

REPORT OF ACTION OF THE 2007 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION
OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

To all Rotary clubs:

The Council on Legislation of Rotary International met 21-27 April 2007 in Chicago, Illinois, USA. In accordance with section 8.140.2. of the bylaws of RI, I am issuing this report on the actions taken by the Council, including the text of the 97 pieces of adopted legislation.

The Council considered 337 pieces of proposed legislation. These included 167 enactments (proposals to amend the constitutional documents of RI) and 170 resolutions (proposals which do not seek to amend the constitutional documents of RI). Of these, the Council adopted 59 enactments and 38 resolutions. The Council referred 14 pieces to the RI Board for further study. The Council rejected 152 proposals, and 74 proposals were withdrawn or considered withdrawn. Of the 97 adopted proposals, the Council adopted 84 exactly as they were proposed, while 13 were adopted with amendments. Those adopted with amendments are noted in the report by an asterisk (*) after the number of the proposal. You will note that, where necessitated by amendments, the titles of the proposals have been changed to accurately reflect the final intent of the legislation.

The legislation contained in this report is presented in the format used by the Council. It illustrates changes to the current constitutional documents of RI by underlining new text and lining through deleted text.

As you study these items of legislation, please bear in mind that each piece of legislation must stand alone as it was adopted. Each adopted enactment was drafted to achieve its individual purpose by amending the constitutional documents as they currently exist. Where two or more pieces seek to change the same section of a document, all overlapping and correlative changes will be made in the production of the 2007 *Manual of Procedure*.

At the end of this report is an "Opposition to Legislation Report Form." In accordance with section 8.140.3. of the RI bylaws, any club may use this form to record its opposition to any adopted enactment or resolution. Completed forms **must** reach RI Headquarters in Evanston by 27 August 2007. If by that time clubs representing 10% or more of the total number of votes entitled to be cast by all clubs have filed forms regarding their opposition to any item of legislation adopted by the Council, that item will be considered suspended. A ballot will then be prepared and distributed to each club within one month of the suspension. The ballot will submit the question of whether the action of the Council should be sustained in regard to the suspended item of legislation. The ballot will be conducted according to the provisions of sections 8.140.5., 8.140.6. and 8.140.7. of the RI bylaws. Based on the results of the ballot, the suspended item will either be nullified or reinstated.

Please note that a club should complete and return the form at the end of this report only if it wishes to oppose some action by the Council. If a club does not wish to oppose an action of the 2007 Council on Legislation, no action is required.

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ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-11

To provide for a club board to cancel a club meeting for commonly recognized holidays

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 238 MOP)

Article 5 Meetings

Section 1 Regular Meetings.

- (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.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-14

To require members to attend 50% of regular meetings in each half of the Rotary year

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 243 MOP)

Article 11 Duration of Membership

Section 4 Termination – Non-attendance.

- (a) *Attendance Percentages.* A member must
- (1) attend or make up at least ~~60~~50 percent of club regular meetings in each half of the year;

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-16

To amend the provisions for calculating attendance records

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 241 MOP)

Article 8 Attendance

Section 3 – Excused Absences. A member's absence shall be excused if

- (a) the absence complies with the conditions and under circumstances approved by the board. The board may excuse a member's absence for reasons which it considers to be good and sufficient.

(b) the aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more and the member has notified the club secretary in writing of the member's desire to be excused from attendance and the board has approved.

Section 4 – RI Officers' Absences. A member's absence shall be excused if the member is a current officer of RI.

Section 5 Attendance Records. Any member whose absences are excused under the provisions of subsections 3(b) or section 4 of this article shall not be included in the membership figure used to compute this club's attendance nor shall such absences or attendances be used for that purpose.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-17

To amend the provisions for calculating attendance records

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 241 MOP)

Article 8 Attendance

Section 5 Attendance Records. Any member whose absences are excused under the provisions of sections 3 or 4 of this article shall not be included in the membership figure used to compute this club's attendance ~~nor shall such absences or attendances be used for that purpose.~~

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-29*

To include the Four Avenues of Service in the Standard Rotary Club Constitution

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 237 MOP)

Article 5 Four Avenues of Service

Rotary's Four Avenues of Service are the philosophical and practical framework for the work of this Rotary club.

1. Club Service, the first Avenue of Service, involves action a member should take within this club to help it function successfully.

2. Vocational Service, the second Avenue of Service, has the purpose of promoting high ethical standards in businesses and professions, recognizing the worthiness of all dignified occupations, and fostering the ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations. The role of members includes conducting themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary's principles.

3. Community Service, the third Avenue of Service, comprises varied efforts that members make, sometimes in conjunction with others, to improve the quality of life of those who live within this club's locality or municipality.

4. International Service, the fourth Avenue of Service, comprises those activities that members do to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace by fostering acquaintance with people of other countries, their cultures, customs, accomplishments, aspirations, and problems, through reading and correspondence and through cooperation in all club activities and projects designed to help people in other lands.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-30

To consult with the governor when amending the name and locality of the club

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (pages 246-247 MOP)

Article 18 Amendments

Section 2 – Amending Article 2 and Article 3. Article 2 (Name) and Article 3 (Locality of the Club) of the constitution shall be amended at any regular meeting of this club, a quorum being present by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of all voting members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been mailed to each member at least ten (10) days before such meeting, and provided further, that such amendment shall be submitted to the board of directors of RI for its approval and shall become effective only when so approved. The governor may offer an opinion to the RI board regarding the proposed amendment.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-37*

To authorize the RI Board to suspend or terminate a club that fails to investigate an allegation that a member violated youth protection laws

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 177 MOP)

Article 3 Resignation or Termination of Membership in RI

3.030. Board Authority to Discipline or Terminate a Club.

3.030.1. Termination for Failure to Pay Dues.

The board may terminate the membership of any club which fails to pay its dues or other financial obligations to RI or approved contributions to the district fund.

3.030.2. *Termination for Failure to Function.*

The board may terminate the membership of any club where such club disbands for any reason, fails to meet regularly, or otherwise fails to function. Before acting on a termination for failure to function, the board shall request the governor to submit a report regarding the circumstances of the termination.

3.030.3. *Suspension or Termination for Failure to Comply with Youth Protection Laws.*

The board may suspend or terminate the membership of a club that fails to appropriately address any allegations made against one of its members in connection with Rotary-related youth programs for violation of applicable law regarding the protection of youth.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-39

To request the RI Board to consider encouraging clubs to welcome Rotary Foundation alumni as guests at club meetings

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider adding the following subsection to section 7.040 of the Rotary Code of Policies:

7.040. Visitors and Guests

7.040.4 TRF Alumni as Guests

Clubs are encouraged to welcome Rotary Foundation alumni as guests at their meetings, particularly alumni who have recently moved to the locality of the club. The alumni will be expected to pay the same costs of attendance as paid by visiting Rotarians.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-41

To amend the provisions for visiting Rotarians

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 179 MOP)

Article 4 Membership in Clubs

4.100. *Attendance at Other Clubs.*

Every member shall have the privilege of attending the regular meeting of any other club, except for a club that previously terminated the membership of said person for good cause.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-42

To exempt recent Rotaractors from paying an admission fee

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 242 MOP)

Article 10 Admission Fees and Dues

Every member shall pay an admission fee and annual dues as prescribed in the bylaws, except that any transferring or former member of another club who is accepted into membership of this club pursuant to article 6, section 4 shall not be required to pay a second admission fee. A Rotaractor who ceased to be a member of Rotaract within the preceding two years, who is accepted into membership of this club, shall not be required to pay an admission fee.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-44

To clarify the terms of the president-nominee and president-elect

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 242 MOP)

Article 9 Directors and Officers

Section 5 Election of Officers.

- (b) *Term of President.* The president shall be elected as provided in the bylaws, not more than two (2) years but not less than eighteen (18) months prior to the day of taking office and shall serve as president-nominee upon election. The nominee shall take the title of president-elect ~~upon the election of a successor~~ on 1 July in the year prior to taking office as president. The president shall take office on 1 July and shall serve a period of one (1) year or until a successor has been duly elected and qualified.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-46*

To provide that the president shall continue to serve until a successor who has attended the presidents-elect training seminar and district assembly has been elected

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 242 MOP)

Article 9 Directors and Officers

Section 5 Election of Officers.

- (c) *Qualifications.* Each officer and director shall be a member in good standing of this club. The president-elect shall attend the district presidents-elect training seminar and the district 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 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 as club president until a successor who has attended a presidents-elect training seminar and district assembly or training deemed sufficient by the governor-elect has been duly elected.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-57

To allow Rotary Foundation alumni to be active members

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the CONSTITUTION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby is amended as follows (page 168 MOP)

Article 5 Membership

Section 2 — Composition of Clubs.

- (a) A club shall be composed of active members who are adult persons of good character and good business and professional reputation,
 - (1) engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession; or
 - (2) hold an 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 sub-subsection (1) or (2) of this subsection; or
 - (4) have the status of Rotary Foundation alumni as defined by the board

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-65

To amend the provisions for terminating a member

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 243 MOP)

Article 11 Duration of Membership

Section 5 Termination – Other Causes.

- (a) *Good Cause.* The board may terminate the membership of any member who ceases to have the qualifications for membership in this club or for any good cause by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the board members, at a meeting called for that purpose. The guiding principles for this meeting shall be article 6, section 1, and The Four-Way Test.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-68

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

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 the wild poliovirus

IT IS RESOLVED by the 2007 Council on Legislation that Rotary International

- affirms and endorses that the goal of certification of the worldwide eradication of the wild poliovirus 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 wild poliovirus, 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.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-70

To request the RI Board to consider focusing on safe drinking water and endorsing the Blue Planet Run Foundation's Blue Planet Run and Water Project Activities

WHEREAS, there are no mechanical or technological barriers to solving the problem of the lack of safe drinking water to one-third of the world's population, but rather we are lacking the concerted collective effort, and

WHEREAS, bringing safe drinking water to everyone is possible, measurable, and doable, and

WHEREAS, safe drinking water is the foundation to curing malaria and other illnesses, diarrhea, parasite infection, arsenic poisoning, illiteracy, economic underdevelopment, strife and insecurity, and

WHEREAS, safe drinking water provides a true humanitarian service opportunity to improve the global quality of life, and

WHEREAS, the safe drinking water crisis exists in many of the highest Rotary membership growth geographies, and

WHEREAS, RI and Blue Planet Run Foundation (BPRF) share common culture, goals, and operating frameworks, and

WHEREAS, BPRF is staging a world event, the Blue Planet Run, to raise awareness of the safe drinking water crisis and fund water projects, and establish a durable long-term worldwide concerted collective effort, and

WHEREAS, by joining this concerted collective effort, the world will better perform this service and increase the likelihood of successfully ending this human condition, and

WHEREAS, with Rotarian support along the Blue Planet Run race route, RI will experience increased awareness of its existence and service ideals, thereby increasing membership and service participation, and

WHEREAS, BPRF will be a funding source to RI water projects

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider making safe drinking water for everyone a primary focus of Rotary International, and endorsing the Blue Planet Run Foundation (BPRF) to bring safe drinking water to everyone, encourage Rotary clubs and Rotarians to support the Blue Planet Run, and encourage Rotary clubs and Rotarians to participate in BPRF water projects.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-96

To request the RI Board to consider changing the name of the New Generations Exchange to the Young Adults Exchange

WHEREAS, the overall youth programs of Rotary International are currently called New Generations programs, as set out on page 89 of the 2004 *Manual of Procedure*, which include the Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and Youth Exchange structured programs, and

WHEREAS, the Youth Exchange program, as set out on page 94 of the 2004 *Manual of Procedure*, includes an exchange program called New Generations Exchanges, which is for young people between the ages of 18 and 25, and

WHEREAS, to keep people from becoming confused with the overall youth program name of New Generations having basically the same name as the Youth Exchange program and to make the Youth Exchange program more descriptive of the program

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider changing the name of the New Generations Exchange program under the Youth Exchange program to the Young Adults Exchange.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-98

To request the RI Board to consider adopting the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) as an official RI program

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International reconsider Resolution 04-111 from the 2004 Council on Legislation, with a view to accepting the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) as an official RI program as soon as practicable.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-107

To request the RI Board to consider proposing legislation to the next Council on Legislation to mention the Rotary Emblem and Service Above Self in the RI Constitution

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider proposing legislation to the next Council on Legislation to mention the logo (wheel) and motto (Service above Self) in the Constitution of Rotary International.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-109

To request the RI Board to consider amending the RI secondary motto

WHEREAS, since the founding days of Rotary, there have been two mottos, “He Profits Most Who Serves Best” and “Service Above Self.” The former motto was adopted in 1911, and used for 90 years, and

WHEREAS, the 2004 Council on Legislation changed “He” to “They” because the word “He” only indicates the male gender. But this motto is based on the philosophy that Vocational Service is applied by an individual’s own actions, and

WHEREAS, it would be desirable to change the motto that has been used for almost a century back to its original form

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider amending “They Profit Most Who Serve Best” to change the word “They” back to “He/She.”

