

Report of Action

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of Rotary International**

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To all Rotary clubs:

The Council on Legislation of Rotary International met 21-27 April 2001 in Chicago, Illinois, USA. In accordance with section 8.130.2. of the bylaws of RI, this is a report to all clubs of the action taken by the Council in adopting 98 items of legislation.

The Council considered 631 items of proposed legislation. These included 388 proposed enactments (proposals to amend the constitutional documents of RI) and 243 proposed resolutions (proposals which do not seek to amend the constitutional documents of RI). The Council adopted 55 enactments and 43 resolutions. Three items were referred to the Board of Directors of RI for further study. The Council rejected 301 proposals. 227 proposals were withdrawn or considered withdrawn. (Note: Two of the withdrawn proposals were incorporated into a similar proposal which was adopted.) Two proposals were tabled. Of the 98 adopted proposals, 90 were adopted by the Council exactly as they were proposed, while eight were adopted with amendments. Those adopted with amendments are noted within 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. All overlapping and correlative changes will be made in the production of the 2001 *Manual of Procedure*.

At the end of this report is an "Opposition to Legislation Report Form." After carefully studying each individual item in this book, any club, in accordance with section 8.130.3. of the RI bylaws, may use this form to record its opposition to any adopted enactment or resolution. Completed forms **must** reach the World Headquarters of RI in Evanston by **20 August 2001**. If by that time, clubs representing ten or more percent 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. The General Secretary will then prepare and distribute a ballot 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 8.130.5., 8.130.6. and 8.130.7. 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 to the General Secretary only if it wishes to oppose some action by the Council. If a club does not wish to oppose an action of the 2001 Council on Legislation, no action is required.



Ed Futa
General Secretary

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-04

To allow the club board to cancel up to four regular meetings in a year and allow the cancellation of not more than three consecutive meetings

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 253 MOP)

Article IV Meetings

Section 1 —

- .3 If a regular meeting falls on a legal holiday or in case of the death of the club president, or of an epidemic or of a disaster affecting the whole community, the board may cancel such regular meeting. The board of directors of this club, at its discretion, may cancel not more than ~~two~~four regular meetings in any one Rotary year for causes not otherwise specified herein provided always that the club should not fail to meet for more than ~~two~~three consecutive meetings.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-16

To allow the cancellation of a regular meeting due to the death of a club member

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Article IV Meetings

Section 1 —

- .3 If a regular meeting falls on a legal holiday or in case of the death of ~~the a~~ club member ~~president~~, or of an epidemic or of a disaster affecting the whole community, the board may cancel such regular meeting. The board of directors of this club, at its discretion, may cancel not more than two regular meetings in any one Rotary year for causes not otherwise specified herein provided always that the club should not fail to meet for more than two consecutive meetings.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-25

To provide that the club board may notify a member that failure to attend four consecutive meetings might be considered a request to terminate membership

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 260 MOP)

Article X Duration of Membership

Section 5 — Termination — Non-Attendance.

- (a) Each member, other than an honorary member of this club, must
 - (1) attend or make up at least sixty percent of club regular meetings in each half of the Rotary year;
 - (2) attend at least thirty percent of the regular meetings of this club in each half of the Rotary year.

If such a member fails to attend as required above, that person’s membership shall automatically terminate unless the board consents to such non-attendance for good and sufficient reason. If such member is a current officer of RI, that member shall be excused from attending the regular meetings of such member’s club until the member’s current term of office expires.

- (b) ~~The membership of any member, other than an honorary member, of this club shall automatically terminate if, without the consent of the board for good and sufficient reason, the member fails to attend or make up four consecutive club meetings.~~ Each member of this club, other than an honorary member, who fails to attend or make up four consecutive club meetings, shall be informed by the board that his/her non-attendance might be considered as a request to terminate membership in the club.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-26

To remove the automatic termination provisions for failing to attend 60% of regular meetings

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 - (2) attend at least thirty percent of the regular meetings of this club in each half of the Rotary year.

If such a member fails to attend as required above, that person’s membership shall ~~automatically terminate~~ be subject to termination unless the board consents to such non-attendance for good and sufficient reason. If such member is a current officer of RI, that member shall be excused from attending the regular meetings of such member’s club until the member’s current term of office expires.

- (b) The membership of any member, other than an honorary member, of this club shall ~~automatically terminate~~ be subject to termination if, without the consent of the board for good and sufficient reason, the member fails to attend or make up four consecutive club meetings.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-38

To allow attendance credit for a member who attends less than 60% of a regular meeting when the member is unexpectedly called away from a meeting

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 256 MOP)

Article VII Attendance

Section 1 — Every member of this club should attend its regular meetings. A member shall be counted as attending a regular meeting of this club if such member is present for at least 60% of the time devoted for the regular meeting, or is present and is called away unexpectedly and subsequently produces evidence to the satisfaction of the board of this club that such action was reasonable, or makes up for an absence in any of the following ways:

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-39

To allow attendance credit for attending a club-sponsored community event or meeting or a club board or service committee meeting

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 257 MOP)

Article VII Attendance

Section 1 — Every member of this club should attend its regular meetings. A member shall be counted as attending a regular meeting of this club if such member is present for at least 60% of the time devoted for the regular meeting or makes up for an absence in any of the following ways:

- (a) If at any time within 14 days before or after the usual time for that meeting such member
 - (vi) attends and participates in a club service project or a club sponsored community event or meeting authorized by the board of this club;
 - (vii) attends a board of directors' meeting of this club or, if authorized by the board, a meeting of a service committee to which such member is assigned.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-51

To allow attendance credit for attending various meetings

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 257 MOP)

Article VII Attendance

Section 1 — Every member of this club should attend its regular meetings. A member shall be counted as attending a regular meeting of this club if such member is present for at least 60 percent of the time devoted for the regular meeting or makes up for an absence in any of the following ways:

- (a) If at any time within 14 days before or after the usual time for that meeting such member
 - (ii) ~~by direction of this club,~~ attends a regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact club or Rotary Village Corps or of a provisional Rotaract or Interact club or Rotary Village Corps, or

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-76*

To allow the club board to determine the conditions and circumstances under which a member's absence may be excused

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (pages 256-258 MOP)

Article VII Attendance

Section 1 — Every member of this club should attend its regular meetings. A member shall be counted as attending a regular meeting of this club if such member is present for at least 60% of the time devoted for the regular meeting or makes up for an absence in any of the following ways:

- (a) If at any time within 14 days before or after the usual time for that meeting such member
 - (i) attends at least 60% of the time devoted for the regular meeting of another club or of a provisional club, or
 - (ii) by direction of this club, attends a regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact club or Rotary Village Corps or of a provisional Rotaract or Interact club or Rotary Village Corps, or
 - (iii) attends a convention of RI, a council on legislation, an international assembly, a Rotary institute for past and present officers of RI, a Rotary institute for past, present, and incoming officers of RI, or any other meeting convened with the approval of the board, the president acting for the board of RI, a Rotary multizone conference, a RI committee meeting, a Rotary district conference, a Rotary district assembly, any district meeting held by direction of the board of directors of RI, any district committee meeting held by direction of the district governor, or a regularly announced intercity meeting of Rotary clubs, or
 - (iv) is present at the usual time and place of a regular meeting of another club for the purpose of attending such meeting, and that club is not meeting at the time and place, or

- (v) except that where a member is traveling outside the member's country of residence for a period exceeding fourteen days, the time restriction shall not be imposed by this subsection inasmuch as a member may attend meetings in another country at any time during the period of travel, and each such attendance shall count as a valid make-up for any regular meeting missed at this club during the member's time abroad, or
 - (vi) attends a club service project authorized by the board of this club.
- (b) If, at the time of such meeting, a member is
- (i) traveling with reasonable directness to or from one of the meetings mentioned in paragraph (a) (iii) of this section, or
 - (ii) on Rotary business serving as an officer or member of a committee of RI, or a trustee of The Rotary Foundation, or
 - (iii) on Rotary business serving as the special representative of the district governor in the formation of a new club, or
 - (iv) on Rotary business in the employ of RI, or
 - (v) directly and actively engaged in a district-sponsored or a RI or Rotary Foundation-sponsored service project in a remote area where the opportunity for making up attendance is completely impossible, or
 - (vi) engaged in Rotary business duly authorized by the board of this club if this precludes attendance at a meeting of this club, or
 - (vii) working in bona fide circumstances within the member's own country of residence for extended periods on outposted assignments when, by mutual agreement between the member's home club and a nominated club, the member may attend such nominated club for the period of assignment, validated by an appropriate form of advice by the secretary of said club to the member's home club where such attendance shall be credited in the member's name.

~~**Section 2** — *Notice of Make up.* In the cases set out in subsection (a) (ii), (a) (iii) or subsection (b) of section 1 of this article, the member shall only be counted as being in attendance if notice of the fact is given by the member personally to the club. In the cases set out in subparagraphs (a) (i) and (iv), such notice may be given by the member personally or by the secretary of the club visited.~~

Section 32 — *Exemptions.* A member's absence shall be excused if

- ~~(a) (i) the absence is caused by protracted ill health or impairment or by stay of more than two weeks in a country in which Rotary clubs do not exist so that such member is physically unable to attend a regular meeting and the board approves such absence.~~
- ~~(ii) In the case of intended absence in a country in which there are no Rotary clubs, the member shall inform the secretary of this club before starting the journey or, if that is impossible, in writing from that country. Before approving such absence, the board shall satisfy itself that the journey will prevent the member from making up an absence in accordance with section 1 (a) of this article, or~~

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

~~(b) a member is a senior active member and 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.~~

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~~The absences of members who fall into categories (a) (i) and (ii) above and whose absences have been excused shall not be included in the club's attendance records for the period in question. Members who fall into category (b) above shall not be included in the membership figure used to compute the club's attendance; further, neither their absences nor attendances shall be used for that purpose.~~

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-111*

To request the RI Board to consider proposing legislation to allow clubs to merge together

WHEREAS, the present bylaws allow only for the creation and dissolution of clubs, there is a reluctance for clubs with declining membership to close, and

WHEREAS, across the world, Rotary membership is static as best, and the present and future administrative costs of both the large number of small clubs and districts is causing concern, and

WHEREAS, there would be much greater support for rationalization of clubs if mergers were allowed where clubs could negotiate to take their name, history and culture into new merged clubs, and

WHEREAS, the health of the Rotary movement would be enhanced significantly if larger and stronger clubs and districts formed the basis of the organization

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider proposed legislation to change the bylaws of Rotary International to allow clubs to merge.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-130

To clarify the procedures for appeals and arbitration within clubs

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows

in article VIII (pages 258-259 MOP)

Article VIII Directors and Officers

Section 1 – The governing body of this club shall be a board of directors to be constituted as the bylaws of the club may provide.

Section 2 – ~~Except as herein otherwise specifically provided the decision of the board in all club matters shall be final, subject only to an appeal to the club.~~ The board shall have general control over all officers and committees and may, for good cause, declare any office vacant. It shall constitute a board of appeal from the rulings of all officers and actions of all committees. ~~Appeal may be taken from any decision of the board to the club.~~

Section 3 – Except as herein otherwise specifically provided, the decision of the board in all club matters shall be final, subject only to an appeal to the club. However as to a decision to terminate membership, a member, pursuant to section 7 of article X, may either appeal to the club or request arbitration. On appeal, decisions of the board ~~On such appeal the decision appealed from shall be reversed only by a two-thirds vote of the members present, at a regular meeting specified by the board, a quorum being present, notice of such members of the club at least five (5) days previous to such meeting. If an appeal is taken, the action taken by the club shall be final.~~

Section 4 ~~3~~ – The officers of this club shall be a president, a president-elect, one or more vice-presidents, all of whom shall be members of the board, and a secretary, a treasurer, and a sergeant-at-arms, any or all of whom may or may not be members of the board as the bylaws of the club shall provide.

