

Dear Julia

I need your advice and help. According to the rules until 31 June, we should hold DG 2017-18 elections

I would like to appeal to the Board of Directors to allow us to postpone the elections until December 2015. And in December, hold the elections on 17-18 and 18-19 at the same time

To do this, in my opinion, there are two reasons. The first - due to the current tense political moment and economic problems in the country. There is a danger that we will not be able to find a worthy candidate. For our district it is extremely important and we must have a strong leader. During this time, Rotarians will be able to more clearly define the situation with the business and Rotary life.

And the second. 9 months have passed since the completion of the election of the governor 2016- 2017 Election lasted more than six months and the process was not smoothly and we faced some problems and even scandals. That led to a sharp drop in the membership by almost 10%, to a loss of motivation and refusal of several excellent candidates to participate in nominating their candidates for the election of the future governors.

All the efforts of the team leaders of the 2014-15 year were aimed to consolidate the Rotary community and the creation of a good and solid foundation for further development and membership growth. We managed to turn the tide at PETS in Kemerovo.

During this time, Rotarians (potential candidates) will rethink what happened, look at the positive changes and at the end of 2015 we will be able to hold elections. This will allow the district to receive the Governor who consciously come to position and will be able to work for the District.

There are serious concerns that any new tensions in the District may lead to a further decline of membership and the closure of small clubs. Now we need to take time out and focus our efforts on membership increasing and the creation of new clubs.

Please advise us what to do in such a difficult time for our District and the current situation.

Thanks

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