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-113

To request the RI Board to consider organizing a world contest to compose a new Rotary anthem

WHEREAS, the current Rotary hymn is the “march” of the Overture to *Egmont* by Ludwig van Beethoven, as cited in Rotary Code of Policies 26.070., and

WHEREAS, to organize a worldwide contest among composers to create a new Rotary hymn would offer a great public relations opportunity to develop an audience, to increase Rotary’s influence, and to develop an image of Rotary across the globe, and

WHEREAS, this new hymn should highlight, among other things, the main goal of Rotary: to develop peace and understanding among people, and

WHEREAS, the current hymn does not seem adequate, nor is it motivating or inspiring to Rotarians. Most Rotarians are unaware of its existence, and

WHEREAS, as with any other community, isn’t the goal of such a hymn to be known and used by its members? and

WHEREAS, the current melody is thundering but repetitive and too martial to generate the image of peace and serenity conducive to the development of understanding. Are there even lyrics? and

WHEREAS, what better symbol to the world and what better tool for humanity than a universal hymn to peace, providing to the world a shared language

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider abandoning the current Rotary hymn (anthem) and organizing a worldwide contest among composers to create a new hymn (anthem), including lyrics and music.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-116

To endorse the mission, motto, and priorities of the Future Vision Plan for The Rotary Foundation

WHEREAS, the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International have developed a Future Vision Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Rotary International has endorsed the primary components of the Future Vision Plan, which are the Mission Statement, Motto, and Priorities, and

WHEREAS, the Trustees and the Board of Directors desire a confirmation of the primary components of the Future Vision Plan by the Council on Legislation

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the 2007 Council on Legislation to endorse the primary components of the Future Vision Plan for The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, which are the following items:

Mission Statement: The Mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Motto: Doing good in the world

Priorities:

Simplify all programs and operations

Align program outcomes/descriptions with the Future Vision Plan

Increase participation and sense of ownership at district and club levels

Provide sufficient resources to achieve the program goals

Develop a business model that supports the Future Vision Plan

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-118

To request the Trustees to consider allowing districts to access up to 30% of their District Designated Funds to be used for District Simplified Grants

WHEREAS, The Rotary Foundation encourages all Rotarians to contribute to the “Every Rotarian Every Year” program each year in giving to the Annual Programs Fund, and

WHEREAS, it is important that Rotarians readily see benefits from increased giving to The Rotary Foundation

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider requesting that the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation consider allowing Rotary districts of the world to access up to 30% of their District Designated Funds to be used in the area of District Simplified Grants, provided that the “Every Rotarian Every Year” target set by The Rotary Foundation is exceeded by the district in the year of the donation.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-120

To request the Trustees to consider reducing the minimum amount for Matching Grants to US\$2,500

WHEREAS, the Matching Grants US\$5,000 minimum has severely curtailed the number of applications for Matching Grants

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider recommending to the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider the minimum amount for Matching Grants be reduced to US\$2,500.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-121

To request the Trustees to consider authorizing the construction of buildings using Matching Grants

WHEREAS, it is often necessary to build a school before financing the purchase of school equipment

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider authorizing the construction of buildings under the Matching Grants Program of The Rotary Foundation while making sure that the ownership of the land and the building meet the set purpose.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-124

To request the Trustees to consider reviewing the expenses and procedures related to audits and review of individual grants and projects

WHEREAS, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International has developed a wide range of programs as a tangible and effective means of furthering the objectives of the Foundation, including:

- Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships
- Rotary Centers for International Studies
- Rotary Grants for University Teachers
- Group Study Exchange
- District Simplified Grants
- Individual Grants
- Matching Grants (Major and Minor)
- Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants
- Blane Community Immunization Grants
- PolioPlus
- PolioPlus Partners, and

WHEREAS, the 1983 articles of incorporation for The Rotary Foundation of RI (portions of which can be found immediately before the Foundation bylaws in Part Eight of the 2004 *Manual of Procedure*) give specific information on the “Purposes” of Rotary’s Foundation and the “Dedication of Income and Assets,” and

WHEREAS, the Trustees recognize that the funds received from Rotarians and other donors around the world are voluntary contributions reflecting their hard work and dedicated support; also, that these donors have entrusted The Rotary Foundation with the faith and understanding that their contributions will be used effectively and for the purposes for which they were given, and

WHEREAS, the Trustees, acting in their capacity as stewards of these funds, stress the importance of proper fiscal management in any activities associated with the programs of The Rotary Foundation and the Trustees highly rely on the integrity of the clubs and the Rotarians engaged in project implementation to ensure that funds are used effectively for the purposes for which they were given. The Trustees will promptly investigate any irregularities coming to their attention and take whatever action may be appropriate, and

WHEREAS, the recipient of a grant, the grant’s sponsors, and all others associated with the project are expected to:

- 1) Treat Rotary Foundation funds as a sacred trust to be constantly safe-guarded from loss, misuse, or diversion and to be used only for the stated purpose which shall be strictly interpreted;
- 2) Exercise the highest attention to the prevention of even the appearance that Rotary Foundation funds are being used in an improper manner, whether such appearance may be in the eyes of Rotarians or the general public. Such attention is expected to go beyond that afforded to the use of private or corporate funds;
- 3) Assure competent and thorough oversight of the project with clear delineation of responsibility;

- 4) Conduct all financial transactions and project activity relating to the grant at least at the level of standard business practice and always in harmony with the Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions and in the full spirit of The Four-Way Test;
- 5) Report immediately any irregularity in grant-related activity to The Rotary Foundation;
- 6) Implement projects as approved by the Trustees in their grant award. Any deviation from the agreed terms or changes in the implementation of the project must receive prior written authorization from The Rotary Foundation;
- 7) Arrange for independent financial and performance reviews and/or audits in accordance with current Trustee policy and guidelines;
- 8) Report on both program and financial activities on a timely and detailed basis;
- 9) Be held accountable for appropriately addressing all concerns regarding project implementation for which notification has been sent (TRFC 7.030.)

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider urging the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider ensuring that expenses incurred in conducting independent reviews and audits of individual grants and projects be entirely reasonable in relation to the actual amount of each individual grant or award.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider urging the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider arranging for such independent reviews and audits to be conducted by a properly qualified and experienced Rotarian who shall be a member of a Rotary club from an adjoining RI zone.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-130

To request the Trustees to consider establishing a Group Study Exchange Partner Request section under “Group Study Exchange” on the RI website

WHEREAS, only three months into a Rotary year, Group Study Exchange (GSE) chairs have to have finalized agreements with partner districts for the entire following Rotary year, i.e. up to 18 months in advance, and

WHEREAS, it is not always possible for the incoming governor to arrange partnerships during the International Assembly so that the GSE chair has to look for interested partner districts through costly and time-consuming global correspondence

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider ordering the establishment of a GSE Partner Request section under “Group Study Exchange” on the Rotary International home page (website). GSE chairs should have access to this protected area where they could publish GSE offers and correspond with districts that published offers.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-132

To request the Trustees to consider reducing the amount of time that scholarship applications are processed

WHEREAS, according to publication 012-EN (*Ambassadorial Scholarships – Program Guide for Rotarians*), a candidate interested in studying abroad starting in August of Year 0 would need to submit a completed application to a local club between March and July of Year -1, that is 14 to 17 months before, and

WHEREAS, a student who wants to apply abroad to a Master degree should start the scholarship process in his third year of study while the selection committee of the university will only meet in December of his fourth year of study, that is, 8 months before the beginning of classes. Students can only start working on their application in October of Year -1, that is, 10 months before the beginning of classes, and

WHEREAS, the time needed by the Foundation is not compatible with the date when US universities review applications. When the student sends his scholarship application, he does not know yet whether he will be able to leave since his departure is conditioned upon his succeeding his 3rd and 4th year of study and his acceptance by a US university. US universities and other universities do select their incoming class during the year preceding the year of study, and

WHEREAS, the processing time needed by Rotary does not match university schedules and limits the number and quality of applicants, and

WHEREAS, the French-American Fulbright Committee proved it is possible to grant scholarships while respecting university schedules since each year, the deadline to submit applications is set at December 1st for a departure the following year

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider reducing to 10 months from 14 to 17 the time required by the Foundation to process scholarship applications.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-134

To request the Trustees to consider increasing the amount of project information posted on the Rotary website

WHEREAS, Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation work in close and fruitful cooperation to promote the goals of Rotary and to alleviate hunger, illness, and suffering, as well as to spread the skills of literacy and numeracy to all people of the world, and

WHEREAS, an efficient system of up-to-date information is important to maintain interest in these activities on the club and district level

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider increasing the amount of information provided to districts and clubs about The Rotary Foundation on the Internet, particularly by entering data about approved and ongoing projects, scholarships and planned major efforts in various parts of the world. Also, more information on actions taken by the Trustees should be easily made available to clubs and districts.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-137

To request the Trustees to consider itemizing fund development expenses in annual reports

WHEREAS, The Rotary Foundation has a moral obligation towards its donors to operate economically and thriftily, and

WHEREAS, remaining doubts regarding cost effectiveness and thriftiness of The Rotary Foundation's administration represent a hindrance in reaching the goal of Every Rotarian, Every Year

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider ensuring that the item "fund development expenses" in The Rotary Foundation annual reports shall be itemized in detail in the future, so that the amounts of these development expenses become transparent.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-143

To request the RI Board to consider changing the Spanish translation of the first part of the Object of Rotary

WHEREAS, the translation into Spanish of the first particular of the Object of Rotary International which is used in the *Manual of Procedure* is not that which corresponds to the original in English, given that the official text of the article in question: "The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service" is clear, and

WHEREAS, the dictionary of the English language indicates that "acquaintance" is a "friendly relationship with a person who is known, through work or business, but who is not a close friend." Moreover, it is correct in the translations into other languages, and the word "friendship" does not appear in them, and

WHEREAS, the insertion of the term "friendship" in the translation into Spanish is an addition which could give rise to confusion in its interpretation and the relationships among the members

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider modifying the translation into Spanish of the first particular of the Object of Rotary International as follows:

Primero. El conocimiento mutuo y la amistad como ocasión de servir. El desarrollo de relaciones personales amistosas como una oportunidad de servicio.
[First. Mutual acquaintance and friendship as an opportunity to serve. The development of friendly personal relationships as an opportunity for service.]

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-158*

To revise district financial reporting requirements

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (pages 222-223 MOP)

Article 15 Districts

15.060. District Finances.

15.060.4. Annual Statement and Report of District Finances.

The governor must provide an annual statement and report of the district finances that has been independently reviewed by a qualified accountant to each club in the district within three months of the completion of the governor's year in office. It may be reviewed either by a qualified accountant or by a district audit committee as may be decided by the district conference. If an audit committee approach is selected, then it must:

- (a) be composed of at least three members;
- (b) have all the members be active Rotarians;
- (c) have at least one member who is a past governor or a person with audit experience;
- (d) not allow the following to serve on the audit committee for the year in which they serve in these positions: governor, treasurer, signatories of district bank accounts, and members of the finance committee; and
- (e) have the members selected by the district in accordance with the procedures established by the district.

This annual statement and report shall include but not be limited to details of:

- (a) all sources of the district's funds (RI, The Rotary Foundation, district and club);
- (b) all funds received by or on behalf of the district from fundraising activities;
- (c) grants received from The Rotary Foundation or funds of The Rotary Foundation designated by the district for use;
- (d) all financial transactions of district committees;
- (e) all financial transactions of the governor by or on behalf of the district;
- (f) all expenditures of the district's funds; and
- (g) all funds received by the governor from RI.