Section 5 ~~4~~

- .1 Each officer shall be elected as provided in the bylaws of the club and, except as may otherwise be provided in relation to the president, shall take office on the first day of July immediately following election to office and shall serve for the term of office or until a successor shall have been elected and qualified.
- .2 The president shall be elected, as the bylaws of the club may provide, within the period of not more than two years but not less than eighteen months prior to the day of taking office as president. The president shall be a director of the board and shall serve as president-elect for the year immediately preceding the year in which the term as president shall commence. The president shall take office on the first day of July in the Rotary year for which the president is elected to serve and shall serve for the period of election or until a successor shall have been elected and qualified.
- .3 Each officer and each director shall be an active (including additional active), senior active, or a past service member in good standing of this club. For a better understanding of the duties and responsibilities of club president, the president-elect shall attend the district presidents-elect training seminar and the district assembly unless excused by the incoming governor. If so excused, the president-elect shall send a designated representative from the club whose duty it will be to report back to the president-elect.

and in article X (page 261 MOP)

Article X Duration of Membership

Section 6 — *Termination for Other Causes.*

- (a) The membership of any member who shall cease to have the qualifications for membership in this club may be terminated by the board by the votes of not less than two-thirds of the members thereof, at a meeting called for that purpose.
- (b) The membership of any member may be terminated by the board, for a reason which the board may deem to be sufficient, by the votes of not less than two-thirds of the members thereof, at a meeting called for that purpose.
- (c) In either case (a) or (b), the member shall be given at least ten (10) days' notice in writing of such pending action and an opportunity to submit to the board a written answer. The member shall also have the privilege of appearing before the board to state the member's case. Service of such notice shall be made by personal delivery or by registered letter to the member's last known address.
- (d) ~~In case of a decision to terminate membership, the secretary shall, within seven days after the date of the board's decision, notify the member in writing of the decision of the board. Such member may, within fourteen days after the date of such notice, give written notice to the secretary of the intention either to appeal to the club or to arbitrate as provided in article XIV of this constitution. In the event of an appeal, the board shall set a date for the hearing of the appeal at a regular meeting of the club, to be held within twenty-one (21) days after the receipt of such written notice of appeal. At least five (5) days' notice of such club meeting and its special business shall be given in writing to every member of the club, and only members of the club shall be permitted to be present when such appeal is considered at such meeting.~~
- (e) When the board has terminated the membership of an active member as provided for in this section, the club shall not elect a new member under the former classification until the time for hearing the appeal, if any, has expired and the club's decision or the decision of the arbitrators has been announced.
- (f) ~~The action of the board shall be final if no appeal to the club is taken and no arbitration is requested. If an appeal is taken, the action of the club shall be final.~~

Section 7 — Right to Appeal or Arbitrate Termination.

- (a) In case of a decision to terminate membership the secretary shall, within seven days after the date of the board's decision, notify the member in writing of the decision of the board. Such member may, within fourteen days after the date of such notice, give written notice to the secretary of the intention either to appeal to the club or to arbitrate as provided in article XIV of the constitution.
- (b) In the event of an appeal, the board shall set a date for the hearing of the appeal at a regular meeting of the club, to be held within twenty-one (21) days after the receipt of such written notice of appeal. At least five (5) days' notice of such club meeting and its special business shall be given in writing to every member of the club, and only members of the club shall be permitted to be present when such appeal is considered at such meeting.
- (c) In the event of a request for arbitration, each party shall appoint an arbitrator and the arbitrators shall appoint an umpire. Only members of a Rotary club may be appointed as umpire or as arbitrators.
- (d) If an appeal is taken, the action of the club shall be final and binding on all parties and shall not be subject to arbitration.

(e) If arbitration is requested, the decision of the arbitrators or, in the event of their disagreement, by the umpire, shall be final and binding on all parties and shall not be subject to appeal.

Section 8 — The action of the board shall be final if no appeal to the club is taken and no arbitration is requested.

Section 9 7 — *Resignation.* The resignation of any member from the club shall be in writing (addressed to the president or secretary) and shall be accepted by the board, provided that all indebtedness of said member to the club has been paid.

Section 10 8 — *Property Interest — Forfeiture of.* Any person whose membership in this club has been terminated in any manner shall forfeit all interest in any funds or other property belonging to the club.

and in article XIV (pages 262-263 MOP)

Article XIV Arbitration

Should any dispute, other than as to a decision of the board, arise between any member or members, or a former member or members, and the club, or any officer or the board of the club, ~~relative to membership or to any alleged breach of the constitution or bylaws, or the expulsion of any member from the club, or~~ on any account whatsoever which cannot be satisfactorily settled under the procedure already provided for such purpose, the matters in difference shall be settled, upon a request to the secretary by any of the disputants, by arbitration. The procedure utilized for such arbitration shall be as provided in sections 7 (c) and (e) of article X. Each party shall appoint an arbitrator and the arbitrators shall appoint an umpire. Only members of a Rotary club may be appointed as umpire or as arbitrators. The decision arrived at by the arbitrators, or, in the event of their disagreement, by the umpire, shall be final and binding on all parties.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-133

To request the RI Board to consider encouraging clubs to present at least one program each Rotary year regarding The Rotary Foundation

WHEREAS, many Rotary clubs do not present programs concerning The Rotary Foundation to their membership, and

WHEREAS, it is important that all Rotarians have the opportunity to learn about the purpose, programs and fund development activities of The Rotary Foundation

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider encouraging all Rotary clubs to present at least one meeting program during each Rotary year on the purpose, programs and fund development activities of The Rotary Foundation.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-148

To reduce the types of membership in clubs to active and honorary while retaining the classification principle

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the CONSTITUTION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby is amended as follows (page 174 MOP)

Article V Membership

Section 3 — *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,
- (i) engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession, or
 - (ii) ~~holding~~ an important position in any worthy and recognized business or profession or any branch or agency thereof and ~~having~~ executive capacity with discretionary authority; or
 - (iii) having retired from any position listed in sub-subsection (i) or (ii) of this subsection

and

having their places of business or residence located within the territorial limits of the club or within the corporate limits of the city in which the club is located or within the territorial limits of an immediately adjoining club, or within an immediately adjoining community not part of the territory of an existing Rotary club. An active member moving from the territorial limits of the club may retain membership in the club where the member's board grants such permission and said active member continues to stay active in the same classification. If a member retires, or a member with three or more years of service changes residence or place of business so that the member no longer meets the foregoing territorial requirements, the club may continue the member's membership without change of classification.

- (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 active 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 ten percent of the club's active membership. Members who are retired shall not be included in the total number of members from a classification. If a member changes classification, the club may continue the member's membership under the new classification notwithstanding these limitations ~~There shall be not more than one active member in each classification of business or profession, excepting the religion, news media, and diplomatic service classifications, and excepting the provision for additional active members as provided in the bylaws.~~
- (c) The bylaws of RI may provide for kinds of membership in addition to active membership in clubs to be designated as ~~senior active, past service, and~~ honorary

membership and shall prescribe the qualifications for each in addition to active membership in clubs.

- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution or of the bylaws of RI or the standard club constitution, a Rotary club may be limited to members of one gender unless such limitation is contrary to the law of the jurisdiction in which the club operates.
- (e) In countries where the word “club” has an inappropriate connotation, Rotary clubs, with the approval of the board, will not be obliged to use it in their names.

IT IS FURTHER ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (pages 182-185 MOP)

Article IV Membership in Clubs

4.010. Types of Membership in a Club.

4.020. Active Membership.

~~**4.030.** Senior Active Membership.~~

~~**4.040.** Past Service Membership.~~

~~**4.050.**~~ **4.030.** Dual Membership.

~~**4.060.**~~ **4.040.** Honorary Membership.

~~**4.070.** Religion, News Media and Diplomatic Service.~~

~~**4.080.**~~ **4.050.** Holders of Public Office.

~~**4.090.**~~ **4.060.** Limitations on Membership.

~~**4.100.**~~ **4.070.** RI Employment.

~~**4.110.**~~ **4.080.** Attendance Reports.

~~**4.120.**~~ **4.090.** Attendance at Other Clubs.

4.010. *Types of Membership in a Club.*

A club may have ~~four~~ two kinds of membership, active and honorary ~~as stated in the RI constitution.~~

4.020. *Active Membership.*

A person possessing the qualifications set forth in article V, section 3 of the RI constitution may be elected to active membership in a club. ~~A person possessing the qualifications for active membership, but who is in the same classification of business or profession as an active member of the club, may be elected as an additional member under the provisions of this section. Such additional persons are active members with all the privileges of active membership. However, such additional persons shall not be holders of their classifications and may not propose other additional active members under their own classifications.~~

~~*4.020.1. Categories of Additional Active Members.*~~

~~The club may elect three categories of additional active members. A club may have one additional active with the same classification in each of the three categories.~~

~~*4.020.1.1. First Category—Same Classification as Proposer.*~~

~~An active member may propose to active membership a person who is actively engaged in the same classification as that of the proposer.~~

4.020.1.2. Second Category—Former Rotarian.

An active member may propose to active membership a former member of a club, with the consent of the active member holding the classification, if the proposed member terminated such membership in the former club due to no longer being engaged in the formerly assigned classification of business or profession within the territorial limits of the former club.

4.020.1.3. Third Category—Former Rotaractor.

An active member may propose to active membership a former member of a Rotaract club, with the consent of the active member who holds the classification. The former Rotaractor must live or work within the territorial limits of the club, have maintained membership in one or more Rotaract clubs for at least four years, and have terminated membership in the former Rotaract club due to reaching the age limit for membership or relocating outside the territorial limits of the former Rotaract club.

4.020.2. Change in Classification Holder.

All additional active members must have the same classification as one of the active members of the club, who is the holder of the classification. If the active member holding the classification ceases to hold the classification for any reason, including a transition to senior active or past service membership, then one of the additional members with the same classification will become the holder of the classification. If there is only one additional active member with such classification, the additional active automatically becomes the classification holder. If there are two or three additional active members with such classification, then the club elects one of them to be the classification holder, and the other member(s) remain as additional actives.

4.030. Senior Active Membership.

4.030.1. General Qualifications.

Any active or past service member shall automatically become a senior active member where such member's combined active and past service membership in one or more clubs includes: a total of at least 15 years membership; a total of at least ten years where the member has attained the age of at least 60 years; a total of at least five years where the member has attained the age of at least 65 years; or, where the member is a present or a past officer of RI.

4.030.2. Former Members.

Any club may elect to senior active membership any former member of any club who was a senior active member or eligible to become a senior active member at the time such membership was terminated.

4.030.3. Rights and Privileges—Limitations of Senior Active Membership.

Senior active members shall have all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of an active member, except that they neither hold classifications nor have the right to propose additional active members.

