 10.030. Qualification.

All candidates or nominees for offices in RI shall be active members of clubs in good standing.

and in article 11 (pages 160-165 MOP)

## Article 11 Nominations and Elections for President

### 11.020. Nominating Committee for President.

#### 11.020.3. Member of Club in Zone.

Each member shall be an active member of a club in the zone from which the member is elected.

### 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 an active membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its active members. Such active membership shall be determined by the number of active 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.

### 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 an active membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its active members. Such active membership shall be determined by the number of active 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.

and in article 12 (pages 165-171 MOP)

## Article 12 Nominations and Elections for Directors

### 12.010. Nominations for Directors by Zones.

Nominations for directors shall be by zones, as hereinafter provided:

#### 12.010.2. Schedule of Nominations.

Each such zone shall nominate a director from the active membership of the clubs in that zone every fourth year according to a schedule established by the board.

### 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 active 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, 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.



12.020.5. *Nominations.*

Any club in a district may nominate a qualified active 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.

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 an active membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its active members. Such active membership shall be determined by the number of active 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.

12.020.16. *Committee Nominations.*

The nomination of a director and alternate by the committee shall be made from among active members of clubs in the zone or section of the zone whose names have been suggested by clubs. Where there are fewer than three such suggested names, the committee may also consider other qualified ~~Rotarians~~ active members in that zone or section for selection. The committee is

responsible for nominating the most capable persons available.

**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 an active membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its active members. Such active membership shall be determined by the number of active 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.

and in article 13 (pages 172-175 MOP)

**Article 13 Nominations and Elections for Governors**

**13.020. Nominating Procedure for Governor.**

13.020.4. *Suggestions by Clubs for Governor.*

In a district selecting its governor-nominee either by nominating committee procedure or at the district conference, the governor shall invite the clubs to submit their suggestions for nominations for governor. Where the nominating committee procedure is to be utilized, such suggestions shall be considered by the nominating committee so long as they reach the committee by the date established and announced by the governor. Such announcement shall be made to the clubs in the district at least two months before such suggestions must reach the nominating committee. The announcement shall include the address to which suggestions shall be sent. The suggestions shall be submitted in the form of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the club naming the suggested candidate. The resolution shall be certified by the club secretary. A club may suggest only one of its own active members as a candidate for governor-nominee.

13.020.5. *Nomination by Committee of Best Qualified Rotarian.*

The nominating committee for governor shall not be limited in its selection to those names submitted by clubs in the district. The committee shall nominate the best qualified ~~Rotarian~~ active member who is available to serve as governor.

**13.020.8. Challenging Candidates.**

Any club in the district which has been in existence for at least one year as of the beginning of that year may also propose a challenging candidate for governor-nominee provided this club has previously suggested such candidate to the nominating committee. A club in existence for less than one year as of the beginning of that year may propose a challenging candidate provided such candidate is an active member of that club and the challenging candidate must have been duly suggested to the nominating committee. The name of the challenging candidate shall be submitted pursuant to a resolution by the club adopted at a regular meeting. The club must file the resolution with the governor by the date determined by the governor. Such date shall be not more than 14 days after publication of the announcement of the selection for governor-nominee by the governor.

**13.030. Selection Through Ballot-by-Mail of Governor.**

A district shall select its nominee for governor in a ballot-by-mail without the assistance of a nominating committee where circumstances require such action under subsection 13.020.1. or when permission is given by the board.

**13.030.1. Procedure.**

The governor shall mail to the secretary of every club in the district an official call for nominations for governor. All nominations must be made in writing and signed by the president and secretary of the club. A club may suggest only one of its own active members as a candidate for governor-nominee. Nominations must be in the hands of the governor by a date fixed by the governor. Such date shall be at least one month after the call for such nominations. No ballot shall be required and the governor shall declare such candidate to be the governor-nominee where only one candidate is suggested by a club.

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

The governor shall prepare one ballot for each club, giving the name of any candidate selected by the district nominating committee. The ballot shall then list in alphabetical order the names of any candidates received by the governor. Where there are more than two candidates, balloting shall be by the single transferable ballot system. The governor shall mail a copy of said ballot signed by all members of the balloting committee to each club with instructions that the completed ballot be returned to and received by the governor. The ballots shall be returned by a date fixed by the governor. Such date shall be no less than 15 days or more than 30

days following the date of the governor's mailing of the ballots to the clubs.