The annual statement and report shall be presented for discussion and adoption at the next district meeting to which all clubs are entitled to send a representative and for which 30 days notice has been given that the statement and report of district finances will be

presented. If no such district meeting is held, the statement and report shall be presented for discussion and adoption at the next district conference.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-160

To allow approval of the per capita levy for a District Fund at a presidents-elect training seminar

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 222 MOP)

Article 15 Districts

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 members of those clubs. The amount of the levy shall be decided ~~either~~ by

- (a) the district assembly after the approval of three-fourths of incoming club presidents present, provided that where a president-elect is excused from attending the district assembly by the governor-elect in accordance with article 9, 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 9, 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.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-164

To revise the appointment process for RI committees

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 226 MOP)

Article 16 Committees

16.020. Membership.

Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, the president shall appoint the members of the committees and any subcommittees thereof, ~~and~~ after consultation with the board.

The president shall also designate the chairman of each committee and subcommittee.

The president shall be an *ex officio* member of all RI committees.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-165

To provide that the RI treasurer and another member of the RI Board serve as non-voting members of the RI Finance Committee

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (pages 225-226 MOP)

Article 16 Committees

16.010. *Number and Term.*

The board shall establish standing committees on communications, constitution and bylaws, conventions, districting, election review, finance, and Rotaract, as well as such other committees as it from time to time may determine is in the best interests of RI. The numbers and terms of office for the standing committees shall be as follows: (1) communications – consist of six members, two of whom shall be appointed each year for terms of three years; (2) constitution and bylaws – consist of three members, one of whom shall be appointed each year for a term of three years; (3) conventions – consist of six members, one of whom shall be chairman of the host organization for the annual convention; (4) districting – consist of three members, one of whom shall be appointed annually from the board for a term of three years; (5) election review – consist of six members, each of whom shall serve a term of three years, with two members appointed each year; (6) finance – consist of ~~six~~eight members, ~~each~~six of whom shall serve a term of three years with two members appointed each year, and the RI treasurer and one member of the board appointed by the board, each of whom shall serve a term of one year as a non-voting member; (7) Rotaract – consist of six members, each of whom shall serve a term of three years, with two members appointed each year, plus a minimum of three Rotaract members. The number of members on the committees and the terms of membership, except for the standing committees, shall be as determined by the board, subject to the provision of section 16.050. below. The board shall prescribe the duties and authority of all committees and, except for the standing committees, provide for continuity of committee members from year to year.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-166

To add the most recent past member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee as a fourth member of the Committee during the year of the Council

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (pages 225-226 MOP)

Article 16 Committees

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numbers and terms of office for the standing committees shall be as follows: (1) communications – consist of six members, two of whom shall be appointed each year for terms of three years; (2) constitution and bylaws – consist of three members, one of whom shall be appointed each year for a term of three years, except in the year of the council on legislation, when there shall be four members, with the most recent past member serving a fourth year on the committee; (3) conventions – consist of six members, one of whom shall be chairman of the host organization for the annual convention; (4) districting – consist of three members, one of whom shall be appointed annually from the board for a term of three years; (5) election review – consist of six members, each of whom shall serve a term of three years, with two members appointed each year; (6) finance – consist of six members, each of whom shall serve a term of three years with two members appointed each year; (7) Rotaract – consist of six members, each of whom shall serve a term of three years, with two members appointed each year, plus a minimum of three Rotaract members. The number of members on the committees and the terms of membership, except for the standing committees, shall be as determined by the board, subject to the provision of section 16.050. below. The board shall prescribe the duties and authority of all committees and, except for the standing committees, provide for continuity of committee members from year to year.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-167

To create an Audit Committee and amend the terms of reference for the Audit and Operations Review Committee

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (pages 226-231 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. ~~and 17.075~~ - 16.120.

16.110. *Audit Committee.*

The board shall appoint an audit committee to be composed of six members, each of whom shall be independent and financially literate. The members of the committee shall include three current members of the board appointed annually. The three non-director members shall serve a single term of six years with one member appointed every other year to maintain a committee of six members. The audit committee shall review and report to the board on RI financial reports, the external audit, the system of internal control, internal audit, and other matters connected therewith. The committee shall meet up to three times per year at such times and places and upon such notice as may be determined by the president, the board, or the chairman of the committee, and, if deemed necessary by the president or the chairman of the committee, additional times during the year at such times and places and upon such notice as may be determined by the president or the chairman of the committee. The chairman of the operations review committee or the chairman's designee shall serve as a liaison to the committee. The committee, which

shall act only in an advisory capacity to the board, shall function under such terms of reference not in conflict with the provisions of this section, as may be prescribed by the board.

Interim Provision Relating to Section 16.110.

From the effective date of 1 July 2007, three non-directors shall be appointed. One non-director shall serve a two-year term ending 30 June 2009, one non-director shall serve a four-year term ending 30 June 2011, and the third non-director shall serve a six-year term ending 30 June 2013.

17.075.16.120. ~~*Audit and Operations Review Committee.*~~

The board shall appoint an ~~audit and~~ operations review committee to be composed of six members, each of whom shall serve a single term not exceeding six years with two members appointed every other year as appropriate to maintain a committee of six members. No member of the committee shall be a past president or current member of the board or The Rotary Foundation trustees. Membership shall be selected so that qualifications provide a balance in membership with Rotarians experienced in management, leadership development, or financial management. The committee shall meet up to three times per year at such times and places and upon such notice as may be determined by the president, the board, or the chairman of the committee and, if deemed necessary by the president or the board, additional times during the year at such times and places and upon such notice as may be determined by the president or the board. The ~~audit and~~ operations review committee ~~shall~~ may review all financial matters, including but not limited to RI financial reports, the external audit, the system of internal accounting control, internal audit, and shall review the effectiveness and efficiency of operations, administrative procedures, and standards of conduct, and other operational and financial matters as necessary. The committee, which shall act only in an advisory capacity to the board, shall function under such terms of reference not in conflict with the provisions of this section, as may be prescribed by the board. The ~~audit and~~ operations review committee shall report directly to the full board.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-169

To request the RI Board to consider creating a committee to study the issue of reducing poverty

WHEREAS, poverty is one of the most terrible and unjust scourges suffered by humanity; that its advancement causes half of the world's population to live in conditions worse than 100 years ago; that 2.8 billion people survive on US\$2 or less per day; and that 800 million children currently suffer from malnutrition

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider creating a committee of experts to study the subject of reducing poverty in all the countries of the world and to propose strategies so that Rotarians of the world may actively participate in achieving this objective.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-175

To request the RI Board to consider realigning zones so that each district belongs to only one zone

WHEREAS, in many parts of the world some districts belong to two zones, and

WHEREAS, it requires more work to report to two zones, and

WHEREAS, to participate in the zone meetings is costly and time-consuming

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider realigning the districts to one zone only.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-177

To request the RI Board to consider reorganizing Zone 5 into three sections

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider reorganizing Zone 5 into three sections instead of the present two, for the purposes of election of RI directors, with the eastern and northeastern region of India comprising Districts 3120, 3240, 3250, 3260 and 3290 as one of the three sections, under RI Bylaws section 12.010.6.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-180

To request the RI Board to consider finding more efficient and less expensive ways to communicate with Rotary clubs

WHEREAS, Rotary clubs and their members should have the right to be fast and accurately informed about decisions taken by the Board of Directors, and

WHEREAS, Rotary clubs and their members should have the right to be fast and accurately informed about what is currently under consideration by the standing committees and any conclusions drawn from the work of those committees, and

WHEREAS, Rotarians should have the right to be fast and accurately informed about what they get from the US\$48 they annually donate to the RI administration, and

WHEREAS, there hence exists a great and constant need for the Board and the management of Rotary International to supply such information to the members, and

WHEREAS, information about Board decisions, Board committee work, and the administration of RI today is not satisfactory at all, and

WHEREAS, it is of vital importance for the development of Rotary International to inform members continuously and to create possibilities for all Rotarians to express their opinions and to participate in internal debates and exchanges of ideas concerning the development of this organization, and

WHEREAS, neither the convention nor the regional or zone conferences fill that need, and

WHEREAS, in a world-wide organization like Rotary International this need must be filled in a multitude of languages, which hence is done through issuing one official magazine and several approved regional magazines, and

WHEREAS, the quality of the content of those regional magazines varies to a great extent, and

WHEREAS, both the official and the approved regional magazines contain padding matter of minor interest to most Rotarians, and

WHEREAS, today there are more efficient and less expensive ways of distributing information electronically or otherwise, and

WHEREAS, a printed magazine on the other hand has advantages that cannot be replaced by electronic media, and therefore still should be available for those interested, it may however be questioned whether the subscription to a printed magazine should be mandatory to all Rotarians

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider instituting a comprehensive evaluation of the need for information, internal debate, and the change of ideas within the organization and to find proper means and methods to fill that need, to the effect that the Board may bring resulting recommendations to the next Council on Legislation for decision.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-183

To request the RI Board to consider granting Rotarians limited access to membership information via the RI website

WHEREAS, the RI website provides a section for Member Access, and

WHEREAS, freedom to the information stored in the RI database(s) should be readily available to all members

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider that Rotarians be allowed read-only access to their personal information in the Member Access section of the RI website.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-184

To request the RI Board to consider improving document descriptions on the RI website

WHEREAS, documents are available for download from the RI website, and

WHEREAS, documents prepared by RI carry a creation/revision date/code (e.g. 141-EN (1205))

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider that the hyperlinks on the RI website enabling documents to be downloaded also carry, in addition to the description of the document, the creation/revision date/code.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-185*

To provide that RI, districts, and clubs should maintain websites in appropriate languages and links to the Rotary Worldwide Web

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 234 MOP)

Article 21 Rotary Worldwide Web

The board is responsible for opening and maintaining a RI site on the Worldwide Web. This web site shall be called Rotary Worldwide Web and opened in several languages approved by the board. The basic web site shall be opened in English and called Rotary Worldwide Web. The purpose of this web is to help the board advance the purpose of RI and the Object of Rotary. Rotary International, districts and clubs are urged to maintain websites in appropriate languages, which include, where feasible, a link to the Rotary Worldwide Web site.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-186

To request the RI Board to consider providing a prominent link to e-clubs on the Rotary website

WHEREAS, Rotary e-clubs provide an excellent opportunity for active Rotarians to make up and maintain attendance requirements, and

WHEREAS, the utilization of Rotary e-clubs provides a unique and educational forum for make up purposes

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider providing a prominently displayed link on the front page of the RI website to the Rotary e-clubs.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-187

To request the RI Board to consider providing Internet software and platforms to be used by clubs

WHEREAS, the communication between people through various types of electronic meeting facilities on the web are offering new avenues also for Rotary, and

WHEREAS, Rotary, to secure its future growth and membership, has to be able to offer interesting opportunities to the younger generation of already existing Rotarians, as well as potential new Rotarians who are used to and well-versed in the use of modern electronic communication methods and systems, and

WHEREAS, the pilot Rotary clubs already working on the world wide web have proven that good and efficient Rotary work and creation of friendship is possible and that new modes of operation for Rotary clubs can be created in the spirit of Rotary by employing various types of electronic meeting techniques, and

WHEREAS, in the various pilot projects, it has become obvious that, to acquire separate Internet meeting platforms is prohibitively expensive for single clubs, and

WHEREAS, a single club needs such a meeting facility in general only for two hours a week and the same electronic facility can be shared, 24 hours a day and seven days a week, by a number of clubs having different meeting times in the same or different district or in the same or different time zone, and

WHEREAS, the cost of meetings as well as the cost of travel to Rotary meetings, not only on the club level but also on a broader scope, such as districts, zones, and even RI, can be reduced and thereby also conserve the funds of Rotary International

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider acquiring and opening an Internet-based meeting software and platform for use by clubs and Rotary as a whole.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-203

To request the RI Board to consider clarifying ambiguous vocabulary in the RI Constitution, the RI Bylaws, and the Rotary Code of Policies

WHEREAS, the RI Constitution, the RI Bylaws, and the Rotary Code of Policies in several instances contain contradictory or ambiguous vocabulary, and

WHEREAS, the interpretation of the said words sometimes depends on the judicial tradition referred to

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider removing ambiguous vocabulary in the RI Constitution, the RI Bylaws, and the Rotary Code of Policies or alternatively create a normative word list that interprets vocabulary that can raise disputes or is ambiguous.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-204

To request the RI Board to consider establishing a decimal system for publications

WHEREAS, the variety of Rotary subjects and information sent by Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation is vast, and

WHEREAS, archiving and researching Rotary subjects, due to the large number of Rotarians seeking information, is very difficult for clubs and districts, and