~~4.030.4. Successor to Senior Active.~~

~~A club may admit to membership a qualified person in the classification of business or profession in which such senior active member may be engaged.~~

~~4.040. Past Service Membership.~~

~~A past service member is one who has all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of an active member except that such a member shall not represent a classification or have the right to propose an additional active member under section 4.020.~~

~~4.040.1. Eligibility for Past Service Membership.~~

~~The following individuals are eligible for past service membership:~~

~~4.040.1.1. Past Service Membership — Retirement.~~

~~A person who has retired from active business or professional life but who is otherwise qualified for Rotary club membership under article V, section 3, of the RI constitution, including having held a qualifying position level, may be elected a past service member.~~

~~4.040.1.2. Past Service Membership — Loss of Classification.~~

~~Active members who have lost their classifications through no fault of their own may be elected to past service membership by the club board of directors.~~

~~4.040.2. Admission Fee Exemption.~~

~~Current or former members elected to past service membership in their clubs are exempt from paying a second admission fee.~~

~~4.050. 4.030. Dual Membership.~~

~~No person shall simultaneously hold active, senior active or past service membership in more than one club. No person shall simultaneously be a member and an honorary member in the same club.~~

~~4.060. 4.040. Honorary Membership.~~

~~4.060.1. 4.040.1. Eligibility for Honorary Membership.~~

~~Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals may be elected to honorary membership in more than one club.~~

~~4.060.2. 4.040.2. Rights and Privileges.~~

~~Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of admission fees and dues, shall have no vote and shall not be eligible to hold any office in the club. Such members shall not hold classifications, but shall be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all the other privileges of the club in which they hold such membership. No honorary member of a club is entitled to any rights or privileges in any other club.~~

~~4.070. Religion, News Media and Diplomatic Service.~~

~~Representatives of more than one religious denomination, representatives of more than one newspaper and/or other news media, and diplomatic services of more than one government may be eligible to active membership under such classifications provided~~

~~that such representatives otherwise possess the qualifications as set forth in the constitutional documents.~~

~~4.080.~~ **4.050.** *Holders of Public Office.*

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

~~4.090.~~ **4.060.** *Limitations on Membership.*

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2.030., no club, regardless of the date of its admission to membership in RI, may by provisions in its constitution or otherwise, limit membership in the club on the basis of race, color, creed or national origin or impose any condition of membership not specifically prescribed by the RI constitution or bylaws. Any provision in any club constitution or any condition otherwise imposed in conflict with this section of the bylaws is null, void and without effect.

~~4.100.~~ **4.070.** *RI Employment.*

Any club may retain in its membership any member employed by RI.

~~4.110.~~ **4.080.** *Attendance Reports.*

Each club shall forward monthly attendance reports of its meetings to the governor within 15 days of the last meeting of each month. Non-districted clubs shall forward such report to the general secretary.

~~4.120.~~ **4.090.** *Attendance at Other Clubs.*

Every member shall have the privilege of attending the regular meeting of any other club.

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

in article V (pages 254-256 MOP)

Article V Membership

Section 1 — *General Qualifications.* This club shall be composed of adult persons of good character and good business or professional reputation.

Section 2— *Kinds.* This Rotary club shall have ~~four~~ two kinds of membership, namely: active, ~~senior active,~~ ~~past service~~ and honorary.

Section 3 — *Active Membership.*

A person possessing the qualifications set forth in article V, section 3 of the RI constitution may be elected to active membership in this club. ~~A person possessing the qualifications for active membership, but who is in the same classification of business or profession as an active member of this club, may be elected as an additional member under the provisions of this section. Such additional persons are active members with all the privileges of active membership. However, such~~

~~additional persons shall not be holders of their classifications and may not propose other additional active members under their own classifications.~~

Section 4 — ~~*Categories of Additional Active Members.*~~ This club may elect three categories of additional active members. This club may have one additional active with the same classification in each of the three categories.

- ~~(a) *First Category—Same Classification as Proposer.* An active member may propose to active membership a person who is actively engaged in the same classification as that of the proposer.~~
- ~~(b) *Second Category—Former Rotarian.* An active member may propose to active membership a former member of a club, with the consent of the active member holding the classification, if the proposed member terminated such membership in the former club due to no longer being engaged in the formerly assigned classification of business or profession within the territorial limits of the former club.~~
- ~~(c) *Third Category—Former Rotaractor.* An active member may propose to active membership a former member of a Rotaract club, with the consent of the active member who holds the classification. The former Rotaractor must live or work within the territorial limits of this club, have maintained membership in one or more Rotaract clubs for at least four years, and have terminated membership in the former Rotaract club due to reaching the age limit for membership or relocating outside the territorial limits of the former Rotaract club.~~
- ~~(d) *Change in Classification Holder.* All additional active members must have the same classification as one of the active members of this club, who is the holder of the classification. If the active member holding the classification ceases to hold the classification for any reason, including a transition to senior active or past service membership, then one of the additional members with the same classification will become the holder of the classification. If there is only one additional active member with such classification, the additional active automatically becomes the classification holder. If there are two or three additional active members with such classification, then this club elects one of them to be the classification holder, and the other member(s) remain as additional actives.~~

Section 5 — ~~*Senior Active Membership.*~~

- ~~(a) *General Qualifications.* Any active or past service member shall automatically become a senior active member where such member's combined active and past service membership in one or more clubs includes: a total of at least 15 years membership; a total of at least ten years where the member has attained the age of at least 60 years; a total of at least five years where the member has attained the age of at least 65 years; or, where the member is a present or past officer of RI.~~
- ~~(b) *Former Members.* This club may elect to senior active membership any former member of any club who was a senior active member or eligible to become a senior active member at the time such membership was terminated.~~
- ~~(c) *Rights and Privileges—Limitations of Senior Active Membership.* Senior active members shall have all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of an active member, except that they neither hold classifications nor have the right to propose additional active members.~~

~~(d) *Successor to Senior Active.* This club may admit to membership a qualified person in the classification of business or profession in which such senior active member may be engaged.~~

~~**Section 6** — *Past Service Membership.* A past service member is one who has all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of an active member except that such member shall not represent a classification or have the right to propose an additional active member under sections 3 and 4 above.~~

~~(a) *Eligibility for Past Service Membership.* The following individuals are eligible for past service membership:~~

~~(i) *Past Service Membership—Retirement.* A person who has retired from active business or professional life but who is otherwise qualified for Rotary club membership under article V, section 3, of the RI constitution, including having held a qualifying position level, may be elected a past service member.~~

~~(ii) *Past Service Membership—Loss of Classification.* Active members who have lost their classifications through no fault of their own may be elected to past service membership by this club's board of directors.~~

~~(b) *Admission Fee Exemption.* Current or former members elected to past service membership in their clubs are exempt from paying a second admission fee.~~

~~**Section 7 4** — *Dual Membership.* No person shall simultaneously hold active, senior active or past service membership in this and another club. No person shall simultaneously be a member and an honorary member in this club.~~

~~**Section 8 5** — *Honorary Membership.*~~

~~(a) *Eligibility for Honorary Membership.* Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals may be elected to honorary membership in this club. Persons may hold honorary membership in more than one club.~~

~~(b) *Rights and Privileges.* Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of admission fees and dues, shall have no vote and shall not be eligible to hold any office in this club. Such members shall not hold classifications, but shall be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all the other privileges of this club. No honorary member of this club is entitled to any rights and privileges in any other club.~~

~~**Section 9** — *Religion, News Media and Diplomatic Service.* Representatives of more than one religious denomination, representatives of more than one newspaper and/or other news media, and diplomatic representatives of more than one government may be eligible to active membership under such classifications, provided that such representatives otherwise possess the qualifications as set forth in the constitutional documents.~~

~~**Section 10 6** — *HOLDERS OF PUBLIC OFFICE.* Persons elected or appointed to public office for a specified time shall not be eligible to active membership in this club under the classification of such office. This restriction shall not apply to persons holding positions or offices in schools, colleges or other institutions of learning or to persons who are elected or appointed to the judiciary. Active members who are elected or appointed to public office for a specified period may continue as such active members in their existing classifications during the period in which they hold such office.~~

~~**Section 11 7** — *Rotary International Employment.* This club may retain in its membership any member employed by RI.~~

and in article VI (page 256 MOP)

Article VI Classifications

Section 2 — *Limitations.* The club shall not elect a person to active membership from a classification if the club already has five or more active 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 ten percent of the club's active membership. Members who are retired shall not be included in the total number of members from a classification. If a member changes classification, the club may continue the member's membership under the new classification notwithstanding these limitations
~~The active membership shall consist of but one person from each classification of business or profession, excepting the religion, news media, and diplomatic services classifications, which may have more than one person in each such classification, and excepting the provision for additional active members.~~

and in article VII (page 258 MOP)

Article VII Attendance

Section 3 — *Exemptions.* A member's absence shall be excused if

- (a)
 - (i) the absence is caused by protracted ill health or impairment or by stay of more than two weeks in a country in which Rotary clubs do not exist so that such member is physically unable to attend a regular meeting and the board approves such absence.
 - (ii) In the case of intended absence in a country in which there are no Rotary clubs, the member shall inform the secretary of this club before starting the journey or, if that is impossible, in writing from that country. Before approving such absence, the board shall satisfy itself that the journey will prevent the member from making up an absence in accordance with section 1 (a) of this article, or
- (b) ~~a member is a senior active member and~~ 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.

The absences of members who fall into categories (a) (i) and (ii) above and whose absences have been excused shall not be included in the club's attendance records for the period in question. Members who fall into category (b) above shall not be included in the membership figure used to compute the club's attendance; further, neither their absences nor attendances shall be used for that purpose.

and in article VIII (page 259 MOP)

Article VIII Directors and Officers

Section 4 –

- .3 Each officer and each director shall be an active ~~(including additional active), senior active, or a past service~~ member in good standing of this club. For a better understanding of the duties and responsibilities of club

president, the president-elect shall attend the presidents-elect training seminar and the district assembly unless excused by the governor-elect. If so excused, the president-elect shall send a designated representative from the club whose duty it will be to report back to the president-elect.

and in article IX (page 259 MOP)

Article IX Admission Fees and Dues

Every active, ~~senior active, and past service~~ member of this club shall pay as an admission fee and as annual dues such sums as may be prescribed in the bylaws of this club, ~~except that a senior active or past service member who has held active membership in this club shall not be required to pay a second admission fee.~~

and in article X (pages 259-260 MOP)

Article X Duration of Membership

Section 2 — *How Terminated.*

- (a) Membership shall automatically terminate when a member ceases to have the necessary qualifications for membership, except that
 - ~~(i) active members who, through no fault of their own, would otherwise lose their classifications may, by action of the board of directors of this club, be elected to past service membership; or~~
 - (ii) by permission of the board, active members moving from the territorial limits of the club may be given special leave of absence for a period not exceeding one year to enable them to visit and become known to a Rotary club in the community to which they move, providing they are still active in the same classifications of business or profession and continue to comply with the attendance and all other conditions of Rotary membership; or
 - (iii) by permission of the board, active members moving from the territorial limits of the club may retain membership providing they are still active in the same classifications of business or profession and continue to comply with attendance and all other conditions of Rotary membership; or
 - ~~(iii)~~ (iii) active members who would be losing their classifications without default on their part may retain their classifications and be given special leaves of absence for periods not exceeding one year to enable them to obtain new classifications providing they continue to comply with the attendance and all other conditions of Rotary membership. The termination of their membership would take effect only at the end of the period of leave granted to them.
- ~~(b) When past service members reenter active business or professional life, their memberships automatically become active memberships if the classifications are vacant. If the classifications are not vacant, they continue as past service members.~~
- (eb) Honorary membership shall automatically terminate on the thirtieth day of June next after the date of election. However, the board in its discretion may, by resolution, from year to year continue such honorary membership for the ensuing year.

and in article XII (page 262 MOP)

Article XII Rotary Magazines

Section 1 — Unless this club is excused by the board of directors of RI from complying with the provisions of this article in accordance with the bylaws of RI, every active, ~~senior active or past service~~ member of this club, by acceptance of such membership, shall become, and so remain for the duration of such membership, a paid subscriber to the official magazine or to the approved magazine prescribed for this club by the board of directors of RI. The subscription shall be handled in six (6) month periods and shall continue for the duration of membership in this club and to the end of any six (6) month period during which membership may cease.

Interim Provision

No one who is a member of a Rotary club as of the effective date of this enactment shall lose membership by reason of the provisions of this enactment.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-160

To allow for transfer of membership

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (pages 182-183 MOP)

4.020. Active Membership.

4.020.1. Categories of Additional Active Members.

The club may elect three categories of additional active members. A club may have one additional active with the same classification in ~~each of the three categories~~ the categories described in subsections 4.020.1.1. and 4.020.1.3. and an unlimited number of additional actives in the category described in subsection 4.020.1.2..

4.020.1.1. First Category — Same Classification as Proposer.

An active member may propose to active membership a person who is actively engaged in the same classification as that of the proposer.