**13.040.1. Club Voting.**

Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote. Any club with an active membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its active members. Such active membership shall be determined by the number of active 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. 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 (pages 180-182 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 an active membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional elector for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its active members. That is, a club with an active membership of up to 37 members is entitled to one elector, a club with 38 to 62 active members is entitled to two electors, a club with 63 to 87 active members is entitled to three electors and so on. Such active membership shall be determined by the number of active 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 meeting to vote.

**15.050.2. Conference and District Resolutions Meeting Voting Procedures.**

Every active member in good standing of a club in a district present at the district conference or a district resolutions meeting shall be entitled to vote on all

matters submitted to a vote at such conference or district resolutions 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 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 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, 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.

**15.050.3. Proxies.**

A club may designate a proxy for its absent elector(s). Such club must obtain the consent of the governor for such proxy. The proxy may include an active member of its own club or an active member of any club in the district in which the club is located. The proxy designation must be certified by the president and secretary of such club. The proxy shall be entitled to vote as proxy for the non-attending elector(s) represented, in addition to any other vote the proxy may have.

**15.060. District Finances.**

**15.060.2. Approval of Levy.**

The District Fund shall be financed by all clubs in the district by way of a per capita levy on the active members of those clubs. The amount of the levy shall be decided by

- (a) the district training assembly after the approval of three-fourths of incoming club presidents present, provided that where a president-elect is excused from attending the district training assembly by the governor-elect in accordance with article 10, section 5(c) of the standard club constitution, the designated representative of the president-elect shall be entitled to vote in the president-elect's place, or, at the option of the district,

- (b) the district conference by a majority of the electors present and voting, or
- (c) at the option of the district, the district presidents-elect training seminar after the approval of three-fourths of the incoming club presidents present, provided that where a president-elect is excused from attending by the governor-elect in accordance with article 10, section 5(c) of the standard club constitution, the designated representative of the president-elect shall be entitled to vote in the president-elect's place.

**15.070. Qualifications of a Governor-nominee.**

Unless specifically excused by the board, no person shall be selected as nominee for governor unless the Rotarian has the following qualifications at the time of selection.

**15.070.1. Rotarian in Good Standing.**

The Rotarian must be an active member in good standing of a functioning club in the district.

**15.080. Qualifications of a Governor.**

Unless specifically excused by the board, a governor at the time of taking office must have attended the international assembly for its full duration, been an active member of one or more Rotary clubs for at least seven years, and must continue to possess the qualifications in section 15.070.

and in article 17 (pages 187-188 MOP)

**Article 17 Fiscal Matters**

**17.020. Club Reports.**

Each club shall certify to the board the number of its active and associate members on 1 July and on 1 January in each year. 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.

**17.030. Dues.**

**17.030.1. Per Capita Dues.**

Each club shall pay to RI per capita dues for each of its active 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 and thereafter. Such dues shall remain constant until changed by the council on legislation.

17.030.2. *Additional Dues.*

Each club shall pay each year to RI for each of its active members additional per capita dues of US\$1.00 or such other amount, as determined by the board, sufficient to pay for the projected expenses of the next scheduled council on legislation. There shall be no minimum amount payable to RI by any club. In the event an extraordinary meeting of the council is convened, additional per capita dues to pay for its expenses shall be paid as soon as practicable following the meeting. Such additional dues shall be held as a separate fund restricted to provide for the expenses of representatives in attending the council, as well as other administrative expenses of the council, in a manner to be determined by the board. The board shall furnish the clubs an accounting of receipts and expenditures.

17.040. *Date of Payment.*

17.040.2. *Prorated Dues.*

For each active 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. Such dues shall be changed only by the council on legislation.

and in article 19 (page 192 MOP)

**Article 19 Other Meetings**

19.030. *Council of Past Presidents.*

19.030.1. *How Constituted.*

There shall be a council of past presidents which shall be a standing council composed of past presidents holding active membership in a club. The president shall be *ex officio* a member of the council of past presidents with the privilege of attending its meetings and taking part in its deliberations, but shall have no vote in the proceedings thereof.