WHEREAS, uniformity in establishing libraries and archives for all clubs, districts, Rotary International, and The Rotary Foundation and individual Rotarians' records would be a good proposition

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider establishing the use of the decimal system for Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation publications, thereby facilitating archival, retrieval and management of important materials. All publications shall be cataloged using this system, which would encourage clubs, districts and individual projects to lend their publications the characteristics of published materials.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-205

To request the RI Board to consider identifying RI programs and activities in each language recognized by RI

WHEREAS, some Rotary programs and activities use English names (SHARE) and acronyms derived from English names, for example: RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), PETS (President-elect Training Seminars), 3-H (Health, Hunger, Humanity), YEP (Youth Exchange Program), YEO (Youth Exchange Officer), GETS (Governor-elect Training Seminars), and

WHEREAS, when these names are not available in other languages, it is difficult to understand them, as in the case of PETS, many Latin Rotarians confuse presidents-elect, treasurers and secretaries when it refers exclusively to the presidents-elect of Rotary clubs, and

WHEREAS, this lack of understanding could lead to diminished support of these important programs and activities

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider identifying the programs and activities of Rotary using words from the official Rotary languages, in addition to acronyms derived from these languages, adding in parenthesis titles and acronyms in English as needed.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-210

To request the RI Board to consider requiring that the personal representatives of the president be fluent in the language of the place to which they are assigned

WHEREAS, if one is not fluent in the language of a country it is difficult to communicate effectively to an audience, even with the help of an interpreter, and it is impossible to understand the speeches that are given during an event, which makes it impossible to comment on them

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider requiring that the personal representatives of the RI President be fluent in the language of the country where they will serve.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-213

To request the RI Board to consider including Hindi as an officially recognized language of RI

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider including Hindi as one of the official languages of Rotary International.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-219

To request the RI Board to consider including Russian as an official supported language of RI

WHEREAS, the Rotary International website commonly provides all information in English, and

WHEREAS, the use of the English language remains limited in many countries throughout the world where Rotary International now has strong representation and participation, and

WHEREAS, many Rotary club memberships do not use the English language as their normal communications and have little if any access to English translations for conducting Rotary business

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider adding Russian as an official supported language of Rotary International.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-222

To request the RI Board to consider recommending that the annual convention end no later than 14/16 June

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider recommending that the annual RI Convention finish no later than 14/16 June each year.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-223

To allow the RI Board to adopt changes to a convention program

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 199 MOP)

Article 9 Convention

9.130. Convention Program.

The program reported by the convention committee, as approved by the board ~~and as adopted by the convention~~, shall be the order of the day for all sessions. Changes in the program may be made ~~from time to time~~ during the convention by a two-thirds vote of the ~~delegates and proxies present and voting~~ board.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-224

To request the RI Board to consider a special one-day pass for Rotarians within the host area

WHEREAS, District 5840 was the sponsoring district for the well-attended Rotary International Convention, 24-27 June 2001, in San Antonio, Texas, USA, and

WHEREAS, hundreds of potential local delegates from District 5840 chose not to attend their very own nearby convention due to its high registration price, and

WHEREAS, annually Rotary International has the unique opportunity to attract Rotarians who have never attended a Rotary International Convention anywhere, and

WHEREAS, once initiated to a nominally-priced registration for sponsoring Rotarians only, new conventioners will return to subsequent conventions at regular registration prices

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider approval of the following recommendation submitted by the Ad Hoc Committee on Conventions:

A substantially reduced registration fee (approximately 25% of the full registration fee) for a one-day pass should be established for the two-day period between the opening sessions and the closing sessions (normally Monday and Tuesday) for Rotarians and guests in the host area, under rules to be developed by the general secretary and approved by the RI board. The one-day pass should admit the Rotarians and their guests for either of the two days (Monday or Tuesday), but not both days.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-225

To change the name of Zone Institutes to Rotary Institutes and to include reference to them in the RI Bylaws

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows

in article 17 (page 230 MOP)

Article 17 Fiscal Matters

17.060. *Five-Year Financial Forecast.*

17.060.4. *Presentation of Five-Year Forecast at ~~Zone~~Rotary Institutes.*

The five-year forecast shall be presented by a director to the ~~zone~~Rotary institutes for discussion.

and in article 19 (page 232 MOP)

Article 19 Other Meetings

19.020. *Rotary Institutes.*

The president may authorize the convening of annual informational meetings, known as Rotary institutes, to be attended by past, present and incoming officers of RI, and other Rotarians and guests invited by the convener. A Rotary institute may be organized for RI, a zone, a section of a zone or a grouping of zones.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-228

To amend the rules for selecting the RI president-nominee

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows

in article 10 (pages 199-200 MOP)

Article 10 Nominations and Elections for Officers – General Provisions

10.010. Best Qualified Rotarian.

The best qualified Rotarians shall be selected for service in RI's elective offices.

(Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

10.0560. Campaigning, Canvassing, and Electioneering.

10.0560.1. Prohibited Activities.

In order that the best qualified Rotarians shall be selected for service in RI's elective offices, any effort to influence the selection process for an elective office in a positive or negative manner by campaigning, canvassing, electioneering or otherwise is prohibited. Rotarians shall not campaign, canvass, or electioneer for elective position in RI, or allow any such activity, either on their behalf or on behalf of another. No brochures, literature, letters, or other materials, including electronic media and communications, may be distributed or circulated by Rotarians or on their behalf to any clubs or members of clubs except as may be expressly authorized by the board. Where candidates become aware of any prohibited activities having been undertaken on their behalf, they shall immediately express their disapproval to those so engaged and shall instruct them to terminate such activity.

10.0560.3. Board Consideration.

The board shall give due consideration to such complaints. The board shall dismiss the complaint, disqualify the candidate for the elective office sought or future RI elective offices or both, or take such other action as it deems fair and just. A two-thirds vote shall be required to disqualify a candidate, such disqualification being for those RI offices and for such periods as the board shall determine. The board may take action as it deems fair and just against any Rotarians who violate subsection 10.060.1. The board's decision shall be promptly transmitted to all parties concerned. Notwithstanding section 5.020., any appeal of such decision shall be duly filed with the general secretary at least five days prior to the opening of the convention unless the board shall permit a late filing date.

and in article 11 (pages 202-206 MOP)

Article 11 Nominations and Elections for President

11.030. Election of Members to the Nominating Committee for President.

11.030.1. Notification to Eligible Candidates.

The general secretary shall mail a letter to each past director eligible to serve on the nominating committee for the following year. The letter must be mailed between ~~15 and 30 October~~ 1 and 15 March. The letter will inquire as to whether the past directors desire to be considered for membership on the committee and to advise the general secretary prior to ~~31 December~~ 15 April that they wish to have their names listed as being willing and able to serve. Any past director not responding by ~~31 December~~ 15 April will be considered unwilling to serve.

11.030.2. One Eligible Past Director in a Zone.

Where there is only one eligible past director from a zone willing and able to serve, the president shall declare such past director to be the member of the committee from that zone.

11.030.3. Two or More Eligible Past Directors from a Zone.

Where there are two or more eligible past directors willing and able to serve, the member and alternate member of the committee shall be elected in a ballot-by-mail. The procedure for such ballot-by-mail shall be as described below.

11.030.3.1. Ballot Preparation.

The general secretary shall prepare a ballot, single transferable where applicable. The ballot shall include the names of all eligible past directors in alphabetical order.

11.030.3.2. Ballot Specifications.

The general secretary shall cause a copy of the ballot to be mailed to each club in the zone by ~~1 February~~ 15 May. The ballot shall include photographs and biographical statements of each such past director, including the past director's name, club, RI offices, and international committee appointments held and year(s) of service. Such ballot shall be mailed with instructions that the completed ballot be returned to the general secretary at the World Headquarters of the Secretariat by ~~15 April~~ 30 June.

11.030.4. Club Voting.

Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members. Such membership shall be determined by the number of 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.

11.030.5. Balloting Committee Meeting.

The president shall appoint a balloting committee which shall meet at a time and place determined by the president to examine and count the ballots. Such meeting shall take place no later than ~~25 April~~ 10 July. The balloting committee shall certify its report of the balloting results to the general secretary within five days of the committee's adjournment.

11.040. Procedure for Functioning of Committee.

11.040.3. Forwarding ~~Nominations~~Names to Committee.

The general secretary shall, between 1 ~~July~~May and 15 ~~July~~May in each year, mail a letter to all ~~past directors~~Rotarians who will be eligible to serve as president. The letter will ask if ~~the past directors~~such Rotarians are willing to be considered for nomination for president and will advise ~~the past directors~~them to notify the general secretary prior to ~~31 August~~30 June whether they wish to have their names listed as being willing and able to serve. ~~Past directors~~Those Rotarians not responding to the general secretary by ~~31 August~~30 June will not be considered by the nominating committee. The general secretary shall forward the list of ~~past directors~~those willing to serve to the nominating committee when the committee convenes.

11.050. Nomination by the Committee.

11.050.1. Best Qualified Rotarian.

The committee shall meet and nominate from among the list of past directors who have indicated they are willing to serve as president the best qualified Rotarian available to perform the functions of the office.

11.050.2. Committee Meeting.

The committee shall meet no later than ~~1 October~~15 August at a time and place determined by the board.

11.050.3. Quorum and Voting.

Twelve members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. The transaction of all business of the committee shall be by majority vote, except that in the selection of the committee's nominee for president, the votes of at least ten members of the committee shall be cast in favor of such nominee.

11.060. Report of Committee.

The report of the committee shall be addressed to the clubs and certified to the general secretary by the chairman within ten days following the adjournment of the committee. The general secretary shall notify each club of the contents of the report as soon as financially practicable but in any case within thirty (30) days after the receipt thereof.

11.070. Additional Nomination by Clubs.

In addition to the nomination made by the committee, challenges may be made in the following manner.

11.070.1. Candidate Previously Considered and Concurrence.

Any club may suggest as a challenging candidate the name of a qualified Rotarian who duly notified the general secretary pursuant to subsection 11.040.3 of his or her willingness to be considered for nomination for president. The name of the challenging candidate shall be submitted pursuant to a duly adopted resolution by the club at a regular meeting. The resolution must be supported by a concurrence of at least a majority of the clubs in the district obtained at a district conference or through a ballot-by-mail. The concurrence must be certified to the general secretary by the district's governor. The resolution must be accompanied by a written statement from the challenging candidate

that such candidate is willing to have such candidacy submitted to the clubs for endorsement. The foregoing requirements must be completed by 1 ~~December~~October of the relevant year.

11.070.2. Notification to Clubs of Challenging Candidates.

The general secretary shall notify the clubs of the suggested challenging candidates and provide the clubs with a registered form for use by any club which desires to endorse any such challenging candidate. The general secretary shall provide such notice and forms immediately following 1 ~~December~~October.

11.070.3. Absence of a Challenging Candidate.

Where no challenging candidate has been suggested, the president shall declare the nominee of the nominating committee to be the president-nominee.

11.070.4. Endorsement of Challenging Candidate.

If on 15 ~~January~~November, any such challenging candidate has been endorsed by 1 percent of the clubs comprising the membership of RI as of the preceding 1 July, with at least half of the endorsements originating from clubs in zones other than that of the challenging candidate(s), such challenging candidate(s) and the nominee of the committee shall be balloted upon as provided in section 11.100. Where the challenging candidate fails to receive the prescribed endorsements by 15 ~~January~~November, the president shall declare the nominee of the committee to be the president-nominee.

11.070.5. Validity of Endorsement.

The balloting committee provided in subsection 11.100.1. shall validate, count, and certify the returned endorsement forms and report to the president. If this balloting committee finds there is a sufficient number of forms to constitute an endorsement of the challenging candidate but has good reason to suspect the genuineness of the forms, it shall so advise the president who, before making any announcement, shall convene the election review committee of RI to determine the validity of such forms. After this determination has been made, the balloting committee shall then report to the president.

11.080. Interim Provision Relating to Sections 11.030. - 11.070.

Amendments to sections 11.030., 11.040., 11.050., and 11.070. adopted at the 2007 Council on Legislation shall be first applicable to the nominating committee that serves in the 2008-2009 Rotary year.