4.020.1.2. Second Category — Transferring or Former Rotarian.

An active member may propose to active membership a transferring or former member of a club, ~~with the consent of the active member holding the classification,~~ if the proposed member is terminating or has terminated such membership in the former club due to no longer being engaged in the formerly assigned classification of business or profession within the territorial limits of the former club. The transferring or former member of a club being proposed to active membership under this subsection may also be proposed by the former club.

4.020.1.3. *Third Category — Former Rotaractor.*

An active member may propose to active membership a former member of a Rotaract club, with the consent of the active member who holds the classification. The former Rotaractor must live or work within the territorial limits of the club, have maintained membership in one or more Rotaract clubs for at least four years, and have terminated membership in the former Rotaract club due to reaching the age limit for membership or relocating outside the territorial limits of the former Rotaract club.

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

in article V (page 254 MOP)

Article V Membership

Section 4 — *Categories of Additional Active Members.* This club may elect three categories of additional active members. This club may have one additional active with the same classification in ~~each of the three categories~~ described in subsection (a) and (c) of this section and an unlimited number of additional actives in the category described in subsection (b) of this section.

- (a) *First Category - Same Classification as Proposer.* An active member may propose to active membership a person who is actively engaged in the same classification as that of the proposer.
- (b) *Second Category – Transferring or Former Rotarian.* An active member may propose to active membership a transferring or former member of a club, ~~with the consent of the active member holding the classification,~~ if the proposed member is terminating or has terminated such membership in the former club due to no longer being engaged in the formerly assigned classification of business or profession within the territorial limits of the former club. The transferring or former member of a club being proposed to active membership under this subsection may also be proposed by the former club.
- (c) *Third Category - Former Rotaractor.* An active member may propose to active membership a former member of a Rotaract club, with the consent of the active member who holds the classification. The former Rotaractor must live or work within the territorial limits of this club, have maintained membership in one or more Rotaract clubs for at least four years, and have terminated membership in the former Rotaract club due to reaching the age limit for membership or relocating outside the territorial limits of the former Rotaract club.

and in article IX (page 259 MOP)

Article IX Admission Fees and Dues

Every active, senior active, and past service member of this club shall pay as an admission fee and as annual dues such sums as may be prescribed in the bylaws of this club, or any transferring or former member of another club who is accepted into membership of this club pursuant to subsection (b) of section 4 of article IV, except that a senior active or past service member who has held active membership in this club shall

not be required to pay a second admission fee.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-186

To allow for the implementation of pilot projects chartering Rotary clubs based on new models

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the CONSTITUTION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby is amended as follows (pages 173-174 MOP)

Article V Membership

Section 1 — *How Constituted.* The membership of RI shall consist of clubs which continue to perform the obligations as set forth in this constitution and the bylaws.

Section 2 — *Location.* Except as otherwise provided in the bylaws, not more than one club shall be admitted to membership from any one city, borough or municipal area.

Section 3 — *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,
- (i) engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession,
 - (ii) holding an important position in any worthy and recognized business or profession or any branch or agency thereof and having executive capacity with discretionary authority
- and

having their places of business or residence located within the territorial limits of the club and within the corporate limits of the city in which the club is located or within the territorial limits of an immediately adjoining club, or within an immediately adjoining community not part of the territory of an existing Rotary club. An active member moving from the territorial limits of the club may retain membership in the club where the member's board grants such permission and said active member continues to stay active in the same classification.

- (b) There shall be not more than one active member in each classification of business or profession, excepting the religion, news media, and diplomatic service classifications, and excepting the provision for additional active members as provided in the bylaws.
- (c) The bylaws of RI may provide for kinds of membership in addition to active membership in clubs to be designated as senior active, past service, and honorary membership and shall prescribe the qualifications for each.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution or of the bylaws of RI or the standard Rotary club constitution, a Rotary club may be limited to members of one gender unless such limitation is contrary to the law of the jurisdiction in which the club operates.
- (e) In countries where the word "club" has an inappropriate connotation, Rotary clubs, with the approval of the board, will not be obliged to use it in their names.

Section 4 — *Ratification of Constitution and Bylaws.* Every club granted a certificate of membership in RI and accepting the same thereby accepts, ratifies and agrees to be

bound in all things, not contrary to the law, by this constitution and the bylaws of RI, and amendments thereto, and to faithfully observe the provisions thereof.

Section 5 — *Exceptions.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution or of the bylaws of RI or the standard club constitution, the board, as a pilot project, may admit into membership or permit the reorganization of up to 200 clubs with provisions in their constitutions not in accordance with the RI constitution and bylaws. Such pilot project may extend for a period not exceeding five years. Upon the conclusion of any such pilot project, the constitutions of all clubs admitted into membership or permitted to reorganize shall be the standard club constitution as in effect at that time.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-187

To preclude clubs from limiting membership based on gender

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the CONSTITUTION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby is amended as follows (page 174 MOP)

Article V Membership

Section 3 – *Composition of Clubs.*

- (d) ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution or of the bylaws of RI or the standard club constitution, a Rotary club may be limited to members of one gender unless such limitation is contrary to the law of the jurisdiction in which the club operates.~~
- (e) In countries where the word “club” has an inappropriate connotation, Rotary clubs, with the approval of the board, will not be obliged to use it in their names.

IT IS FURTHER ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 182 MOP)

Article IV Membership in Clubs

4.090. *Limitations on Membership.*

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2.030., no club, regardless of the date of its admission to membership in RI, may by provisions in its constitution or otherwise, limit membership in the club on the basis of gender, race, color, creed or national origin or impose any condition of membership not specifically prescribed by the RI constitution or bylaws. Any provision in any club constitution or any condition otherwise imposed in conflict with this section of the bylaws is null, void and without effect.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-192

To request the RI Board to encourage clubs to have two-gender membership

WHEREAS, in 1989, Rotary's legislative body, the RI Council on Legislation, voted to eliminate the requirement that Rotary club membership be limited to males, thus permitting clubs worldwide to admit women, and

WHEREAS, the admission of both men and women in Rotary clubs will reflect a true cross-section of community business and professional leadership, and

WHEREAS, a more realistic community representation through a two-gender Rotary club membership enables Rotary clubs to serve more effectively

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider encouraging all Rotary clubs worldwide to have a two-gender membership.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-199

To amend the provisions pertaining to honorary membership

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows

in article V (page 255 MOP)

Article V Membership

Section 8 — *Honorary Membership.*

- (a) *Eligibility for Honorary Membership.* Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals may be elected to honorary membership in this club. The term of such membership shall be as determined by the board. Persons may hold honorary membership in more than one club.

and in article X (page 260 MOP)

Article X Duration of Membership

Section 2 — *How Terminated.*

- (c) Honorary membership shall automatically terminate ~~on the thirtieth day of June next after the date of election~~ at the end of the term for such membership as determined by the board. However, the board in its discretion may, by resolution, ~~from year to year~~ continue such honorary membership for ~~the~~ an ensuing year

period. The board may revoke the honorary membership at any time.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-202

To amend the provisions pertaining to honorary membership

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 184 MOP)

Article IV Membership in Clubs

4.060. *Honorary Membership.*

4.060.2. Rights and Privileges.

Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of admission fees and dues, shall have no vote and shall not be eligible to hold any office in the club. Such members shall not hold classifications, but shall be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all the other privileges of the club in which they hold such membership. No honorary member of a club is entitled to any rights or privileges in any other club, except for the right to visit other clubs without being the guest of a Rotarian.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-203

To provide that no person shall simultaneously be a Rotarian and a Rotaractor

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 184 MOP)

Article IV Membership in Clubs

4.050. *Dual Membership.*

No person shall simultaneously hold active, senior active or past service membership in more than one club. No person shall simultaneously be a member and an honorary member in the same club. No person shall simultaneously be a Rotarian and a Rotaractor.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-207

To provide for termination of membership at the discretion of the club board for failure to pay dues in a timely manner

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 260 MOP)

Article X Duration of Membership

Section 4 — *Termination — Non-Payment of Dues.*

- .1 Any member failing to pay dues within thirty (30) days after the prescribed time shall be notified in writing by the secretary at the member’s last known address. If the dues are not paid on or before ten (10) days from the date of notification, said membership ~~shall automatically~~ may terminate, subject to the discretion of the board.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-215

To define the locality of a club

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the CONSTITUTION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby is amended as follows (pages 173-174 MOP)

Article V Membership

Section 1 — *How Constituted.* The membership of RI shall consist of clubs which continue to perform the obligations as set forth in this constitution and the bylaws.

~~**Section 2** — *Location.* Except as otherwise provided in the bylaws, not more than one club shall be admitted to membership from any one city, borough or municipal area.~~

Section 32 — *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,
 - (i) engaged as proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession;
 - (ii) holding an important position in any worthy and recognized business or profession or any branch or agency thereof and having executive capacity with discretionary authority

and

having their places of business or residence located ~~within the territorial limits in the locality of the club or the surrounding area within the corporate limits of the city in which the club is located or within the territorial limits of an immediately adjoining club, or within an immediately adjoining community not part of the territory of an existing Rotary club.~~ in 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 stay active in the same classification.

- (b) There shall be not more than one active member in each classification of business or profession, excepting the religion, news media, and diplomatic service classifications, and excepting the provision for additional active members as provided in the bylaws.
- (c) The bylaws of RI may provide for kinds of membership in addition to active membership in clubs to be designated as senior active, past service, and honorary membership and shall prescribe the qualifications for each.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution or of the bylaws of RI or the standard club constitution, a Rotary club may be limited to members of one gender unless such limitation is contrary to the law of the jurisdiction in which the club operates.
- (e) In countries where the word “club” has an inappropriate connotation, Rotary clubs, with the approval of the board, will not be obliged to use it in their names.

Section 43 — *Ratification of Constitution and Bylaws.* Every club granted a certificate of membership in RI and accepting the same thereby accepts, ratifies and agrees to be bound in all things, not contrary to law, by this constitution and the bylaws of RI, and amendments thereto, and to faithfully observe the provisions thereof.

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

in article II (pages 179-180 MOP)

Article II Membership in Rotary International

2.020. *Territory* ~~Locality~~ of a Club.

A club may be organized in a ~~clearly definable~~ locality which contains the minimum number of classifications for organizing a new club. A club may be organized in the same locality as one or more existing clubs.

~~2.020.1. *Sharing Territory.*~~

~~The territorial limits of clubs may not overlap except that clubs may have identical territorial limits. A club may be organized with territorial limits identical to one or more existing clubs if the club already possessing the territory, or, if there is more than one club, a majority of the clubs already sharing the territory so approves. If the clubs whose approval is required number only two, then the majority of the members as provided in subsection 2.020.3. shall be the combined vote of the two clubs.~~

~~2.020.2. *Relinquishing Territory.*~~

~~A club may be organized in a locality where a majority of the clubs existing in the locality relinquish territory for organizing a new club. A relinquishing club may retain the right to admit members from the relinquished territory.~~

~~2.020.3. *Approval of Sharing or Relinquishing Territory.*~~

~~A club may relinquish a portion of its territory or share all of its territory as described above pursuant to a majority vote of its members present and voting at any regular meeting. Notice of such proposal to relinquish or share territory must be mailed to the members at least ten days before such meeting.~~

2.020.4. Rejection and Reconsideration of Sharing or Relinquishing Territory.

~~Where a proposal by the governor to form a new club is rejected by the club or one of the clubs holding territory within the locality in which the new club is to be organized, the board of RI may direct at the request of the governor that the matter be reconsidered by the club(s) opposing such organization. The opposing club(s) must confirm their opposition within six weeks of receiving the request by registered mail to reconsider the matter. Such opposition must be confirmed at a weekly meeting which will have been announced to all members of the club by letter sent and postmarked at least 10 days before the meeting, by a two-thirds vote of those members present and voting. The quorum of members who must be present for such vote is half the members plus one. If such quorum is not met, a second meeting shall take place two weeks later and no quorum shall be required. Where the board or governor does not receive such confirmation, the board may approve the sharing or release of such territory. In the event of a second negative vote, the grounds of this vote shall be explained in the confirmation letter addressed by the governor to the board.~~

2.020.5. Board Authority to Approve Sharing or Relinquishing Territory.

~~Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 2.020.4., the board may approve the relinquishment of sharing of territory without the approval of the existing club if, in its opinion, the arguments presented are contrary to the principles of the extension of Rotary and objective conditions exist for the organization of a new club. In making such a request to the board, the governor shall submit a study of the community as well as of the potential recruitment in such territory.~~

2.020.6. Board Approval for Sharing Territory.

~~When more than one club has been organized in a clearly definable locality, each with different territories, the board may, upon application of all clubs affected, direct that they shall share the same territory.~~

and in article IV (pages 182-183 MOP)

Article IV Membership in Clubs

4.020. Active Membership.

4.020.1. Categories of Additional Active Members.

The club may elect three categories of additional active members. A club may have one additional active with the same classification in each of the three categories.