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

in article 1 (page 197 MOP)

**Article 1 Definitions**

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

1. Active member: A member who has been elected to membership pursuant to section 4.020. of the RI bylaws.
2. Associate member: A potential active member who has been elected to membership pursuant to section 4.030. of the RI bylaws.
- ~~3.~~ Board: The Board of Directors of this club.
- ~~2.~~ 4. Bylaws: The bylaws of this club.
- ~~3.~~ 5. Director: A member of this club's Board of Directors.
4. 6. Member: A member, other than an honorary member, of this club.
- ~~5.~~ 7. RI: Rotary International.
- ~~6.~~ 8. Satellite club (when applicable): A potential club whose members shall also be members of this club.
- ~~7.~~ 9. Year: The twelve-month period which begins on 1 July.

and in article 7 (pages 200-201 MOP)

**Article 7 Membership**

**Section 2 — Kinds.** This club shall have ~~two~~ three kinds of membership, namely: active, associate, and honorary.

**Section 3 — ~~Active~~ Membership.** A person possessing the qualifications set forth in article 5, section 2 of the RI constitution may be elected to active or associate membership in this club.

**Section 4 — Eligibility for Associate Membership.**

A person possessing the qualifications set forth in article 5, section 2 of the RI Constitution may be elected to associate membership as provided in the bylaws. The term of such membership shall be determined by the board, though it shall not exceed one year. Active members are not permitted to convert to associate membership.

**Section 4 ~~5~~ — Transferring or Former Rotarian.**

(a) *Potential Members.* An active 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 active 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~~ a 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.

~~Section 6~~ **Section 7** — *Dual Multiple Memberships.* 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~~ hold more than one type of membership in the same club. No person shall simultaneously hold active membership in this club and membership in a Rotaract club.

~~Section 8~~ **Section 9** — *Holders of Public Office.* Persons elected or appointed to public office for a specified time shall not be eligible ~~to active~~ for membership in this club under the classification of such office. This restriction shall not apply to persons holding positions or offices in schools, colleges, or other institutions of learning or to persons who are elected or appointed to the judiciary. Members who are elected or appointed to public office for a specified period may continue as such members in their existing classifications during the period in which they hold such office.

(Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

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~~ Active members who are retired shall not be included in the total number of active members in a classification. The classification of a transferring or former active member of a club, or a 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 an active member changes classification, the club may continue the member's membership under the new classification notwithstanding these limitations.

and in article 9 (pages 202-203 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. An active 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 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. An active 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:

- (a) *14 Days Before or After the Meeting.* If, within fourteen (14) days before or after the regular time for that meeting, the active member
- (1) attends at least 60 percent of the regular meeting of another club, of a satellite club meeting of another club, or of a provisional club; or
  - (2) attends a regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact club, Rotary Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship or of a provisional Rotaract or Interact club, Rotary Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship; or

- (3) attends a convention of RI, a council on legislation, an international assembly, a Rotary institute for past and present officers of RI, a Rotary institute for past, present, and incoming officers of RI, or any other meeting convened with the approval of the board of directors of RI or the president of RI acting on behalf of the board of directors of RI, a Rotary multizone conference, a meeting of a committee of RI, a Rotary district conference, a Rotary district training assembly, any district meeting held by direction of the board of directors of RI, any district committee meeting held by direction of the district governor, or a regularly announced intercity meeting of Rotary clubs; or
- (4) is present at the usual time and place of a regular meeting or satellite club meeting of another club for the purpose of attending such meeting, but that club is not meeting at that time or place; or
- (5) attends and participates in a club service project or a club-sponsored community event or meeting authorized by the board; or
- (6) attends a board meeting or, if authorized by the board, a meeting of a service committee to which the member is assigned; or
- (7) participates through a club website in an interactive activity requiring an average of 30 minutes of participation.

When an active member is outside the member's country of residence for more than fourteen (14) days, the time restriction shall not be imposed so that the member may attend regular meetings or satellite club meetings in another country at any time during the travel period, and each such attendance shall count as a valid make-up for any regular meeting missed during the member's time abroad.

- (b) *At the Time of the Meeting.* If, at the time of the meeting, the active member is
- (1) traveling with reasonable directness to or from one of the meetings specified in sub-subsection (a)(3) of this section; or
  - (2) serving as an officer or member of a committee of RI, or a trustee of The Rotary Foundation; or
  - (3) serving as the special representative of the district governor in the formation of a new club; or
  - (4) on Rotary business in the employ of RI; or
  - (5) directly and actively engaged in a district-sponsored or RI- or Rotary Foundation-sponsored service project in a remote area where making up attendance is impossible; or

- (6) engaged in Rotary business duly authorized by the board which precludes attendance at the meeting.