(Subsequent sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

and in article 16 (page 227 MOP)

Article 16 Committees

16.090. Authority.

The operations and activities of all committees shall be subject to the control and supervision of the board pursuant to subsection 5.030.2. All committee actions and decisions shall be subject to the approval of the board, except that the decision of the nominating committee for president in its selection of a nominee for president. However,

the board shall have jurisdiction over all actions and decisions that are in violation of the provisions of section 10.060.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-230*

To amend the rules for selecting the RI president-nominee

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (pages 203-204 MOP)

Article 11 Nominations and Elections for President

11.040. Procedure for Functioning of Committee.

11.040.1. *Notification of Names of Committee Members.*

The general secretary shall notify the board and the clubs of the names of the committee members within one month after their selection.

11.040.3. *Forwarding Nominations to Committee.*

The general secretary shall, between 1 July and 15 July in each year, mail a letter to all past directors eligible to serve as president. The letter will ask if the past directors are willing to be considered for nomination for president and will advise the past directors to notify the general secretary prior to 31 August whether they wish to have their names listed as being willing and able to serve. Past directors not responding to the general secretary by 31 August will not be considered by the nominating committee. The general secretary shall forward the list of past directors willing to serve to the nominating committee ~~when the committee convenes~~ and to Rotarians upon request at least one week prior to the committee meeting.

11.050. Nomination by the Committee.

11.050.2. *Committee Meeting.*

The committee shall meet no later than 1 October at a time and place determined by the board.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-231

To increase the number of members on the nominating committee for RI president

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (pages 201-204 MOP)

Article 11 Nominations and Elections for President

11.020. Nominating Committee for President.

11.020.1. How Constituted.

The nominating committee for president shall consist of ~~17~~34 members from the 34 zones constituted for the nomination of RI directors. ~~These members shall be elected as follows:~~

- ~~(a) In even-numbered years, each odd-numbered zone shall elect a member of the committee;~~
- ~~(b) In odd-numbered years, each even-numbered zone shall elect a member of the committee.~~

11.050. Nomination by the Committee.

11.050.3. Quorum and Voting.

~~Twelve~~Twenty-four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. The transaction of all business of the committee shall be by majority vote, except that in the selection of the committee's nominee for president, the votes of at least ~~ten~~twenty members of the committee shall be cast in favor of such nominee.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-235*

To revise the qualifications for membership on the nominating committee for director

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 209 MOP)

Article 12 Nominations and Elections for Directors

12.020. Selection of Director-nominee and Alternate by Nominating Committee Procedure.

12.020.2. Membership on Nominating Committee.

A nominating committee shall consist of one 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 ~~with at least three years of time having elapsed since service as a~~ governor. Such members also shall have attended at least two institutes of the zone from which the director is being nominated and one convention ~~since being governor in the~~

three years prior to serving on the 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.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-239

To revise the qualifications for governor-nominee

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 223 MOP)

Article 15 Districts

15.070. *Qualifications of a Governor-nominee.*

15.070.1. Rotarian in Good Standing.

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

15.070.2. Rotarian Maintaining Full Qualifications of Membership.

The Rotarian must have full qualifications for such membership in the strict application of the provisions therefor, and the integrity of the Rotarian's classification must be without question.

~~*15.070.3. Rotarian's Membership in a Functioning Club.*~~

~~The Rotarian must be a member in a functioning club in good standing which has no outstanding indebtedness to RI or to the district as of the close of the year preceding that in which the Rotarian is proposed as a candidate for nomination for governor.~~

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-240

To change the date by which the district must select the governor-nominee

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 213 MOP)

Article 13 Nominations and Elections for Governors

13.010. *Selection of a Governor-nominee.*

The district shall select a nominee for governor not more than ~~30~~36 months, but not less than 24 months, prior to the day of taking office. The board shall have the authority to extend the date under this section for good and sufficient reason. The nominee will be elected at the RI convention held immediately preceding the year in which such nominee is to be trained at the international assembly. Nominees so elected shall serve a one-year

term as governor-elect and assume office on 1 July in the calendar year following election.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-241

To amend the provisions regarding the selection of a governor-nominee

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (pages 214-216 MOP)

Article 13 Nominations and Elections for Governors

13.020. *Nominating Procedure for Governor.*

13.020.1. Method of Selection of Governor-Nominee.

Except for those districts in RIBI, a district shall select its governor-nominee either by a nominating committee procedure as hereinafter provided or by a direct ballot-by-mail as provided in section 13.040. or, alternatively, at the district conference as provided in subsection 13.020.13., the choice of which shall be decided by a resolution adopted at a district conference by a majority of the votes of the electors of the clubs present and voting.

~~13.020.12. Nominating Committee for Governor.~~

~~Except for those districts in RIBI, each district shall select its governor nominee by a nominating committee procedure, unless excused by the board for exceptional circumstances related to the size of the district, financial considerations, or other compelling reasons. In districts adopting a nominating committee procedure for selection of governor-nominee, the nominating committee for governor shall be charged with the duty to seek out and propose the best available candidate for governor-nominee. The terms of reference of the committee, including the method for selecting members, shall be determined in a resolution adopted by the electors of the clubs present and voting at a district conference. Such terms of reference may not be inconsistent with the bylaws.~~

13.020.23. Failure to Adopt Nominating Committee Procedure.

Any district which has adopted the nominating committee procedure for selection of governor-nominee but fails to adopt a method for selecting members of a nominating committee as required in subsection 13.020.12. shall utilize the five most recent past governors who are still members of a club in that district as its nominating committee. The committee so constituted shall function in accordance with section 13.020. Where five past governors are not available, the president of RI shall appoint additional suitable persons from that district so that the committee contains five members.

13.020.34. Suggestions by Clubs for Governor.

In a district adopting the nominating committee procedure for selection of governor-nominee the governor shall invite the clubs to submit their suggestions for nominations for governor. Such suggestions which 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 members as a candidate for governor-nominee ~~who is a member of another club, so long as the suggesting club first obtains the concurrence of the club where such candidate is a member.~~

13.020.45. 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 who is available to serve as governor.

13.020.56. Notification of Nomination.

The nominating committee shall notify the governor of the candidate selected. The governor shall then publish to the clubs of the district the name and club of the nominee.

13.020.67. Committee Inability to Select Nominee.

Where the nominating committee cannot agree upon a candidate, the governor-nominee shall be elected in a ballot-by-mail as provided in section 13.040. Alternatively, the governor-nominee may be selected from among those candidates suggested to the nominating committee at the district conference in accordance with section 15.050.

13.020.78. 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. 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 a member of that club. 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 at least two weeks after publication of the announcement of the selection for governor-nominee by the nominating committee.

13.020.89. Concurrence to Challenges.

The governor shall inform all clubs through a form prescribed by RI of the name of any challenging candidate who has been proposed as specified above. The governor shall also inquire whether any club wishes to concur with the challenge. A club must file a resolution of the club adopted at a regular meeting to concur with a challenge. Such resolutions must be filed with the governor by the date determined by the governor. Only challenges that have been concurred to by at least five other clubs which have been in existence for at least one year as of the beginning of that year or 10 percent of the total number of clubs as at the beginning of ~~the~~that year in the district which have been in existence for at least one year as of the beginning of that year, whichever is higher, shall be considered valid.

13.020.910. *Absence of Challenging Candidate.*

The governor shall declare the candidate of the district nominating committee to be the governor-nominee where no such challenging nomination has been received by the established date. Such declaration shall be made to all clubs in the district within 15 days of the deadline.

13.020.1011. *Challenging Nominations.*

The governor shall notify all clubs in the district where a challenging nomination has been received by the deadline and continues effective for 15 days thereafter. Such notice shall include the name and qualifications of each such challenging candidate and state that such candidates will be balloted upon in a ballot-by-mail or alternatively at the district conference.

13.020.1112. *Failure of Challenging Nomination to Remain Effective.*

Where no challenging nomination continues effective following the 15-day period, the governor shall declare the candidate of the district nominating committee as governor-nominee. The governor shall notify all clubs in the district of such nominee within 15 days.

13.020.1213. *Ballot at District Conference for Election of Governor-nominee.*

The ballot at the district conference will follow as closely as possible the provisions for a ballot-by-mail. All votes from a club with more than one vote shall be cast for the same candidate failing which the votes from such club shall be deemed to be spoiled votes.

13.030. ~~Exceptional Circumstances--~~ 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 ~~and~~ 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. ~~Where the candidate suggested by a club is not a member of such club, the concurrence of the candidate's club shall first be obtained. A club may suggest only one of its own 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.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-250*

To amend the provisions regarding special elections for governor

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (pages 217-218 MOP)

Article 13 Nominations and Elections for Governors

~~13.060. Failure of Nomination to Remain Effective~~

~~Where a nomination fails to remain effective at least three months prior to the international assembly the governor shall reinitiate the procedures starting with subsection 13.030.1.~~

~~13.0760. Rejection or Suspension of Governor-nominee.~~

~~13.0760.1. Failure to Meet Qualifications.~~

~~Any nominee for governor who does not meet the prescribed qualifications and requirements shall be rejected and shall not be presented by the general secretary to the convention for election.~~

~~13.0760.2. Suspension of Nomination.~~

~~Notwithstanding the receipt of a signed statement from a governor-nominee, the board may suspend such nomination where it has cause to believe that the nominee would be unable to fulfill satisfactorily the duties and responsibilities of the office as provided in the bylaws. The governor and nominee shall be informed of such suspension and the nominee shall be given an opportunity to submit to the board, through the governor and the general secretary, additional information with reference to the nominee's ability to assume the duties and responsibilities of the office of governor. The board shall consider all pertinent circumstances including such information as may be submitted by the nominee and either reject the nomination of the nominee by a two-thirds vote or withdraw the suspension.~~

~~13.0760.3. Rejection of Nominee.~~

~~The general secretary shall advise the governor of the district concerned where the nomination of the nominee has been rejected by the board. The general secretary shall provide the reasons for such rejection and the governor shall so advise such nominee. Where time permits, the governor shall conduct a ballot-by-mail in the district to select another nominee for governor in accordance with the provisions of the bylaws. Where a district fails to select an acceptable and qualified nominee for governor, such nominee shall be selected in accordance with section 13.0870.~~

~~13.0870. Special Elections.~~

~~Where a district fails to select a nominee for governor or where a nominee for such office becomes disqualified for election or otherwise becomes unable or unwilling to serve and another nominee is not selected by the district prior to the annual election of officers at the convention, the governor shall reinitiate the nominating procedures in accordance with section 13.020. Similarly, where a district's nominee is elected at the convention, but becomes disqualified or otherwise unable or unwilling to serve at least three months~~

prior to the international assembly, the governor shall reinitiate the nominating procedures starting with subsection 13.020. In either event, the board shall elect a Rotarian qualified under section 15.070 so nominated to the office of governor serve as governor-elect. Such vote shall require a majority vote of all its members. Thereafter, if a governor-elect becomes disqualified or unable or unwilling to serve the board shall elect a Rotarian qualified under section 15.070. to fill the vacancy.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-251

To amend the ballot-by-mail specifications

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 216 MOP)

Article 13 Nominations and Elections for Governors

13.040. *Ballot-by-Mail Specifications.*

The governor shall prepare a ballot in the form provided by the board, 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 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. Each ballot shall represent one vote. The governor shall send each club the number of ballots corresponding to the number of votes entitled to be cast by such club.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-252

To amend the ballot-by-mail specifications

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 217 MOP)

Article 13 Nominations and Elections for Governors

13.040. *Ballot-by-Mail Specifications.*

13.040.3. *Majority or Tie Vote.*

The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared governor-nominee for that district. If two candidates each receive 50 percent of the votes in an election and one of the candidates is the nominee of the nominating committee, the nominee of the nominating committee shall be declared the governor-nominee. If neither of the

candidates is the nominee of the nominating committee, the governor shall select one of the candidates as the governor-nominee.