4.020.1.1. First Category — Same Classification as Proposer.

An active member may propose to active membership a person who is actively engaged in the same classification as that of the proposer.

4.020.1.2. Second Category — Former Rotarian.

An active member may propose to active membership a former member of a club, with the consent of the active member holding the classification, if the proposed member terminated such membership in the former club due to no longer being engaged in the

formerly assigned classification of business or profession ~~within the territorial limits in~~ the locality of the former club or the surrounding area.

4.020.1.3. *Third Category — Former Rotaractor.*

An active member may propose to active membership a former member of a Rotaract club, with the consent of the active member who holds the classification. The former Rotaractor must live or work ~~within the territorial limits in the locality~~ of the club or the surrounding area, have maintained membership in one or more Rotaract clubs for at least four years, and have terminated membership in the former Rotaract club due to reaching the age limit for membership or relocating outside the territorial limits of the former Rotaract club.

and in article XV (page 225 MOP)

Article XV Districts

15.010. How Established.

The board is authorized to ~~divide group the territory covered by~~ clubs into districts. The president shall promulgate a list of such districts and their boundaries. Such action shall be at the direction of the board. No change shall be made to the boundaries of existing districts over the objection of a majority of the total number of clubs in the district(s) affected, except as otherwise provided hereafter in the bylaws.

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

in article II (page 253 MOP)

Article II ~~Territorial Limits~~ Locality of the Club

The ~~territorial limits~~ locality of this club ~~are~~ is as follows:

and in article V (page 254 MOP)

Article V Membership

Section 4 — Categories of Additional Active Members. This club may elect three categories of additional active members. This club may have one additional active with the same classification in each of the three categories.

- (a) *First Category - Same Classification as Proposer.* An active member may propose to active membership a person who is actively engaged in the same classification as that of the proposer.
- (b) *Second Category - Former Rotarian.* An active member may propose to active membership a former member of a club, with the consent of the active member holding the classification, if the proposed member terminated such membership in the former club due to no longer being engaged in the formerly assigned

classification of business or profession ~~within the territorial limits~~ locality of the former club or the surrounding area.

- (c) *Third Category - Former Rotaractor*. An active member may propose to active membership a former member of a Rotaract club, with the consent of the active member who holds the classification. The former Rotaractor must live or work ~~within the territorial limits~~ locality of this club or the surrounding area, have maintained membership in one or more Rotaract clubs for at least four years, and have terminated membership in the former Rotaract club due to reaching the age limit for membership or relocating outside the territorial limits of the former Rotaract club.

and in article X (pages 259-260 MOP)

Article X Duration of Membership

Section 1 — *Period*. Membership shall continue during the existence of the club unless terminated as hereinafter provided.

Section 2 — *How Terminated*.

- (a) Membership shall automatically terminate when a member ceases to have the necessary qualifications for membership, except that
- (i) active members who, through no fault of their own, would otherwise lose their classifications may, by action of the board of directors of this club, be elected to past service membership; or
 - (ii) by permission of the board, active members moving from the ~~territorial limits~~ locality of the club or the surrounding area may be given special leave of absence for a period not exceeding one year to enable them to visit and become known to a Rotary club in the community to which they move, providing they are still active in the same classifications of business or profession and continue to comply with the attendance and all other conditions of Rotary membership; or
 - (iii) by permission of the board, active members moving from the ~~territorial limits~~ locality of the club or the surrounding area may retain membership providing they are still active in the same classifications of business or profession and continue to comply with attendance and all other conditions of Rotary membership; or
 - (iv) active members who would be losing their classifications without default on their part may retain their classifications and be given special leaves of absence for periods not exceeding one year to enable them to obtain new employment in their classifications or in new classifications providing they continue to comply with the attendance and all other conditions of Rotary membership. The termination of their membership would take effect only at the end of the period of leave granted to them.

and in article XVII (pages 263-264 MOP)

Article XVII Amendments

Section 4 — Article I (Name) and Article II (~~Territorial Limits~~Locality of the Club) of this constitution shall be amended at any regular meeting of this club, a quorum being present by the affirmative vote of a majority of 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. ~~In the event of reconsideration of a decision not to relinquish or share territory for the organization of an additional club, as directed by the board of directors of RI, as provided in subsection 2.020.4. of the bylaws of RI a two-thirds vote is required to sustain the previous negative decision.~~

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-226

To request the RI Board to consider various changes to the RI constitutional documents to provide for cyber clubs

WHEREAS, Rotary's club structure has played an essential role in Rotary's grand achievement over the past nearly 100 years, and

WHEREAS, Rotary's continued success into the 21st century is dependent upon enhancing the variety of club structures that accommodate and recognize the modern era, and

WHEREAS, by exploring a new model of Rotary club based on modern communication technology Rotary can determine whether a new model referred to as a "cyber club" is a vehicle for assuring the continued success into the 21st century, and

WHEREAS, the Dreams for the Future Committee of RI made many recommendations to "achieve noble objectives by requiring some basic changes in Rotary operations – to move Rotary international into a new level of telecommunication technology – by adopting widespread uses – so as to make the organization much more attractive to younger members –"

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider permitting a pilot project to recognize up to 20 "cyber clubs" which will have innovative and flexible constitutional provisions on membership, attendance, meeting place, admission and territory. Such clubs would be required to participate in all functions typically expected of a Rotary club. Without limiting the generality of these requirements, it is expected that the cyber club would fully participate in:

- a weekly meeting
- service and fellowship activities,
- membership development and extension,
- Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, and
- expectations of involvement in each of the four avenues of service

The Board would canvass relevant Rotary technology interest groups to establish the mechanics for club organizational matters including consideration of such rules as:

- meetings will be conducted by distance communication technology;

- permitting a single meeting to last for not more than seven days;
- limiting the number of members in each “cyber club” to between 20 and 30 members;
- allowing make-ups from members of other cyber clubs;
and such others which ensure that the spirit and intent of Rotary membership is observed.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International, based on the results of the pilot project, consider proposing legislation to the 2004 Council on Legislation to amend constitutional provisions regarding club membership, attendance, meeting place, administration and territory so as to enhance Rotary’s ability to attract and retain members.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-230

To request the RI Board to consider encouraging clubs and districts to ensure continuity in their projects and programs

WHEREAS, the annual changing of the Board of Directors of a club, and likewise the changes of positions at district level change over time occurs, there are no formal methods of ensuring continuity of information to safeguard the efficiency of projects and programs that are run, therefore necessitating an unnecessary duplication of efforts and time to redevelop or reinvent these programs and projects

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider encouraging all clubs and districts to adopt methods of ensuring that continuity exists from year to year, thus safeguarding the annual programs and projects as well as ensuring time and effort is not spent needlessly reinventing the same.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-231

To request the RI Board to consider opportunities to enhance the public awareness of Rotary

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider seeking opportunities for other organizations to sponsor Rotary International on appropriate projects and activities locally and internationally that would enhance Rotary’s image of service and increase public awareness of Rotary.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-232

To request the RI Board to consider enhancing the importance of vocational service and high ethical professional standards

WHEREAS, vocational service as an element in Rotary's Object is clearly defined with the wording: "To encourage and foster high ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignity of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to service society," and

WHEREAS, the Board of Rotary International during the last few years successfully emphasized community-oriented humanitarian programs, both local and international, such as the PolioPlus Program and the Children's Opportunity Grants Programs, and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of this laudable project, focusing the involvement of club members in the basic element of vocational service being the practicing of high ethical standards in business and profession threatens to fade away

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International, in its contacts with districts, governors and clubs, consider enhancing the importance of vocational service and of high ethical professional standards as a fundamental aspect of Rotary membership.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-234

To request the RI Board to consider enacting formal requirements concerning the selection and orientation of Youth Exchange students

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider enacting formal provisions regulating the selection and orientation of exchangees under the Youth Exchange Program, essentially in terms of all those provisions having the status of guidelines only and contained in the Manual of Procedure 1998 commencing at page 104.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-239*

To request the RI Board to consider establishing or expanding club-sponsored service clubs for youth ages 10 to 14

WHEREAS, the difficult challenges faced by our young people, such as consumption of alcohol and other illicit drugs, pre-marital sex, associated pre-teen and teenage pregnancies, and negative peer pressure which leads to crime starting at ever-increasing younger ages in our societies, and

WHEREAS, the need for and importance of such programs are supported by the fact that many youth start developing their social skills and the directions they take in life at a younger age, and

WHEREAS, Rotary International has successful existing program models for older youth in Interact and Rotaract, and

WHEREAS, many Rotary clubs and Rotary districts around the world have already formed such clubs, utilizing a variety of names such as Youthact and Earlyact

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider establishing or expanding club-sponsored service clubs for youth ages 10 to 14.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-241

To request the RI Board to consider adding “Youth Service” as a Fifth Avenue of Rotary Service

WHEREAS, the youth of our local communities and the world represent our future, and

WHEREAS, the Rotary clubs of the world have consistently committed significant financial and personal resources to the advancement of youth, and

WHEREAS, Rotary International has traditionally recognized the worthwhile pursuit of improving the condition of youth through many programs such as Rotaract, Interact, Youthact, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Youth Exchange, RYLA, and others, and

WHEREAS, Rotarians worldwide know the value of implementing positive change, and entering the new millennium, recognize it is time to add a fifth avenue of service to each Rotary club in the world

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider adding Youth Service as a fifth Avenue of Service.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-243

To request the RI Board to consider adopting Rotary Youth Program Of Enrichment (RYPEN) as an official program for New Generations

WHEREAS, the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) has now been operating in all districts of Australia and New Zealand since about 1980, and is widely recognized

as an outstanding district program run over a long weekend, with the objective of helping young people to establish their own moral standards and values, and

WHEREAS, RYPEN is designated to cultivate all that is best within young people between 14 and 17 years of age and to support them in establishing their own values and moral standards amid the pressures of modern society, and

WHEREAS, the impediment to further extension of the program to all Rotary districts throughout the world, is the difficulty of preparation of a suitable guide for districts conducting RYPEN seminars

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International, recognizing that the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) now operated throughout Australia and in some other countries of RI as an outstanding program to cultivate all that is best within young people between 14 and 17 years of age and to support them in establishing their own values and moral standards amid the pressures of modern society, consider adopting RYPEN as an official Rotary Program for New Generations.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-249

To request the RI Board to consider encouraging clubs to support projects for rehabilitation of polio-disabled children

WHEREAS, the polio eradication program supported by Rotary has led to a worldwide association of the name of Rotary with polio, and

WHEREAS, it is seen that there is a large number of polio-disabled children in polio endemic countries who are very poor and need help to provide them with mobility so that they can look forward to a useful and productive future

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider encouraging all Rotary clubs in polio endemic countries to undertake projects for the rehabilitation of polio-disabled children and encouraging Rotary clubs in other countries to support such projects.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-254