**Section 5 — Attendance Records.** When an active member whose absences are excused under the provision of subsection 3(a) of this article fails to attend a club meeting, the member and the member's absence shall not be included in the attendance records. In the event that a member whose absences are excused under the provisions of subsection 3(b) or section 4 of this article attends a club meeting, the member and the member's attendance shall be included in the membership and attendance figures used to compute this club's attendance. The attendance of associate members shall not be included in this club's attendance records.

and in article 10 (pages 204-205 MOP)

## **Article 10 Directors and Officers**

### **Section 5 — Election of Officers.**

- (c) *Qualifications.* Each officer and director shall be an active member in good standing of this club. A candidate for the office of president shall have served as a member of this club for at least one year prior to being nominated for such office, except where service for less than a full year may be determined by the district governor to satisfy the intent of this requirement. The president-elect shall attend the district presidents-elect training seminar and the district training assembly unless excused by the governor-elect. If so excused, the president-elect shall send a designated club representative who shall report back to the president-elect. If the president-elect does not attend the presidents-elect training seminar and the district training assembly and has not been excused by the governor-elect or, if so excused, does not send a designated club representative to such meetings, the president-elect shall not be able to serve as club president. In such event, the current president shall continue to serve until a successor who has attended a presidents-elect training seminar and district training assembly or training deemed sufficient by the governor-elect has been duly elected.

**Section 6 — Governance of a Satellite Club of This Club (When Applicable).** A satellite club shall be located in the same locality as this club or in the surrounding area.

- (a) *Satellite Club Oversight.* This club shall provide such general oversight and support of a satellite club as is deemed appropriate by the board.
- (b) *Satellite Club Board.* For the day-to-day governance of a satellite club, it shall have its own annually elected board drawn from its active members and comprising the officers of the satellite club and four to six other active members as the bylaws shall provide. The highest officer of the satellite club shall be the chairman and other officers shall be the immediate past chairman, the chairman-elect, the secretary and the treasurer. The satellite board shall be responsible for the day-to-day organization and management of the satellite club and its activities in accordance with Rotary rules, requirements, policies, aims and objectives under the guidance of this club. It shall have no authority within, or over, this club.
- (c) *Satellite Club Reporting Procedure.* A satellite club shall, annually, submit to the president and board of this club a report on its membership, its activities and programs, accompanied by a financial statement and audited accounts, for inclusion in this club's reports for its annual general meeting and such other reports as may, from time to time, be required by this club.

and in article 12 (pages 205-206 MOP)

## Article 12 Duration of Membership

### Section 2 — Automatic Termination.

- (a) *Active Membership Qualifications.* Membership shall automatically terminate when an active member no longer meets the membership qualifications, except that
  - (1) the board may grant a member moving from the locality of this club or the surrounding area a special leave of absence not to exceed one (1) year to enable the member to visit and become known to a Rotary club in the new community if the member continues to meet all conditions of club membership;
  - (2) the board may allow a member moving from the locality of this club or the surrounding area to retain membership if the member continues to meet all conditions of club membership.
- (b) *How to Rejoin.* When the membership of an active 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.

- (c) *Termination of Associate Membership.* Associate membership shall automatically terminate when an associate member is elected to active membership or as otherwise provided in this constitution or the bylaws. Associate membership shall automatically terminate at the end of the term for such membership as determined by the board.

- (e)(d) *Termination of Honorary Membership.* Honorary membership shall automatically terminate at the end of the term for such membership as determined by the board. However, the board may extend an honorary membership for an additional period. The board may revoke an honorary membership at any time.

### Section 4 — Termination – Non-attendance.

- (a) *Attendance Percentages.* An active member must
  - (1) attend or make up at least 50 percent of club regular meetings or satellite club meetings, or engage in club projects, other events and activities for at least 12 hours in each half of the year, or a proportionate combination of both;
  - (2) attend at least 30 percent of this club's regular meetings or satellite club meetings, or engage in club projects, other events and activities in each half of the year (assistant governors, as defined by the board of directors of RI, shall be excused from this requirement).

If an active member fails to attend as required, the member's membership may be subject to termination unless the board consents to such non-attendance for good cause.

- (b) *Consecutive Absences.* Unless otherwise excused by the board for good and sufficient reason or pursuant to article 9, sections 3 or 4, each active member who fails to attend or make up four consecutive regular meetings shall be informed by the board that the member's non-attendance may be considered a request to terminate membership in this club. Thereafter, the board, by a majority vote, may terminate the member's membership.

