

20 April 2015

Dear Director Julia,

We, DG Mikhail Batkhan, DGE Valentin Naydanov and all three D. 2225 past district governors, became aware of DGN Mikhail Kunitsyn's letter to you. In his communication, he strongly objects to deferring the 2017-18 DG nomination in our district at the request of DG Mikhail Batkhan and DGE Valentin Naidanov. Given the situation in the district, as described by the DG and DGE, the General Secretary Hewko found it appropriate to extend the deadline for the election of DGND till December 30, 2015.

The truth is that DGN Kunitsyn's appeal to you is, in fact, an attempt first to re-escalate the confrontation in the district that he initiated during the turbulent campaign of his marathon election for the DGND position as a challenger. Secondly, to monopolize district 2225 administration in the forthcoming years, and thirdly to mislead the RI and Zone leadership.

At the last month's Assembly with the Zone coordinator Gayle Knepper in attendance there was an open heated discussion on the subject. The argumentation of DG Batkhan and DGE Naydanov was found quite relevant and agreed upon.

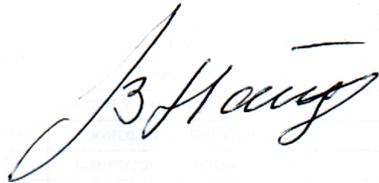
The reality is that DGN Kunitsyn's statement re. the influx of new members and emerging new clubs is, regrettably, absolutely untrue. On the contrary, his counterproductive activities over the past 18 months have resulted in a dramatic drop in membership in 2014-15 and low morale in the district. Those leaving Rotary are experienced Rotarians who started back in the 90s when we were part of D.5010. They were nurtured in truly Rotarian spirit values but became frustrated when their voices were not heard or muffled by DGND/DGN Kunitsyn. Our brand-new district is still very fragile to allow such disregard on the part of the incoming 2016-2017 governor.

As the district has not recovered yet from the previous election, and since it is critical to build up on the common ground and accord reached at PETS in March, our top priority is to focus on sizable membership growth and club strengthening. This will allow us to restore much needed stability in the district.

We request not to act upon DGN Kunitsyn's letter if we want to preclude further split and instability in the district.

In Rotary service,

DG Mikhail Batkhan



DGN Valentin Naidanov



PDG Vladimir Donskoy (2004-2005)



PDG Andrey Konyshok (2012-2013)



PDG Evgenia Terekhova (2013-2014)