To request the RI Board to encourage Rotarians to promote “Preserve Planet Earth” by planting and fostering plants

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider reconfirming and carrying out Resolution 86-209, “In every Rotary year, every Rotarian plants and fosters 10 plants by selecting types and appropriate

places,” submitted and adopted by the Rotary Club of Hamamatsu East in 1986, to promote the Preserve Planet Earth Program since there has been a progression of global crisis due to its warm temperature.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-266

To request the RI Board to consider initiating a program to commemorate the memory of
Past President Arch Klumph

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider initiating a program to commemorate the memory of Arch Klumph, the father of The Rotary Foundation and Past President of Rotary International.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-267

To request the RI Board to consider recommending to the Trustees the establishment of a new recognition program in memory of RI Past President Arch Klumph

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider recommending that a new type of recognition be instituted by the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to commemorate the establishment of an endowment fund in 1917 by then Rotary International President Arch C. Klumph. The endowment fund was the forerunner of The Rotary Foundation. Therefore, a recognition in the name of Arch C. Klumph for donors to the Permanent Fund would be in his honor and memory.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-276

To encourage every Rotarian to contribute annually to The Rotary Foundation to attain
US\$100 per capita by Rotary’s 100th anniversary in 2005

WHEREAS, all Rotarians share joy for the effective programs of the Rotary Foundation,
and

WHEREAS, Rotarians recognize that contributions each and every year are necessary to assure funds are available to help satisfy the needs for effective programs, and

WHEREAS, in celebration of Rotary’s international service projects that have impacted thousands of people around the globe with the assistance of The Rotary Foundation, and

WHEREAS, to meet the expectations of Rotarians and Rotary clubs for the educational and expanding humanitarian programs of The Rotary Foundation

IT IS RESOLVED that the 2001 Council on Legislation encourages every Rotarian to contribute annually to The Rotary Foundation to attain US\$100, per capita, by Rotary's one-hundredth anniversary in 2005.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-279

To request the RI Board to consider recommending to the Trustees to engage professional marketing services to heighten awareness of the Foundation, and to encourage more donors to the Foundation

WHEREAS, procedures are in place for donors to support The Rotary Foundation programs, and

WHEREAS, procedures are in place for donors who wish to name The Rotary Foundation as a beneficiary in their wills

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider encouraging the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider engaging professional marketing services for a world wide campaign to heighten awareness of The Rotary Foundation and particularly to encourage more people to become donors to The Rotary Foundation now, and to leave bequests to The Rotary Foundation in their wills.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-290

To request the RI Board to consider recommending to the Trustees to amend rules pertaining to the Matching Grants Program

WHEREAS, The Rotary Foundation has set a limit on the number of Matching Grants which a club may be granted at any time in respect of projects of that club, such limit at present being five Matching Grants per club, and

WHEREAS, some clubs have projects which, due to their nature or composition, are continuous for a period of years and attract continuous support both financially and otherwise from other Rotary clubs through the Matching Grant Program, thereby precluding such clubs from accepting Matching Grants for any other project that may be considered for adoption by such club

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider recommending to the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation that, if a club has a continuous project which attracts more than one Matching Grant but not more than the maximum number of Matching Grants allowed at any one time by The Rotary Foundation to a club, then and in such event the number of Matching Grants approved for that continuous project shall be deemed to be only one Matching Grant when determining

the total number of Matching Grants allocated to a club at any one time.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-302

To request the RI Board to consider recommending to the Trustees that grants for Rotary Volunteers be extended to include periods of less than four weeks

WHEREAS, the present program provides for travel and living expenses for periods of four to eight weeks, and

WHEREAS, in exceptional circumstances, e.g. in times of disasters, existing organizations for disaster relief in various fields should be enabled to extend their services as fast as possible

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider recommending to the Trustees that the humanitarian program of The Rotary Foundation called "Grants for Rotary Volunteers," providing grants for travel and living expenses for Rotarians, Foundation Program Alumni and Rotaractors, utilizing their experience for humanitarian service in another country, be extended to also include periods of less than four weeks.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-305

To request the RI Board to consider recommending to the Trustees to award additional multi-year scholarships to students from low-income countries

WHEREAS, multi-year scholarships at present are funded at half the rate of yearly scholarships, a donated scholar from a low-income country granted such a multi-year scholarship with no other available source of funding would need additional financial help

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider allowing the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to amend the award policy to enable them to make additional awards to students from low-income countries who have been selected for multi-year scholarships.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-314

To request the RI Board to consider recommending to the Trustees a review of the time period for funding club and district projects

WHEREAS, The Rotary Foundation states that a club or district must plan on 15 weeks from the time of submitting a project application to The Rotary Foundation until the funds are received for the implementation of the project, and

WHEREAS, experience has shown that in most cases more than 15 weeks elapse before the funds are received, and

WHEREAS, this long period of time required to receive the necessary funds from The Rotary Foundation hinders the timely and effective implementation of the program, and

WHEREAS, this length of time to receive the necessary funds tends to discourage clubs and districts from submitting programs for approval by The Rotary Foundation, and also tends to make the programs user unfriendly

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider recommending that The Rotary Foundation study and evaluate the time now required for clubs or districts to receive the necessary funds for approved projects, in order to shorten the time for the distribution of the applicable funds.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-331

To request the RI Board to consider revising the “Twelve Principal Elements of a Good District Conference”

WHEREAS, the purpose of the district conference is to further the program of Rotary through fellowship, inspirational addresses and the discussion of matters relating to the clubs in the district and in RI in general, and

WHEREAS, it is therefore important to achieve maximum attendance of Rotarians in the district by maintaining affordable costs and other favorable conditions for the participation of the Rotarians of the district, and

WHEREAS, it is also recommended to confine program topics strictly to Rotary business, and

WHEREAS, it is not evident that these goals are best achieved by following the recommendations given in the *Manual of Procedure* such as having a program of at least two full days, and

WHEREAS, the governor is well informed of the local prerequisites and therefore should be given the full responsibility to plan the district conference by using his knowledge, his skill and his creativity

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider revising the “Twelve Principal Elements of a Good District Conference” in order to allow the governor to adjust the elements of the conference to local circumstances.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-333

To allow district conferences to be scheduled at the same time as the Council on Legislation

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

Article XV Districts

15.040. District Conference.

15.040.1. Time and Place.

A conference of Rotarians of each district shall be held annually at such time and place in the district as agreed upon by the governor and the presidents of a majority of the clubs of the district. The conference dates shall not conflict with the district assembly, the international assembly, ~~the council on legislation~~ or the international convention. The board may authorize two or more districts to hold their conferences together within the boundaries of any of the districts concerned. Under exceptional circumstances, the board also may authorize any district to hold its conference outside the boundaries of such district.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-341*

To amend the provisions relating to district assemblies and PETS

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

Article XV Districts

15.020. District Assembly.

A district assembly, which may be a multidistrict assembly, shall be held annually, preferably between 1 March and 1 July in April or May, to develop Rotary club leaders who have the necessary skills, knowledge and motivation to: sustain and/or grow their

membership base; implement successful projects that address the needs of their communities and communities in other countries; and support The Rotary Foundation through both program participation and financial contributions. provide Rotary instruction, information and coordination of district activities. The governor-elect shall be responsible for the district assembly. The district assembly shall be planned and conducted by under the direction and supervision of the governors-elect. the governor-elect with the cooperation of the governor. The governor shall schedule the assembly at such time and place so that it will not conflict with the attendance of any district assembly participant at the RI convention. In special circumstances, the board may authorize the holding of a district assembly at a date other than provided herein. Those specifically invited shall include the incoming presidents and the members of clubs assigned by the incoming president to serve in key leadership roles in the upcoming year. secretaries of all clubs in the district, the governor-elect and such others as the board may designate.

15.030. Presidents-elect Training Seminars (PETS).

~~An annual PETS, which may be a multidistrict PETS, shall take place for the purpose of orientation and training of club presidents-elect in the district as determined by the board. The PETS shall be held annually, preferably in March, within one month after the international assembly. The governor-elect shall be responsible for the PETS. The PETS shall be scheduled planned and conducted by under the direction and supervision of the governors-elect. the governor-elect in cooperation with the governor. The PETS shall not be held at the same time as the district assembly, but the meetings may be held consecutively at the same site where it is not feasible to hold separate events due to distance, weather or cost.~~

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-360

To request the RI Board to consider encouraging governors to promote clubs working together on common service projects

WHEREAS, it appears that a significant service performed together by many Rotary clubs is more profitable than many smaller services made by the individual clubs and it is time to exhort all clubs to do at least one joint service in each area and direct their independent efforts toward other individual services

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider encouraging all governors to set up in their districts homogeneous groups of clubs willing to work jointly for a common service project.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-364

To remove the provision referencing the RI Board as the "administrative body of RI"

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

Article V Board of Directors

5.010. *Duties of the Board.*

The board ~~is the administrative body of RI and~~ is responsible for doing whatever may be necessary for the furtherance of the purposes of RI, the attainment of the Object of Rotary, the study and teaching of its fundamentals, the preservation of its ideals, ethics and unique features of organization and its extension throughout the world.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-370

To allow the RI Board to change zone boundaries

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (pages 214-215 MOP)

Article XII Nominations and Elections for Directors

12.010. *Nominations for Directors by Zones.*

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

12.010.1. *Number of Zones.*

The world shall be divided into 34 zones that are approximately equal in number of Rotarians.

12.010.2. *Schedule of Nominations.*

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

12.010.3. *Zone Boundaries.*

The initial boundaries of the zones shall be approved by resolution of the council.

12.010.4. *Periodic Review of Zone Boundaries.*

The board shall undertake, no less often than every twelve years, a comprehensive review of the composition of the zones to maintain an approximately equal number of Rotarians in each zone. The board may also undertake, as necessary, interim reviews for the same purpose.

12.010.5. ~~Council~~ *Realignment of Zones.*

Any new alignments can be made ~~only~~ by the board ~~with the approval by resolution of the council.~~

~~12.010.6. *Assignment of New Districts.*~~

~~New districts shall be assigned by the board to an appropriate zone without approval by the council.~~

12.010.76. *Sections Within Zones.*

The board may create, modify or eliminate sections in zones in order to rotate in a fair manner the directorship within a zone. These sections shall nominate RI directors on a schedule determined by the board that is based on an approximate equality of number of Rotarians. No such section shall be created, modified or eliminated over the objection of a majority of the clubs in the zone.

12.010.87. *Director from Zone in RIBI.*

The director from a zone in RIBI shall be nominated by the clubs of that zone either at the annual conference of RIBI or by a postal ballot in such form and at such time as the general council of RIBI shall determine. The name of such nominee shall be certified to the general secretary by the secretary of RIBI.

12.010.98. *Interim Provisions Relating to Section 12.010.*

12.010.98.1. *Implementation of New Zones.*

The board is authorized to implement the provisions of section 12.010. as quickly as possible after 1 July 1995.

12.010.98.2. *Initial Sections Within Zones.*

The initial sections within zones shall be those set forth in an exhibit prepared by the board and distributed at the 1995 council.

12.010.98.3. *Nominations of Directors.*

Until 30 June 1999, an eligible Rotarian may be suggested to the nominating committee for director in any new zone by a club that is not in that zone but was, prior to the realignment, located in an old zone that has contributed to the makeup of that new zone.