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### PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-

To amend the attendance provisions for members from the same corporation

Proposed by the Board of Directors of RI

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

**Article 9 Attendance**

**Section 6** — *Corporate Attendance.* At the discretion of the board, the attendance of up to four employees of the same corporation shall be considered on a cumulative basis for the purposes of satisfying the attendance requirements of this article for each of the members provided that one such member is a senior executive of the corporation. However, for purposes of satisfying this requirement, the attendance of two or more members of the same corporation at a regular meeting shall only count as such members having attended one meeting.

(End of Text)



PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-

To allow clubs flexibility in structuring their regular meetings

Proposed by the Board of Directors of RI

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 as provided in the bylaws.

(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.

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~~ on such date as 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.

(End of Text)



PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-

To allow clubs to conduct multiple club meetings

Proposed by the Board of Directors of RI

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

in article 1 (page 197 MOP)

**Article 1 Definitions**

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

1. Additional meeting: An alternate meeting of this club that a member may attend in lieu of attending a regular meeting.

~~1.~~ 2. Board: The Board of Directors of this club.

~~2.~~ 3. Bylaws: The bylaws of this club.

~~3.~~ 4. Director: A member of this club’s Board of Directors.

~~4.~~ 5. Member: A member, other than an honorary member, of this club.

~~5.~~ 6. RI: Rotary International.

~~6.~~ 7. Satellite club (when applicable): A potential club whose members shall also be members of this club.

~~7.~~ 8. Year: The twelve-month period which begins on 1 July.

and in article 6 (page 199 MOP)

**Article 6 Meetings**

**Section 2** — *Additional Meetings.* This club may hold additional meetings each week on such date(s), time(s), and at such location(s) as provided in the bylaws. The date, time, and location of the additional meetings may be changed in the same manner as a regular meeting as provided in section 1(b) of this article. An additional meeting may be cancelled for any of the reasons enumerated in section 1(c) of this article.

(Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

and in article 9 (pages 202-203 MOP)



## Article 9 Attendance

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

**Section 1 — General Provisions.** Each member should attend this club's regular or additional 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's attendance at an additional meeting of this club shall be considered the same as attending this club's regular meeting, if a member has not attended the regular meeting of this club scheduled during the week in which the additional meeting is held. A member shall be counted as attending a regular or additional 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 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:

(a) *14 Days Before or After the Meeting.* If, within fourteen (14) days before or after the regular time for that meeting, the member

(1) attends at least 60 percent of the regular or additional meeting of another club, of a satellite club meeting of another club, or of a provisional club; or

(2) attends a regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact club, Rotary Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship or of a provisional Rotaract or Interact club, Rotary Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship; or

(3) attends a convention of RI, a council on legislation, an international assembly, a Rotary institute for past and present officers of RI, a Rotary institute for past, present, and incoming officers of RI, or any other meeting convened with the approval of the board of directors of RI or the president of RI acting on behalf of the board of directors of RI, a Rotary multizone conference, a meeting of a committee of RI, a Rotary district conference, a Rotary district training assembly, any district meeting held by direction of the board of directors of RI, any district committee meeting held by direction of

the district governor, or a regularly announced intercivity meeting of Rotary clubs; or

(4) is present at the usual time and place of a regular or additional meeting or satellite club meeting of another club for the purpose of attending such meeting, but that club is not meeting at that time or place; or

(5) attends and participates in a club service project or a club-sponsored community event or meeting authorized by the board; or

(6) attends a board meeting or, if authorized by the board, a meeting of a service committee to which the member is assigned; or

(7) participates through a club website in an interactive activity requiring an average of 30 minutes of participation.

When a member is outside the member's country of residence for more than fourteen (14) days, the time restriction shall not be imposed so that the member may attend regular or additional meetings or satellite club meetings in another country at any time during the travel period, and each such attendance shall count as a valid make-up for any regular meeting missed during the member's time abroad.

(End of Text)



## PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-

To revise the procedures for selecting directors-nominee

Proposed by the Board of Directors of RI

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)



#### PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-

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

Proposed by the Board of Directors of RI

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.