~~13.040.5. *Less Than Majority Vote.*~~

~~If no candidate receives a majority of the votes in an election, a runoff election shall be held between the two candidates who received the highest number of votes. If there is a tie for second place, the runoff election shall include all candidates who are tied for second place. If the first runoff election does not provide a candidate with a majority, one or more additional runoff elections shall be conducted until a candidate receives a majority of the votes. If two candidates each receive 50 percent of the votes in an election or a runoff election and one of the candidates is the nominee of the nominating committee, the nominee of the nominating committee shall be declared the successful candidate. If neither of such candidates is the nominee of the nominating committee, the governor shall select one of such candidates as the successful candidate.~~

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-256

To amend the duties of the governor to require regular inquiries of Rotarian organizations

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 224 MOP)

Article 15 Districts

15.090. *Duties of a Governor.*

The governor is the officer of RI in the district, functioning under the general control and supervision of the board. The governor is charged with the duty of furthering the Object of Rotary by providing leadership and supervision of the clubs in the district. The governor should work with district and club leaders to encourage participation in a district leadership plan as may be developed by the board. The governor shall provide inspiration and motivation to the clubs in the district. The governor shall also ensure continuity within the district by working with past, current, and incoming district leaders in fostering effective clubs. The governor shall be responsible for the following activities in the district:

- (a) organizing new clubs;
- (b) strengthening existing clubs;
- (c) promoting membership growth by working with district leaders and club presidents to establish realistic membership goals for each club in the district;
- (d) supporting The Rotary Foundation with respect to program participation and financial contributions;
- (e) promoting cordial relations among the clubs and between the clubs and RI;
- (f) planning for and presiding at the district conference and assisting the governor-elect in the planning and preparation for the presidents-elect training seminar and the district assembly;
- (g) providing for an official visit meeting individually or in multi-club meetings conducted throughout the year to take place at a time that maximizes the governor's presence for the purpose of:

1. focusing attention on important Rotary issues;
 2. providing special attention to weak and struggling clubs;
 3. motivating Rotarians to participate in service activities; and
 4. personally recognizing the outstanding contributions of Rotarians in the district;
- (h) issuing a monthly letter to each club president and secretary in the district;
- (i) reporting promptly to RI as may be required by the president or the board;
- (j) supplying the governor-elect, prior to the international assembly, full information as to the condition of clubs with recommended action for strengthening clubs;
- (k) assuring that district nominations and elections are conducted in accordance with the RI constitution, these bylaws, and the established policies of RI;
- (l) inquiring on a regular basis about the activities of Rotarian organizations operating in the district (Friendship Exchanges, intercountry committees, Global Networking Groups, etc.);
- (m) transferring continuing district files to the governor-elect; and
- ~~(m)~~(n) performing such other duties as are inherent as the officer of RI.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-260

To amend the provisions for nominations for officers

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 200 MOP)

Article 10 Nominations and Elections for Officers – General Provisions

10.030. Individuals Not Eligible for Nomination.

10.030.1. Nominating Committee.

No member, alternate member, or candidate for membership on a nominating committee, whether elected or not, ~~and~~nor any candidate who is elected and subsequently resigns from such committee, nor any spouse, child, or parent of any such person, shall be eligible to be nominated for the respective office in the year in which the committee serves.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-261

To require that the RI vice-president be selected from directors serving their second year in office

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 181 MOP)

Article 6 Officers

6.020. Selection of Vice-President and Treasurer.

~~6.020.1. Selection of Vice President.~~

~~The vice-president and treasurer shall be selected by the incoming president at the board's first meeting from among the directors serving the second year of their term of office, each to serve a term of one year beginning on 1 July.~~

~~6.020.2. Selection of Treasurer.~~

~~At the interim meeting of the incoming board each year, a treasurer shall be selected by the incoming president from among the directors serving the second year of their term of office, who shall serve as treasurer for one year beginning on 1 July.~~

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-268

To request the RI Board to consider revising its election complaint procedures

WHEREAS, the discussion in the Rotary *Manual of Procedure* relating to “Procedures for Election Violations” does not provide an opportunity to a Rotary club initiating a complaint to reply to any response made by the candidate who is the subject of the complaint

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider amending the *Manual of Procedure* discussion relating to “Procedures for Election Violations” to allow a Rotary club initiating a complaint to receive a copy of any response made by the candidate and an opportunity to reply to any such response made by the candidate who is the subject of the complaint.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-283

To increase per capita dues

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (pages 227-229 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\$19.50 per half year in 2004-2005, US\$21.50 per half year in 2005-2006 and US\$23.50 per half year in 2006-2007~~ US\$23.50 per half year in 2007-2008, US\$24.00 per half year in 2008-2009, US\$24.50 per half year in 2009-2010, and US\$25.00 per half year in 2010-2011 and thereafter; provided that each club shall pay semiannually to RI a minimum of ~~US\$215.00 in 2005-2006 and US\$235.00 in 2006-2007~~ US\$235.00 in 2007-2008, US\$240.00 in 2008-2009, US\$245.00 in 2009-2010, and US\$250.00 in 2010-2011 and thereafter. Such dues shall remain constant until changed by the council on legislation.

17.040. Date of Payment.

17.040.2. *Prorated Dues.*

The following per capita dues in prorated amounts shall be payable by each club for each member who has been elected to membership in the club subsequent to the July or January semiannual period for which dues are payable: ~~US\$9.75 in 2004-2005, US\$10.75 in 2005-2006 and US\$11.75 in 2006-2007~~ US\$11.75 in 2007-2008, US\$12.00 in 2008-2009, US\$12.25 in 2009-2010 and US\$12.50 in 2010-2011 and thereafter. 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 October and 1 April. Such amounts shall be changed only by the council on legislation.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-287

To provide that prorated per capita dues be paid at a rate of one-twelfth of RI per capita dues per month

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 229 MOP)

Article 17 Fiscal Matters

17.040. Date of Payment.

17.040.2. Prorated Dues.

~~The following per capita dues in prorated amounts shall be payable by each club for each member who has been elected to membership in the club subsequent to the July or January semiannual period for which dues are payable: US\$9.75 in 2004-2005, US \$10.75 in 2005-2006 and US\$11.75 in 2006-2007 and thereafter~~For each 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 October/July and 1 April/January. Such amounts/dues shall be changed only by the council on legislation.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-290*

To revise the level of the general surplus fund

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 230 MOP)

Article 17 Fiscal Matters

17.050. Budget.

17.050.6. Expenditures in Excess of Anticipated Revenue; General Surplus Fund.

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 17.050.4., if at any time the general surplus fund is greater than ~~100~~85 percent of the highest level of annual expenses during the most recent three-year period, excluding the self-financing expenditures on the annual convention and the council on legislation, the board, by a three-quarters vote, may authorize the expenditure of amounts in excess of anticipated revenues, provided, however, that such expenditure would not cause the general surplus fund to decrease below 100 percent of such 85 percent level. Full details of the excess expenditure and the circumstances leading thereto shall be reported by the president to all officers of RI within 60 days and to the next convention.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-291

To authorize the RI Board to suspend a club that fails to pay its financial obligation to RI or the district fund

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (pages 176-177 MOP)

Article 3 Resignation, Suspension or Termination of Membership in RI

3.030. Board Authority to Discipline, Suspend, or Terminate a Club.

3.030.1. Suspension or Termination for Failure to Pay Dues.

The board may suspend or terminate the membership of any club which fails to pay its dues or other financial obligations to RI or approved contributions to the district fund.

3.030.2. Termination for Failure to Function.

The board may terminate the membership of any club where such club disbands for any reason, fails to meet regularly, or otherwise fails to function. Before acting on a termination for failure to function, the board shall request the governor to submit a report regarding the circumstances of the termination.

3.030.3. Discipline for Cause.

The board may take action against a club for cause provided a copy of the charges and notice of the time and place of hearing is mailed to the president and the secretary of such club at least 30 days before such hearing. Such club shall be entitled to be represented by counsel at any such hearing. Following such hearing, the board may discipline or suspend a club upon a majority vote of the entire board or expel the club upon a unanimous vote.

3.040. Surrender of Rights by Suspended Club.

Any club that has been suspended by the board shall have none of the rights provided to clubs under the bylaws so long as it remains suspended, but shall retain the rights granted to clubs under the constitution.

3.0450. Surrender of Rights by Terminated Club.

The privilege of using the name, emblem, and other insignia of RI shall cease upon the termination of membership of the club. The club shall have no proprietary rights in the property of RI upon termination of its membership. The general secretary shall proceed to recover the certificate of membership of such former club.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-292

To increase the RIBI contribution to the unrestricted net assets of RI

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 228 MOP)

Article 17 Fiscal Matters

17.030. Dues.

17.030.4. Dues Payable by RIBI.

Each club in RIBI shall pay its per capita dues to RI as provided in subsection 17.030.1., through RIBI, acting on behalf of RI. The amount of the total per capita dues paid to RI each half year in accordance with the provisions of subsection 17.030.1., by clubs in RIBI to be retained by RI, shall be no less than one-half of the portion of the expenses of RI expended annually on behalf of the clubs in RIBI. The balance of the per capita dues paid by such clubs shall be allocated to and retained by RIBI.

17.030.5. Percentage Retained by RI.

The amount of the per capita dues paid each half year as provided in subsection 17.030.4., by the clubs in RIBI to be retained by RI, shall be determined annually by the board and shall be applicable to per capita dues payable by the clubs in the next succeeding year. Such determination by the board shall be made on the basis of the amount of RI expenditures in the year immediately preceding that in which the determination is made, on behalf of the clubs in RIBI, including their proportionate share of the general administration expenses of RI in furthering the program of Rotary worldwide. To the amount so determined shall be added US\$~~0.50~~1.00 each half year as a contribution to the ~~unappropriated fund balance~~unrestricted net assets of RI. This additional amount shall be subject to review no less often than every six years to ascertain whether such amount should be increased, remain the same, or be reduced, taking into account experience in the immediately preceding year, the current situation, and circumstances in the foreseeable future.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-293

To clarify the presentation of the five-year forecast at zone institutes

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 230 MOP)

Article 17 Fiscal Matters

17.060. Five-Year Financial Forecast.

17.060.4. Presentation of Five-Year Forecast at Zone Institutes.

The five-year forecast shall be presented by a director or other representative of the board to ~~the~~each zone institutes for discussion.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-295

To request the RI Board to consider appointing a cost reduction team

WHEREAS, Rotary International heavily increased its membership dues, and

WHEREAS, again and again its members have raised doubts in regard to the administration's thriftiness and cost effectiveness/operating efficiency

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider appointing a cost reduction team consisting of Rotarians with proven experience and management consultants, to publish their findings, and to implement suggested measures as soon as possible.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-301

To revise the procedure for selecting council representatives

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (pages 190-192 MOP)

Article 8 Council on Legislation

8.020. Qualifications of Voting Members of the Council.

8.020.3. Qualifications.

To qualify for service at the council, the representative must be informed of the qualifications and submit to the general secretary a signed statement that the Rotarian understands the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of a representative; is qualified, willing, and able to assume and perform faithfully such duties and responsibilities; and will attend the meeting for its full duration.

8.020.34. *Not Eligible.*

Non-voting members of the council and full-time, salaried employees of RI, or of any district or any club(s) shall not be eligible to serve as voting members of the council.

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

8.050.1. *Selection.*

~~Except as provided in sections 8.060. and 8.070.,~~ The representative and the alternate representative shall be selected by a nominating committee procedure. The nominating committee procedure, including any challenges and a resulting election, shall be conducted and completed in the year two years preceding the council. The nominating committee procedure shall be based on the nominating committee procedure for district governors set forth in section 13.020. to the extent it is not in conflict with this section. A candidate for representative shall not be eligible to serve on the committee at the annual conference of the district in the year two years preceding the council. In RIBI, the representative and alternate representative shall be elected at the meeting of the district council after 1 October in the year two years preceding the council.

8.050.2. *Failure to Adopt a Method for Selecting Members of a Nominating Committee.* Any district that fails to adopt a method for selecting members of a nominating committee shall utilize as its nominating committee all past governors who are members of a club in that district and are willing and able to serve. A candidate for representative shall not be eligible to serve on the committee.

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

~~8.050.2. *Qualifications.*~~

~~To qualify for service at the council, the representative must be informed of the qualifications and submit to the general secretary a signed statement that the Rotarian:~~

~~8.050. 2.1. understands the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of a representative;~~

~~8.050. 2.2. is qualified, willing, and able to assume and perform faithfully such duties and responsibilities; and~~

~~8.050. 2.3. will attend the meeting for its full duration.~~

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

8.060.1. *Election.*

If the district chooses not to utilize the nominating committee procedure, the representative and the alternate representative may be elected at the annual conference of the district or, in the case of a district in RIBI, at the district council. The election shall take place in the year two years preceding the council or, in the case of a district in RIBI, at the meeting of the district council after 1 October in the year two years preceding the council.

~~8.0560.32.~~ *Nominations.*

Any club in a district may nominate a qualified 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. Each elector at the district conference shall be entitled to cast one vote in the election of the representative.