12.010.98.4. *Board Authority to Move Districts Within Zones.*

Until 30 June 1996, the board may move a district from one new zone to another, when requested by a district resolution adopted by a majority of its clubs, as long as the change preserves the fair and equitable realignment intended by this enactment.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-371

To clarify the terms of RI standing committees, including Rotaract and Election Review

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

Article XVI Committees

16.010. *Number and Term.*

The board shall establish standing committees on communication, constitution and bylaws, conventions, districting ~~and, election review, finance and Rotaract~~, as well as such other committees, ~~including election review and Rotaract~~, 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) constitution and bylaws – consist of three members, one of whom shall be appointed each year for a term of three years; (2) conventions – consist of six members, one of whom shall be chairman of the host organization for the annual convention; (3) districting – consist of three members, one of whom shall be appointed annually from the board for a term of three years; (4) election review – consist of six members, each of whom shall serve a term of three years, with two members appointed each year; (5) finance – consist of six members, each of whom shall serve a term of three years with two members appointed each year; ~~(5) (6)~~ communications – consist of six members, two of whom shall be appointed each year for terms of three years; (7) Rotaract – consist of six members, each of whom shall serve a term of three years, with two members appointed each year. 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 01-372

To require Rotaractors to serve on the RI Rotaract Committee

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

Article XVI Committees

16.010. *Number and Term.*

The board shall establish standing committees on communications, constitution and bylaws, conventions, districting and finance, as well as such other committees, including election review and Rotaract, 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) constitution and bylaws -- consist of three members, one of whom shall be appointed each year for a term of three years; (2) conventions -- consist of six members, one of

whom shall be chairman of the host organization for the annual convention; (3) districting -- consist of three members, one of whom shall be appointed annually from the board for a term of three years; (4) finance -- consist of six members, each of whom shall serve a term of three years with two members appointed each year; (5) communications -- consist of six members, two of whom shall be appointed each year for terms of three years. There will be a minimum of three Rotaract members on the International Rotaract Committee. 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 01-377

To eliminate the minimum number of meetings of the RI Audit and Operations Review Committee and to permit meetings to be called by the RI President, the RI Board, or the Committee Chairman

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (pages 234-235 MOP)

Article XVII Fiscal Matters

17.075. *Audit and Operations Review Committee.*

The board shall appoint an audit and operations review committee to be composed of six (6) members, each of whom shall serve a single term not exceeding six (6) years with two (2) members appointed every other year as appropriate to maintain a committee of six (6) 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 ~~no less than~~ 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 review all financial matters, including but not limited to RI financial reports, the external audit, the system of internal accounting control, internal audit, operations, administrative procedures and standards of conduct. 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 01-387

To request the RI Board to consider placing certain clubs within District 4960 into Zone 19

WHEREAS, clubs in Argentina in the province of Entre Ríos located in Zone 19 share territory with clubs in Uruguay in the departments of Artigas, Salto, Paysandú and Río Negro in Zone 21, forming part of a single District 4960, dismantled from the former District 483, which is today District 4830, and

WHEREAS, the union of both countries has constituted, for many years, a “binational district,” strengthening the understanding between two nations with identical historical origins and strong social and cultural ties, and

WHEREAS, it is the will of all the clubs in District 4960 to merge with Zone 19, which makes these clubs a part of the remainder of Argentina and that territory shared (binational) with Paraguay

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider merging Zone 19 with the existing and future clubs in District 4960 in the Uruguayan departments of Artigas, Salto, Paysandú and Río Negro.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-396

To request the RI Board to consider regularly publishing a summary of RI Board decisions in each issue of the “Rotary World”

WHEREAS, the decisions of the RI Board have an immediate influence on the life of clubs and districts, and

WHEREAS, these decisions are communicated slowly and occasionally after false or inaccurate rumors have spread misinformation, including the representation of subjects of ongoing debate as final decisions, and

WHEREAS, as a major international organization, Rotary should demonstrate a due concern for transparency and accuracy, and

WHEREAS, we have at our disposal an official source of information, namely *Rotary World*

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider publishing regularly and without delay a summary of board decisions in each issue of *Rotary World*, which is distributed to districts and clubs.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-399

To request the RI Board to consider encouraging two subscriptions, one to *The Rotarian*, and another to a regional magazine, where a husband and wife or partners are members

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider adding the following statement to appropriate Rotary International publications: “Where in a club, husband and wife or partners are both members, one should be encouraged to subscribe to *The Rotarian* and the other to subscribe to a regional magazine.”

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-400

To request the RI Board to accept Hindi as a recognized language of RI

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

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-406

To request the RI Board to consider revising the numbering system of the constitutional documents

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider re-writing the RI Constitution, the RI Bylaws, the Standard Club Constitution, the Recommended Club Bylaws and The Rotary Foundation Bylaws by numbering the clauses or paragraphs sequentially with subparagraphs to have decimal numbering, in accordance with the following guidelines.

Headings should be used above clauses or paragraphs where needed.

Use of Article, Sections, paragraphs with lower case letters and sub-paragraphs with Roman figures should not to be used.

EXAMPLE:

MEMBERSHIP

1. The club shall be composed of adult persons of good character and good business or professional reputation.
2. A club may have two kinds of membership, namely ordinary and honorary membership.

Ordinary Membership

3. A person possessing the qualifications set forth in clause... of the RI constitution may be elected an ordinary member in a club.
4. Membership shall continue until terminated as hereinafter provided.

Honorary Membership

5. Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals may be elected to honorary membership in more than one club.
6. Honorary members
 - 6.1 shall be exempt from admission fees and dues
 - 6.2 shall have no vote
 - 6.3 shall not be eligible to hold any office in the club
7. Honorary members shall be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all the other privileges of the club in which they hold such membership.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-414

To request the RI Board to consider adopting a resolution prescribing the use of the Rotary emblem

WHEREAS, the RI policy on electronic communications prescribes that “Any reproduction of the Rotary emblem... must be downloaded from the format emblems provided in RI’s www site,” but there is a discrepancy between the emblem described in the *Manual of Procedure* and the emblem provided in RI’s www site

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider adopting a resolution which prescribes the correct use of the Rotary emblem.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-415*

To request the RI Board to consider encouraging the use of the emblem by Rotarians

WHEREAS, many years ago our institution adopted as its official emblem the beautiful gear wheel to be used at all official events on the local, club, district and international levels and on all its stationery, flags, insignias, banners, billboards, lapel pins, brooches and items for personal use, and

WHEREAS, all Rotarians should proudly display the emblem as much as possible in their private, professional and public lives, both on their clothing and personal effects, as a means of identifying us, promoting our cause, and contributing to Rotary extension and the propagation of its philosophy, and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the above, it appears that Rotary International does not encourage the use of our emblem on a personal basis, but rather, it states that Rotarians “shall be entitled” to wear the emblem (Article XIII of the RI Constitution), or that Rotary “permits” the use of the emblem as a lapel pin and on items for personal use (Resolution 80-102 of the Council on Legislation)

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider adopting a resolution which encourages the use of the emblem, and recommends that Rotarians wear our emblem during their daily lives, as a lapel pin for men and women, and on personal effects, and that this practice be promoted by the board, district governors, and the clubs.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-417

To request the RI Board to consider reviewing the image of Rotary

WHEREAS, at the present time the image of Rotary is not always well known on an international basis and only the image of Rotary, in the context of the local club, is known

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors consider examining the ‘image of Rotary’ internationally and consult Rotarians who have public relations experience.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-419

To request the RI Board to consider reinstating the Jean Harris Award

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider reinstating the Jean Harris Award, statutes amended as may be required, as an official Rotary International award.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-420

To request the RI Board to consider recognizing spouses and female relatives of Rotarians and their programs

WHEREAS, for a long time and in many countries of the world groups of spouses and female relatives of Rotarians have helped to support Rotary clubs, abiding by Rotary principles and motivated by the desire to support club activities that involve their relatives. These persons have developed humanitarian, social and cultural support programs, and

WHEREAS, the action of these groups of women, because of its effectiveness and scope, has resulted in undeniable positive support of RI programs, and it promotes action and raises the prestige of clubs in the community, and

WHEREAS, Rotary International has not expressly or directly recognized these groups of women as it has youth groups such as Interact and Rotaract, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary, given the importance these entities have acquired, that they not only be recognized but defined and given basic rules and regulations in order to encourage and make uniform their action on a general level

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider officially recognizing these groups of women or relatives as one more institution affiliated with Rotary and beginning research on preparing bylaws that contain basic rules for membership, management and functioning of said entities.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-423

To provide for a RI site on the World Wide Web

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 238 MOP)

Article XXI 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 RI Rotary Worldwide Web. The purpose of this web is to help the board advance the purpose of RI and the Object of Rotary.

Article ~~XXI~~ XXII The Rotary Foundation

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-424

To request the RI Board to consider using the Rotary website for the submission of reports and applications

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider promoting the Rotary Worldwide Web and e-mail.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider making available through the Rotary Worldwide Web and

allowing Rotarians, clubs and districts to submit any reports and applications via e-mail.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-426*

To request the RI Board to consider establishing terms of reference and standardization for Rotary websites

WHEREAS, the rapid proliferation of Rotary websites necessitates a basic uniformity which should be laid out in terms of reference, and

WHEREAS, careful attention should be paid to legal issues such as privacy and copyright as well as how clubs should respond to any problems in these areas

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider establishing terms of reference and standardization for the creation of Rotary websites.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-427

To encourage RI and clubs to computerize their operations

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the CONSTITUTION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby is amended as follows (page 175 MOP)

Article VIII Administration

Section 3 — RI and clubs are encouraged to computerize their business operations to speed up and economize the operation of the Rotary organization.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-430

To provide that terms such as “mail,” “mailing” and “ballot-by-mail” include the use of electronic mail

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

Article XV Interpretation

Throughout this constitution and the bylaws of RI, and the standard club constitution, pronouns of either the masculine or feminine gender shall include the other gender. The terminology “mail,” “mailing” and “ballot-by-mail” will include utilization of electronic mail (e-mail) and internet technology to reduce costs and increase responsiveness.

IT IS FURTHER ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 263 MOP)

Article XVI Interpretation

Throughout this constitution, pronouns of either the masculine or feminine gender shall include the other. The terminology “mail,” “mailing” and “ballot-by-mail” will include utilization of electronic mail (e-mail) and internet technology to reduce costs and increase responsiveness.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-431

To provide that RI Board meetings may be conducted by teleconferencing, Internet and other means of communication

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

Article V Board of Directors

5.040. Meetings of the Board.

5.040.1. Time, Place and Notice.

The board shall meet at such times and places as it may determine or upon the call of the president. Notice of meetings shall be given by the general secretary to all directors at least 30 days preceding the commencement of the meeting unless such notice is waived. At least two meetings of the board shall be held in each year. In lieu of in-person meetings, the use of teleconferencing, Internet and other communications equipment may be utilized for an official meeting of the board.

5.050. Voting by Communication.

5.050.1. Informal Meetings.

The directors may participate in and act at any meeting of the board through the use of a conference telephone, Internet or other communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other. Participation in such a meeting shall constitute attendance and presence in person at the meeting of the person or persons so participating.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-437

To increase the number of votes required from the nominating committee for president to select a nominee for president

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 210 MOP)

Article XI Nominations and Elections for President

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 ~~nine~~ ten members of the committee shall be cast in favor of such nominee.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-438

To amend the provision for notifying clubs of the report of the nominating committee for president

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 211 MOP)

Article XI Nominations and Elections for President

11.060. *Report of Committee.*

11.060.1. *Mailing to All Clubs.*

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 ~~mail a copy~~ notify each club of the contents of the report ~~to each club within ten days~~ as soon as financially practicable but in any case within 30 days after the receipt thereof.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-451

To require that all votes for governor by a single club be cast for the same candidate

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

in article XIII (pages 222-223 MOP)

Article XIII Nominations and Elections for Governors

13.020.12. 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. Electors from a club with more than one elector shall cast all votes for the same candidate.

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 candidate 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.