##### 20.030.2. Exceptions to Subscription Requirement.

~~A club may be excused by the board from complying with the provisions of this section if its members are not literate in any of the languages of the official magazine or the Rotary magazine approved by the board for such club. The board may excuse clubs from the subscription requirement as it deems necessary.~~

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)



#### PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-

To allow Rotaractors to be active members

Proposed by the Board of Directors of RI

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,
- (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 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 Rotaractor or 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 place of business or residence located in the locality of the club or the surrounding area. An active 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.

(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)

## APPENDIX K

### AMENDMENTS TO THE ROTARY CODE OF POLICIES AND STANDARD INTERACT CLUB CONSTITUTION (Decision 136)

#### 41.010. Interact

[text omitted]

15. On 30 June of the Rotary year in which a member becomes 18 years old, his or her Interact membership will end.

[text omitted]

~~2223.~~ Interact organization beyond the club level

- a) A district with two or more Interact clubs may elect a district Interact representative from among its membership. The method of election shall be determined by the district Interact committee and district governor in advance of elections.
- b) All election disputes ~~should~~ shall be resolved locally by the district governor based on district policy in consultation with the ~~district governor~~ and district Interact chair. RI will not intervene.

[text omitted]

#### 41.020. Rotaract

[text omitted]

19. A Rotaract club may be terminated:

- a) By Rotary International, with or without the consent, approval or concurrence of the sponsor Rotary club, for:
  - 1) failure to function in accordance with its constitution,
  - 2) initiating, or maintaining, or retaining in its membership an individual who initiates or maintains litigation against a Rotary district, Rotary International, or The Rotary Foundation, including their directors, trustees, officers, and employees, or
  - 3) for other cause.

b) By its sponsor Rotary club, after consultation with the governor and the district Rotaract representative, or

c) By the Rotaract club itself upon its own determination.

[text omitted]

23. Rotaract organization beyond the club level:

- a) A district with two or more Rotaract clubs must elect a district Rotaract representative from among their membership. The method of election shall be determined by the Rotaract membership and approved by the district Rotaract committee and district governor in advance of elections. The district Rotaract representative must have served as a Rotaract club president or as a member of the district Rotaract committee for one full term before taking office.

[text omitted]

- e) All election disputes ~~should~~ shall be resolved locally by the district governor based on district policy in consultation with the ~~district governor~~ and district Rotaract chair. RI will not intervene.

[text omitted]

25. Rotaract activities beyond the district level

[text omitted]

- b) Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organizations. Districts may develop a multidistrict organization for the purpose of disseminating information and facilitating communication between Rotaract clubs in the districts concerned, provided that

- 1) there is no objection by the governors of each of the districts concerned;

- 2) authorization is secured from the general secretary, acting on behalf of the RI Board of Directors, to develop and maintain such an organization;
  - 3) the organization complies with RI policy or is subject to termination of its status by the general secretary on behalf of the RI Board of Directors;
  - 4) each member district is represented by its district Rotaract representative. Each district Rotaract representative may appoint a proxy ~~from his/her district organization~~, as needed, to carry out the activities of the multidistrict organization;
  - 5) funds needed to implement the organization's activities (i.e. production and distribution of regional club directories and newsletters, dissemination of Rotaract program information, general correspondence) shall be obtained on a voluntary basis only;
  - 6) the organization has no decision making or legislative powers, except for decisions concerning the activities of the organization; ~~for which each member district (as represented by its district Rotaract representative) shall have one vote.;~~
  - 7) the organization shall establish a voting mechanism to be reviewed by the district governors.
- Should promote multidistrict and international training opportunities for Rotaractors, including the Rotaract Preconvention Meeting
  - b) An effective Rotaract club also depends on the support of the Rotary district. The district Rotaract representative, in conjunction with the district Rotaract committee chair, the district trainer, the district governor-elect, and the district governor, ~~should~~ shall promote Rotaract training needs during planning for district leadership seminars, Rotaract training seminars, and other district events. The district should conduct training of Rotaract leadership in conjunction with presidents-elect training seminars (PETS) and club officer training. The district Rotaract representative should organize a Rotaract district conference to promote service, increase international understanding, enhance professional development, and build friendship and connection. Where possible, the Rotaract district conference should occur in conjunction with the Rotary district conference and include at least one joint session.

The chair of the district Rotaract committee and the district Rotaract representative shall facilitate a one to two-day leadership training seminar for all incoming Rotaract club officers, directors, and committee chairs.