~~8.0560.43.~~ *Representatives and Alternates.*

The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be the representative to the council. ~~The candidate receiving the second highest number of votes shall be declared the alternate representative.~~ A subsequent ballot shall be conducted to select the alternate representative by majority vote, to serve only in the event the representative is unable to serve.

~~8.0560.54.~~ *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.

~~8.050.6.~~ *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 member of a club in the district to be the representative to the council.~~

8.0670. *Election of Representatives by Mail Ballot.*

~~8.0670.1.~~ *Board Authorization for Mail Ballot.*

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

~~8.0670.2.~~ *Election by Mail Ballot.*

A majority vote of electors present and voting at a district conference may vote to have the selection of the representative and the alternate representative to the council pursuant

to a ballot-by-mail. The ballot-by-mail shall be conducted in the month immediately following such annual district conference. Such ballot-by-mail shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions set forth in subsection 8.0670.1.

~~**8.070. Selection of Representatives by Nominating Committee Procedure.**~~

~~A majority of electors present and voting at a district conference may vote to select the district's representative and alternate representative to the council through a nominating committee procedure. The procedure must be approved at least one year before the deadline for selecting district representatives for a particular council, and the nominating procedure, including any challenges and a resulting election, shall be conducted and completed in the year two years preceding the council. The nominating committee procedure shall be based on the nominating committee procedure for district governors set forth in section 13.020.~~

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-304

To revise the timetable for submitting proposed legislation for the Council on Legislation

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the CONSTITUTION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby is amended as follows (page 172 MOP)

Article 16 Amendments

Section 2 — Who May Propose. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed only by a club, by a district conference, by the general council or the conference of RI in Great Britain and Ireland, by the council on legislation, or by the board in accordance with the procedures contained in the bylaws.

~~**Section 3 — Procedure.**~~

- ~~(a) Any proposal to amend this constitution shall be delivered to the general secretary not later than 30 June in the year preceding that in which the council on legislation is to meet.~~
- ~~(b) The general secretary of RI shall mail ten copies of all duly proposed amendments to each governor, one copy to all members of the council on legislation, and one copy to the secretary of any club that requests it, not later than 30 September in the year the council shall be convened. The proposed amendments also will be made available via the Rotary worldwide web home page.~~
- ~~(c) The council shall consider and act upon each duly proposed amendment transmitted to the council and any amendment thereof.~~

IT IS FURTHER ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (pages 186-188 MOP)

Article 7 Legislative Procedure

7.035. Deadline for Proposed Enactments and Resolutions.

Proposed enactments and resolutions shall be delivered to the general secretary in writing no later than ~~30 June~~31 December in the year preceding the council. The Board may

propose and deliver to the general secretary enactments it determines to be of an urgent nature no later than 31 December in the year of the council. Resolutions also may be offered by the council or the board and acted upon by the council at any time prior to the adjournment of the council.

7.040. Review of Proposed Legislation.

The constitution and bylaws committee shall review all legislation submitted to the general secretary for transmittal to the council and may:

7.040.4. recommend to the board that the general secretary not transmit to the council legislation determined by the committee to be

- (a) not duly proposed, or
- (b) defective or deficient, ~~including where the proposer has not accepted recommendations for suitable changes to correct such defects or deficiencies or where the proposer has been notified but has not made necessary changes by 90 days before the opening of the council;~~ and

7.050. Board Examination of Proposed Legislation.

7.050.2. Legislation Not Transmitted to the Council.

Where the board, on the advice of the constitution and bylaws committee, acting in accordance with section 7.040.4., determines that proposed legislation is (1) not duly proposed or (2) defective or deficient ~~and, where feasible, suitable changes have been recommended to the proposer but not accepted or where the proposer has been notified but has not made necessary changes by 90 days before the opening of the council,~~ the board may direct that the proposed legislation not be transmitted to the council for consideration. In the event of such action by the board, the proposer shall thereupon be notified by the general secretary. In such instance, the proposer must secure the consent of two-thirds of the members of the council to have the proposed legislation considered by the council.

7.050.3. Resolutions Not Within the Framework.

The board (by the constitution and bylaws committee acting on its behalf) shall examine the text of all proposed resolutions and the board, on the advice of the constitution and bylaws committee, shall direct the general secretary to transmit to the council such proposed resolutions as the board determines to be within the framework of the program of RI. In the event the board, on the advice of the constitution and bylaws committee, determines that a proposed resolution is not within the framework of the program of RI, the board may direct that the proposed resolution not be transmitted to the council for consideration. In the event of such action by the board, the proposer shall be so advised before the council convenes. In such instance, the proposer must secure the consent of two-thirds of the members of the council to have the proposed resolution considered by the council.

7.050.4. Transmittal of Legislation and Amendments to the Council.

Subject to the provisions of section 7.050.2., ~~the~~ general secretary shall transmit to the council all duly proposed legislation, ~~including.~~ All amendments to such legislation which have been must be submitted by the proposers to the general secretary not later than ~~two months before the council convenes~~ 31 March of the year preceding the council

unless the deadline is extended by the board (the constitution and bylaws committee acting on its behalf).

7.050.5. Publication of Proposed Legislation.

The general secretary shall mail ten (10) copies of all duly proposed legislation to each governor, one copy to all past directors, members of the council on legislation, and one copy to the secretary of any club that requests it, no later than ~~31 December~~30 September in the year the council shall be convened. The proposed legislation also will be made available via the Rotary worldwide web home page.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-308

To encourage a maximum of five legislative items per district

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 185 MOP)

Article 7 Legislative Procedure

7.030. District Endorsement of Club Legislation.

Legislation from a club must be submitted to the district conference or RIBI district council for a vote on whether it is to be endorsed. Where time does not allow legislation to be submitted to the district conference or RIBI district council, the legislation may be submitted to the clubs of the district through a ballot-by-mail conducted by the governor. Such ballot-by-mail shall follow the procedures in section 13.040. as closely as possible. All legislation delivered to the general secretary shall be accompanied by a certificate from the governor stating that it has been considered by the district conference, RIBI district council, or in a ballot-by-mail and has been endorsed. No district should propose or endorse more than a total of five items of legislation per council.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-310

To eliminate the distinction between defective and deficient legislation and clarify other provisions relating to proposed legislation

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows

in article 7 (pages 185-188 MOP)

Article 7 Legislative Procedure

7.030. District Endorsement of Club Legislation.

Legislation from a club must be ~~submitted to~~endorsed by the clubs of the district at a district conference or RIBI district council ~~for a vote on whether it is to be endorsed.~~

Where time does not allow legislation to be submitted to the district conference or RIBI district council, the legislation may be submitted to the clubs of the district through a ballot-by-mail conducted by the governor. Such ballot-by-mail shall follow the procedures in section 13.040. as closely as possible. All legislation delivered to the general secretary shall be accompanied by a certificate from the governor stating that it has been considered by the district conference, RIBI district council, or in a ballot-by-mail and has been endorsed.

7.037. Duly Proposed Legislation; ~~Deficient and~~ Defective Proposed Legislation.

7.037.1. Duly Proposed Legislation.

Legislation is duly proposed if:

- (a) it is delivered to the general secretary under the deadlines contained in section 7.035. of the bylaws or article 16, section 3 of the constitution, as applicable;
- (b) it complies with the requirements of section 7.020. of the bylaws regarding who may propose legislation; and
- (c) when it is proposed by a club, the requirements of section 7.030. of the bylaws regarding district ~~review and~~ endorsement have been met.

7.037.2. ~~Deficient~~ Defective Legislation.

Legislation is ~~deficient~~ defective if:

- (a) it is subject to two or more inconsistent meanings; ~~or~~
- (b) it fails to amend all affected parts of the constitutional documents; ~~;~~

7.037.3. ~~Defective~~ Legislation.

Legislation is ~~defective~~ if:

- ~~(a)~~(c) its adoption would violate governing law;
- ~~(b)~~(d) it is in the form of a resolution but it requires action in conflict with the letter or spirit of the RI constitutional documents;
- ~~(c)~~(e) it would amend the standard Rotary club constitution in a way that would conflict with the RI bylaws or the RI constitution or it would amend the RI bylaws in a way that would conflict with the RI constitution; or
- ~~(d)~~(f) it would be impossible to administer or enforce.

7.040. Review of Proposed Legislation.

The constitution and bylaws committee shall review all legislation submitted to the general secretary for transmittal to the council and may:

7.040.1. on behalf of the board, recommend to proposers suitable changes to correct proposed legislation that is ~~deficient or~~ defective;

7.040.2. on behalf of the board, recommend to proposers of substantially similar legislation compromise legislation in substitution for their proposals;

7.040.3. recommend to the board for transmittal by the general secretary to the council alternate legislation which best expresses the objective of the similar legislation where proposers cannot agree to compromise legislation; ~~and~~

7.040.4. recommend to the board whether legislation is duly proposed and whether it is defective;

7.040.5. recommend to the board that the general secretary not transmit to the council legislation determined by the committee to be defective

~~(a) not duly proposed, or~~

~~(b) defective or deficient, including where the proposer has not accepted recommendations for suitable changes to correct such defects or deficiencies or where the proposer has been notified but has not made necessary changes by 90 days before the opening of the council; and~~

7.040.56. carry out other duties defined in subsection 8.130.2.

7.050. Board Examination of Proposed Legislation.

The board (by the constitution and bylaws committee acting on its behalf) shall examine the text of all proposed legislation and shall advise the proposers of any ~~deficiencies or~~ defects in the proposed legislation and recommend, where feasible, corrective action.

7.050.2. Legislation Not Transmitted to the Council.

Where the board, on the advice of the constitution and bylaws committee, acting in accordance with section 7.040.4., determines that proposed legislation is ~~(1) not duly proposed, the board shall direct that the legislation not be transmitted to the council for consideration, and where it determines that proposed legislation is or (2) defective or deficient~~ and, where feasible, ~~suitable changes have been recommended to the proposer but not accepted or where the proposer has been notified of the defects but has not made submitted necessary changes amendments~~ by 90 days before the opening of the council, the board may direct that the proposed legislation not be transmitted to the council for consideration. In the event of such action by the board, the proposer shall thereupon be notified by the general secretary. In such instance, the proposer must secure the consent of two-thirds of the members of the council to have the proposed legislation considered by the council.

7.050.4. Transmittal of Legislation and Amendments to the Council.

~~The~~ Subject to the provisions of section 7.050.2., the general secretary shall transmit to the council all duly proposed legislation, including all amendments to such legislation which have been submitted by the proposers to the general secretary not later than ~~two months~~ 90 days before the council convenes.

and in article 8 (pages 193-194 MOP)

Article 8 Council on Legislation

8.130. Council Operations Committee; Duties of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

There shall be a council operations committee composed of the chairman, the vice-chairman, and the members of the constitution and bylaws committee. The chairman of the council shall be the chairman of the council operations committee.

8.130.1. *Duties of the Council Operations Committee.*

The council operations committee shall recommend rules of procedure for the council and the order of consideration for proposed legislation. The committee shall also draft and revise for the council, where feasible, amendments to correct defects or deficiencies identified by the committee or council in any proposed legislation or amendments thereof. The committee shall further make correlative amendments to the bylaws and the standard club constitution to give full effect to enactments adopted by the council and prepare the report to the council which shall note any correlative amendments.

8.130.2. *Further Duties of the Members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.*

The constitution and bylaws committee shall review and approve the purpose and effect statements for all legislation prior to publication. Immediately following the publication of the proposed legislation, the chairman of the council shall assign each member of the constitution and bylaws committee items of proposed legislation. Each constitution and bylaws committee member shall study all proposed legislation so assigned and be prepared to inform the council with respect to the purpose, background, and effect of the respective items of legislation and of any deficiencies or defects in such items.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-311

To amend the definition of defective legislation to include resolutions that require or request an administrative act

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 186 MOP)

Article 7 Legislative Procedure

7.037. Duly Proposed Legislation; Deficient and Defective Proposed Legislation.

7.037.3. *Defective Legislation.*

Legislation is defective if:

- (b) it is in the form of a resolution, but (i) it would require an action, or express an opinion, that is in conflict with the letter or spirit of the RI constitutional documents; or (ii) it would require or request an administrative act that is within the discretion of the board or the general secretary;

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-316

To request the RI Board to consider requiring that enactments be reproduced exactly as adopted by the Council on Legislation

WHEREAS, the Council on Legislation is the only legislative body of RI. Therefore, it is a matter of fact that enactments adopted by the Council on Legislation shall be reproduced exactly as adopted in the RI Constitution, RI Bylaws, and Standard Rotary Club Constitution, and be included in the *Manual of Procedure*, and

WHEREAS, in the past there was an instance where the amended enactment was included in different parts or articles. Enactment 01-465 amended RI Bylaws 6.130.1. and 6.130.2., and was adopted by the Council. However, the enactment was included as amendments to RI Bylaws 5.030.3. and 6.130. That is, the amendment of the adopted enactment was not reflected in the original places in the RI Bylaws, and

WHEREAS, such treatment will damage the authority of the Council on Legislation

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider requiring that enactments be reproduced exactly as adopted by the Council on Legislation in the amendments of the RI Constitution, RI Bylaws, and Standard Rotary Club Constitution, and be included in the *Manual of Procedure*.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-317

To provide that the Council on Legislation Rules of Procedure will remain in effect until changed by a subsequent Council

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 193 MOP)

Article 8 Council on Legislation

8.120. Procedures of the Council.

8.120.1. Rules of Procedure.

Subject to section 8.130., each council ~~shall~~may adopt such rules of procedure as it deems necessary to govern the conduct of its deliberations. Such rules shall be in harmony with the bylaws and commencing with the council held in 2007 shall remain in effect until changed by a subsequent council.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-318

To clarify voting procedures at district conferences

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 221 MOP)

Article 15 Districts

15.050. Conference Voting.

15.050.1. Electors.

Each club in a district shall select, certify, and send to its annual district conference at least one elector. Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional elector for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members. That is, a club with a membership of up to 37 members is entitled to one elector, a club with 38 to 62 members is entitled to two electors, a club with 63 to 87 members is entitled to three electors and so on. Such membership shall be determined by the number of 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 to vote.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-329*

To amend the provisions for qualification for membership

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the CONSTITUTION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby is amended as follows (page 168 MOP)

Article 5 Membership

Section 2 — Composition of Clubs.

- (a) A club shall be composed of active members who are adult persons of good character and good business ~~and~~ 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) hold an 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 sub-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

and

having their places 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 ~~or~~, 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 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.

IT IS FURTHER ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 239 MOP)

Article 7 Classifications

Section 1 General Provisions.

- (a) *Principal Activity.* Each member shall be classified in accordance with the member's business ~~or~~, profession, or type of community service. The classification shall be that which describes the principal and recognized activity of the firm, company, or institution with which the member is connected or that which describes the member's principal and recognized business or professional activity or that which describes the nature of the member's community service activity.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-330

To allow clubs to elect into active membership Rotary Foundation alumni even if the classification of the alumnus is filled

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the CONSTITUTION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby is amended as follows (page 168 MOP)

Article 5 Membership

Section 2 — Composition of Clubs.

- (b) Each club shall have a well-balanced membership in which no one business or profession 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 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.

IT IS FURTHER ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 239 MOP)

Article 7 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 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)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-331*

To amend the classification provision for termination of membership

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (pages 243-244 MOP)

Article 11 Duration of Membership

Section 5 Termination – Other Causes.

- (c) *Filling Classification.* When the board has terminated the membership of a member as provided for in this section, this club shall not elect a new member under the former member's classification until the time for hearing any appeal has expired and the decision of this club or of the arbitrators has been announced. However, this provision shall not apply if, by election of a new member, the number of active members under the said classification would remain within provided limitations even if the board's decision regarding termination is reversed.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-334

To amend the provisions for termination for non-attendance

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 243 MOP)

Article 11 Duration of Membership

Section 4 Termination – Non-attendance.

- (a) *Attendance Percentages.* A member must
- (2) attend at least 30 percent of this club's regular meetings in each half of the year (assistant governors, as defined by the board of directors of RI, shall be excused from this requirement).

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-335

To allow clubs to temporarily suspend membership during termination proceedings

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 244 MOP)

Article 11 Duration of Membership

Section 10 *Temporary Suspension.*

Notwithstanding any provision of the standard club constitution, if in the opinion of the board

- (a) credible accusations have been made that a member has refused or neglected to comply with the standard club constitution, or has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member or prejudicial to the interests of the club; and
- (b) those accusations, if proved, constitute good cause for terminating the membership of the member; and
- (c) it is desirable that no action should be taken in respect of the membership of the member pending the outcome of a matter or an event that the board considers should properly occur before such action is taken by the board; and
- (d) that in the best interests of the club and without any vote being taken as to his or her membership, the member's membership should be temporarily suspended and the member should be excluded from attendance at meetings and other activities of this club and from any office or position the member holds within the club. For the purposes of this clause, the member shall be excused from fulfilling attendance responsibilities;

the board may, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the board, temporarily suspend the member as aforesaid for such period and on such further conditions as the board determines, albeit for a period no longer than is reasonably necessary in all the circumstances.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-340*

To require publication of RI Board actions

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 179 MOP)

Article 5 Board of Directors

5.020. Publication of Board Action.

All minutes of board meetings and board action shall be available to all members by posting to the Rotary website within 60 days after such board meeting or action. Additionally, all appendices filed with the official records of the minutes shall be made available to a Rotarian upon request, except any materials that are deemed by the board to be confidential or proprietary may be excluded.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-342

To amend the process of appealing RI Board actions

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows

in article 5 (page 179 MOP)

Article 5 Board of Directors

5.020. Appeals of Board Action.

Action by the board shall be subject only to appeal ~~by clubs to a regular or special convention~~ through a ballot-by-mail submitted to the district representatives of the most recent council on legislation under rules to be established by the board. ~~Such~~ An appeals shall be duly filed with the general secretary by any club with the concurrence of at least 24 other clubs. At least half of the concurring clubs must be located in districts other than that of the appealing club. The appeal and concurrences must be received no later than ~~six~~ four months after the action of the board is taken and ~~at least 90 days prior to the opening of such convention~~ the general secretary shall conduct said ballot-by-mail within ninety (90) days thereafter. Such appeal shall be in the form of a resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the club and certified by the president and secretary. The only question to be considered by the ~~delegates~~ district representatives in acting upon the appeal is whether the action of the board should be sustained. Provided, however, if such appeal is received by the general secretary within three months before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the council on legislation, then the appeal of the board action shall be submitted to the council on legislation to decide if the action of the board should be sustained.

and in article 10 (page 200 MOP)

Article 10 Nominations and Elections for Officers – General Provisions

10.050. Campaigning, Canvassing, and Electioneering.

10.050.3. Board Consideration.

The board shall give due consideration to such complaints. The board shall dismiss the complaint, disqualify the candidate for the elective office sought or future RI elective offices or both, or take such other action as it deems fair and just. A two-thirds vote shall be required to disqualify a candidate, such disqualification being for those RI offices and for such periods as the board shall determine. The board's decision shall be promptly transmitted to all parties concerned. ~~Notwithstanding section 5.020., any appeal of such decision shall be duly filed with the general secretary at least five days prior to the opening of the convention unless the board shall permit a late filing date.~~

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-343

To provide a provision for settlement of disputes between Rotarians

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 235 MOP)

Article 24 Arbitration and Mediation

24.010. Disputes.

24.020. Date for Mediation or Arbitration.

24.030. Mediation.

24.040. Arbitration.

24.050. Decision of Arbitrators or Umpire.

24.010. Disputes.

Should any dispute other than as to a decision of the board of directors of RI arise between any current or former member(s) of a Rotary club and a Rotary district, Rotary International or an RI officer, on any account whatsoever which cannot be settled amicably, the dispute shall, upon a request to the general secretary by any of the disputants, be resolved by mediation or, if mediation is refused by one or more parties, be settled by arbitration. Such a request for mediation or arbitration should take place within sixty (60) days of the occurrence of the dispute.

24.020. Date for Mediation or Arbitration.

In the event of mediation or arbitration, the board shall set a date for the mediation or arbitration, in consultation with disputants, to be held within ninety (90) days after the receipt of the request for mediation or arbitration.

24.030. Mediation.

The procedure for such mediation shall be set by the board of directors of RI. Either of the disputants may request the general secretary, or someone appointed by the general secretary for this purpose, to appoint a mediator who is a member of a Rotary club, other than that of the disputing parties, and who has appropriate mediation skills and experience.

24.030.1. Mediation Outcomes.

The outcomes or decisions agreed between the parties as a result of mediation shall be recorded and copies held by each party, the mediator(s), and one copy given to the board and to be held by the general secretary. A summary statement of outcomes acceptable to the parties involved shall be prepared for the information of both parties. Either party through the general secretary may call for further mediation, if either party has retracted significantly from the mediated position.

24.030.2. Unsuccessful Mediation.

If mediation is requested but is unsuccessful, any disputant may request arbitration as provided in section 24.040. of this article.

24.040. Arbitration.

In the event of a request for arbitration, each party shall appoint an arbitrator and the arbitrators shall appoint an umpire. Only a member of a Rotary club, other than that of the disputants, may be appointed as umpire or arbitrator.

24.050. Decision of Arbitrators or Umpire.

If arbitration is requested, the decision by the arbitrators or, if they disagree, by the umpire shall be final and binding on all parties and shall not be subject to appeal.

24.060. Costs of Mediation or Arbitration.

The costs of the conflict resolution, whether by mediation or arbitration, should be borne on an equal basis by the disputants, unless otherwise decided by the mediator or umpire of the arbitration.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-344

To provide that the strategic plan include the demographics of potential Rotarians

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 227 MOP)

Article 16 Committees

16.100. Strategic Planning Committee.

The board shall appoint a strategic planning committee to be composed of six members, each of whom shall serve a single term for a six-year period with two members appointed every other year. No member of the committee shall be a past president or current member of the board or The Rotary Foundation trustees. Membership shall be selected so that qualifications provide a balance in membership with Rotarians experienced in long-term planning, RI programs and activities, and financial management. The committee shall meet once per year at such time and place and upon such notice as may be determined by the president, the board or the chairman of the committee, and if deemed necessary by the president or the board, additional times during the year 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, review and counsel the president-elect on the program for the upcoming year to determine whether such program is consistent with 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.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 07-348

To request the RI Board to consider amending the RI travel policy

WHEREAS, the RI president, the RI president-elect, the chairman of The Rotary Foundation trustees and their spouses are currently allowed to use first class air travel when traveling on official Rotary business, and

WHEREAS, board members, trustees present and past and their spouses are allowed to travel in business class on official Rotary business

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider amending the Rotary International travel policy to allow the RI president, RI president-elect, the chairperson of The Rotary Foundation trustees and their spouses to travel first class during their years of office, and thereafter to travel in business class on official Rotary business, and in the case of board members, trustees and their spouses to continue to allow them to travel in business class during their years of office and thereafter, to travel in economy class, like any ordinary Rotarians on official Rotary business.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-350*

To provide that all candidates for RI president-nominee be given an opportunity to be interviewed

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 204 MOP)

Article 11 Nominations and Elections for President

11.050. *Nomination by the Committee.*

11.050.2. *Committee Meeting.*

The committee shall meet no later than 1 October at a time and place determined by the board. Effective 1 July 2008, all candidates shall be given an opportunity to be interviewed by the committee according to procedures determined by the board.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 07-357

To require the RI Board to announce the results of deliberations for adopted resolutions

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the CONSTITUTION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby is amended as follows (page 171 MOP)

Article 10 Council on Legislation

Section 6 — *Adopted Resolution.* Within one year of the conclusion of the council on legislation, the board shall notify all governors of any board action taken in regard to resolutions adopted by the council.

(End of Text)

Opposition to Legislation Report Form

*This form may be duplicated if your club wishes to record its opposition to more than one item of adopted legislation. Please prepare one form for each item of opposed legislation. **Forms are due in Evanston no later than 27 August 2007.***

Each club is entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25 members, or major fraction thereof, as follows:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Votes</u>
1-37	1
38-62	2
63-87	3
88-112	4
etc.	

I hereby certify that

1. at a regular meeting, this club agreed to record its opposition to the following action of the 2007 Council on Legislation:

07-_____

2. the membership of this club on 1 January 2007 (honorary members excepted) entitles it to this number of votes (see above):



Date: _____

President: _____
signature

please print

Rotary Club of _____

District _____

Send to:

General Secretary
c/o Council Services Section
Rotary International
One Rotary Center
1560 Sherman Avenue
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**Forms are due in Evanston no later than
27 August 2007.**

Fax: 847-556-2123