## 26. Leadership Training

- a) ~~The continued well being of~~ An effective Rotaract club depends on the guidance, support, and active participation of the sponsor Rotary club(s). Rotarians should be involved in the training of Rotaractors, Rotaract club officers, directors, and committee chairs. Sponsor Rotary clubs
  - Should pay for and strongly encourage the attendance of club officers, directors, and committee chairs at all relevant and necessary district-level training meetings
  - Should appoint Rotarian mentors to Rotaractors in their sponsored Rotaract clubs

[text omitted]

### 41.020.10. INTEROTA

INTEROTA is not an official meeting of Rotary International, but RI provides support to INTEROTA through approval of its program content and by supplying representation of RI leadership at this event.

Rotaractors, prior to making a bid to host an INTEROTA meeting, shall obtain approval from the host district governor(s), district governor(s)-elect, and district governor(s)-nominee. The winning INTEROTA proposal bid shall be submitted by the host district Rotaract representative to the general secretary for approval on behalf of the Board no later

than one year prior to the event. Complete proposals shall include:

- a) written approval of the host governor(s) and the RI director for the region
- b) information including the date, location, facilities, program, bidding process, and participants
- c) a copy of the anticipated meeting budget with assurance that the sponsors are in a position to and will assume complete responsibility for contractual and financial obligations inherent in the meeting
- d) assurance that the planning and implementation of the proposed meeting will be carried out under the direct supervision of Rotaractors or Rotarians

- ~~(b)~~ ~~(e)~~ by termination of the club; or
- ~~(c)~~ ~~(d)~~ by failure to meet attendance requirements unless excused by the board of directors of this club for good and sufficient reason.

[text omitted]

The host district(s) must maintain liability insurance for INTEROTA with coverage and limits appropriate for the geographic location. Evidence of such coverage must be provided to RI or the governor of any participating district upon request.

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### ***Revisions to the Standard Interact Club Constitution***

#### **Standard Interact Club Constitution**

##### ARTICLE IV — Membership

1. To be eligible for membership a person must possess good character and leadership potential and
  - (a) in a school-based club be a student at the secondary-school or pre-university level, or be age 12 to 18; (b) in a community-based club be a young person ~~between the ages of 12 to 18 years old.~~

[text omitted]

4. Membership shall automatically terminate
  - (a) ~~upon removal from the community;~~
  - ~~(b)~~ in a school-based club 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 in a community-based club, not in connection with a school, upon graduation or ~~upon reaching the age of eighteen on 30 June in the Rotary year in which the member becomes 18 years old;~~

**APPENDIX L**

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR BUDGET APPROVAL  
(Decision 147)**

**Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation  
DG110 - District Governors  
5 Year Historical Actuals by Fiscal Year w/ FY15 & FY16 proposed budget**

(in US\$ 000's)

<b>Account</b>	<b>2010 Actual</b>	<b>2011 Actual</b>	<b>2012 Actual</b>	<b>2013 Actual</b>	<b>2014 Budget</b>	<b>2014 Actual</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>2016 Proposed Budget</b>
District Governor Funding*	9,367	9,389	9,409	10,182	9,399	9,790	9,830	9,866
District Governor Funding – Non-Districted Clubs	15	19	3	4	20	2	7	15
District Governor - RIBI GETS	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	15
District Governor - Add-Supported	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	70
Postage and Express Mail	1	1	0	0	195	141	100	125
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>9,383</b>	<b>9,409</b>	<b>9,412</b>	<b>10,186</b>	<b>9,614</b>	<b>9,933</b>	<b>10,077</b>	<b>10,091</b>

\*based on final reimbursement for the fiscal year

**Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation  
DG110 - District Governors  
Historical Budgets by Fiscal Year**

<b>Account</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>2016 Proposed Budget</b>
District Governor - Funding	8,351,000	9,506,000	9,324,000	9,675,000	9,399,000	9,830,000	9,866,000
District Governor Funding - Non-Districted Clubs	28,000	25,000	25,000	19,000	20,000	7,000	15,000
District Governor - RIBI GETS	0	0	0	0	0	15,000	15,000
District Governor - Add-Supported	0	0	0	0	0	125,000	70,000
Postage and Express Mail	5,000	4,000	1,000	1,000	195,000	100,000	125,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>8,384,000</b>	<b>9,535,000</b>	<b>9,350,000</b>	<b>9,695,000</b>	<b>9,614,000</b>	<b>10,077,000</b>	<b>10,091,000</b>

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