13.040.1. Club Voting.

Each club shall be entitled to one vote for each 25 or major fraction thereof of its members. Such membership shall be determined by the number of members in the club as of the most recent semiannual payment preceding that in which the selection is to be made provided the club has no outstanding indebtedness to RI for more than six months preceding that in which the selection is to be made. If a club is entitled to cast more than one vote, the club shall cast all votes for the same candidate.

and in article XV (page 227 MOP)

Article XV Districts

15.050. Conference Voting.

15.050.2. Conference Voting Procedures.

Every member in good standing of a club in a district present at the district conference shall be entitled to vote on all matters submitted to a vote at such conference except for the selection of a governor-nominee, election of a member and alternate member of the nominating committee for director, composition and terms of reference of the nominating committee for governor, election of the club representative and alternate representative of the district to the council on legislation and the decision as to the amount of the per capita levy. However, any elector shall have the right to demand a poll upon any matter presented to the conference. In such cases, voting shall be restricted to electors. When voting on the selection of the governor-nominee, electors from a club with more than one elector shall cast all votes for the same candidate.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-455

To amend the provisions for challenging candidates for governor-nominee

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

Article XIII Nominations and Elections for Governors

13.020.8. *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 any 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 or ten percent of the total number of clubs as at the beginning of the year in the district, whichever is higher, shall be considered valid.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-456*

To revise the duties of the governor

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

Article XV 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 ~~in exercising direct supervision of the clubs in the district. 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 cordial relations between the clubs and between the clubs and RI;~~ promoting membership growth by working with district leaders and club presidents to establish realistic membership goals for each club in the district;
- (d) ~~planning for the presiding at the district conference and assisting the governor-elect in the planning and preparation for the presidents-elect training seminar and~~

- district assembly; supporting The Rotary Foundation with respect to program participation and financial contributions;
- (e) personally visiting every club as early in the year as possible, but preferably during the first six months; promoting cordial relations among the clubs and between the clubs and RI;
 - (f) issuing a monthly letter to each club president and secretary in the district; 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) reporting promptly to RI as may be required by the president or the board; providing for an official 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) supplying the governor-elect, prior to the international assembly, full information as to the condition of clubs with recommended action for strengthening clubs; issuing a monthly letter to each club president and secretary in the district;
 - (i) transferring continuing district files to the governor-elect; and reporting promptly to RI as may be required by the president or the board;
 - (j) ~~performing such other duties as are inherent as the officer of RI;~~ 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 this constitution and the bylaws and the established policies of RI;
 - (l) transferring continuing district files to the governor-elect; and
 - (m) performing such other duties as are inherent as the officer of RI.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-459

To remove the provisions concerning governor-elect travel following election at the convention

IT IS ENACTED BY Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 191 MOP)

Article VI Officers

6.120. *Vacancy in the Office of Governor.*

~~6.120.3. Governor's Absence from District on 1 July.~~

~~Where a governor elected at the annual convention is outside the district and unable to return by 1 July, the governor's immediate predecessor shall continue to exercise the functions of governor until the governor returns to the district.~~

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-463

To request the RI Board to consider changes to the procedure for selecting the governor

WHEREAS, there is a need to enhance the nomination procedure by adapting it to procedures applied to the recruitment and selection of other executives in today's society, and

WHEREAS, there is also a need to ascertain that the nomination procedure adheres to the principles of the 4-Way Test

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International, recognizing the vital importance of a procedure that facilitates the nomination of the best qualified candidate for governor, consider encouraging all districts to apply the following interpretation of Article XIII of the Bylaws of Rotary International:

- 13.020.1. The governor should see that the nominating committee applies all applicable rules and regulations, as specified in the *Manual of Procedure*. The terms of reference of the nominating committee, including the degree of application of this resolution, shall be determined in a resolution adopted by the electors of the clubs present and voting at a district conference.
- 13.020.3. When inviting the clubs to submit their suggestions for nomination for governor, the governor should attach a list of selection criteria to be applied by the nominating committee. Such criteria shall be based on rules and regulations in the current *Manual of Procedure* but made so clear that they can serve as a practical tool for judgments and evaluation by the members of the nominating committee in conjunction with interviews of candidates.
- 13.020.4. In its selection of best qualified Rotarian, the nominating committee should interview all candidates, regardless of whether they are suggested by clubs or by the nominating committee. Such interviews should be conducted in a way that enables each member of the nominating committee to summarize her or his own judgment and evaluation of each candidate, and each interview should, as a minimum, satisfy the following needs:
 - To check that each candidate meets the formal requirements for nomination;
 - To make clear to the candidate what the duties of governor require in terms of knowledge, experience, available time, and economic sacrifices;

- To enable an overall summary of each candidate’s qualifications and suitability by means of the candidate’s response to detailed questions, directly related to the announced selection criteria;
- To enable each candidate to reveal her or his intentions and ambitions, if nominated for governor.

13.020.5. When the governor publishes the name and club of the nominee, and in order to facilitate judgment by the clubs, the governor should also add a comprehensive review of the nominee’s personal data, qualifications and relevant experience. Such review should be structured in accordance with the announced selection criteria.

13.020.10. When the governor notifies all clubs of the name of any challenging nomination, and in order to facilitate judgment by the clubs, the governor should also add a comprehensive review of the challenging candidate’s personal data, qualifications and relevant experience. Such review should be structured in accordance with the announced selection criteria.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-465

To provide for an annual expression of appreciation to the office of president and president-elect

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 191 MOP)

Article VI Officers

6.130. Compensation of Officers.

6.130.1. President and President-elect.

The board, in its discretion, may authorize an annual expression of appreciation to the office of the president for the consideration of time, effort and personal sacrifice of the president and president-elect. Any payments to the president or the president-elect other than reasonable, documented expenditures reimbursable as authorized pursuant to the expense reimbursement policy established by the board, must be fully disclosed each year in the annual report of RI, *The Rotarian* magazine, or some other readily visible means available to the Rotarians of the world.

Interim provision. The effect of section 6.130.1. shall be retroactive to July 2000.

6.130.2. General Secretary.

The general secretary shall ~~be the only officer to~~ receive compensation. The board shall fix such compensation.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-466

To revise the deadline for filing election complaints

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (pages 206-207 MOP)

Article X Nominations and Elections for Officers — General Provisions

10.050.2. Complaints.

No complaint under this section shall be considered unless made in writing by a club. Such complaint must have the concurrence of at least five other clubs or a current officer of RI. All complaints with supporting documentation shall be filed with the general secretary no later than ~~45~~ 21 days after the results of the balloting are announced. A president's representative to a district, zone or regional meeting may also initiate a complaint where sufficient evidence of violations exists. Such representative shall refer such evidence to the general secretary. The general secretary shall act upon a complaint pursuant to published procedures of the board.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-467

To amend the provisions relating to the officers of the Council of Past Presidents

IT IS ENACTED BY Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 237 MOP)

Article XIX Other Meetings

19.030. Council of Past Presidents.

19.030.2. Officers.

The penultimate past president shall serve as chairman of the council of past presidents. The member of the council ~~next preceding the penultimate past president~~ who is the immediate past president shall serve as vice-chairman of the council. The general secretary shall be the secretary of the council of past presidents but shall not be a member thereof.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-468

To make club voting procedures consistent throughout the RI bylaws

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

in article VIII (pages 198 and 201 MOP)

8.060. Election of Representatives by Mail Ballot.

8.060.1. 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, for each 25 or major fraction thereof of its members. 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 number of votes permitted by each club shall be based upon the number of members of the club as of the most recent semiannual payment preceding that in which the selection is to be made. Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote. The governor may appoint a committee for the purpose of conducting the ballot-by-mail procedure as provided herein.

8.130. Action of the Council.

8.130.5. Vote by Clubs Through Ballot-by-Mail.

If one or more items of approved legislation are suspended due to opposition by clubs, the general secretary shall prepare and distribute a ballot to the secretary of each club within one month following such suspension. The ballot shall submit the question of whether the action of the council should be sustained in regard to the suspended item of legislation. Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of more than 50 25 members shall be entitled to have one additional vote for each additional 50 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members or major fraction thereof. 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 number of members shall be based on the club membership as constituted on the preceding 1 July. The ballots by clubs must be certified by the club presidents and received by the general secretary no later than the date stated on the ballots, which shall be at least two months after the mailing of such ballots.

and in article XI (pages 209 and 213 MOP)

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

11.030.4. Club Voting.

Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote. ~~Any club with more than 50 members shall have one additional vote for each additional 50 of its members or major fraction thereof. The number of members shall be based on the club membership as constituted on the preceding 1 July.~~ 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.

11.100. Ballot-by-Mail.

11.100.4. Club Voting.

Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of more than ~~50~~ 25 shall be entitled to have one additional vote for each additional 25 or major fraction thereof of its members ~~or major fraction thereof. Such additional votes shall be determined by the club membership as constituted as of the most recent semiannual payment.~~ 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.

and in article XII (pages 216 and 219 MOP)

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

12.020.8. Election of Member of the Nominating Committee by Mail Ballot.

In certain circumstances, the board may authorize a district to select the member of the nominating committee and the alternate member of the nominating committee in a ballot-by-mail. In such cases, the governor shall prepare and cause to be mailed to the secretary of every club in the district an official call for nominations for member. All nominations must be made in writing and signed by the president and the secretary of the club. The nominations must be received by the governor on or before a date to be fixed by the governor. The governor shall cause to be prepared and mailed to each club a ballot naming in alphabetical order the qualified nominees so offered and shall conduct the ballot-by-mail. Those candidates whose written requests for exclusion from the ballot are received no later than the date fixed by the governor shall be excluded from such ballot. ~~Each club shall be entitled to one vote for each 25 or major fraction thereof of its members. The number of votes permitted by each club shall be based upon the number of members of the club as of the most recent semi-annual payment preceding that in which the selection is to be made. Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote.~~ 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.

12.030. *Ballot-by-Mail Procedure.*

12.030.5. *Club Voting.*

~~Each club shall be entitled to one vote for each 50 or major fraction thereof of its members. The number of members shall be based on the club membership as of the most recent semiannual payment. Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote. 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.~~

and in article VIII (Page 223 MOP)

13.040. *Ballot-by-Mail Specifications.*

13.040.1. *Club Voting.*

~~Each club shall be entitled to one vote for each 25 or major fraction thereof of its members. Such membership shall be determined by the number of members in the club as of the most recent semiannual payment preceding that in which the selection is to be made provided the club has no outstanding indebtedness to RI or to the district for more than six months preceding that in which the selection is to be made. 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.~~

and in article XV (page 227 MOP)

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. 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. for every 25 or major fraction thereof of its members. Such membership shall be determined by the number of members in the club as of the most~~

~~recent semiannual payment preceding the convening of the conference. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each club in the district, which has no outstanding indebtedness to RI or to the district for more than six months preceding that in which the conference is held, shall be entitled to at least one elector. Each elector shall be a member of the club. An elector must be present at the district conference to vote.~~

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-478

To request the RI Board to consider using the Internet to allow clubs to review their RI and TRF accounts

WHEREAS, Rotary clubs experience frequent delays and difficulties when trying to obtain information about their Rotary International and Rotary Foundation accounts

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider the possibility of establishing a method of making consultations through the Internet whereby Rotary clubs can have permanent access to information regarding their Rotary International and Foundation accounts concerning contributions for Paul Harris Fellows and other recognitions.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-481

To request the RI Board to consider investigating a European centralized accounting system

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International, aware of the introduction, in 2002, of a European monetary unit, and wishing to simplify and accelerate the financial transactions between Evanston and the European Rotary clubs, consider investigating how in Europe, starting from the Rotary year 2002-2003, a centralized accounting system can be installed which uses the € as monetary unit. All targets, contributions, awards, gifts and grants would then be expressed in €, without referring to any other unit. The parity at the start, as well as its possible variations, will be fixed by the Finance Committee of Rotary International.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-482

To permit the expenditure of excess funds from the general surplus fund of RI

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

Article XVII Fiscal Matters

17.050. Budget.

17.050.4. Expenditures in Excess of Anticipated Revenue; Emergency and Unforeseen Circumstances.

The board, by a three-quarters vote of all directors, may authorize the expenditure of amounts in excess of anticipated revenues, but only in emergency and unforeseen circumstances, provided that the board shall not incur any expenditure which will result in indebtedness which exceeds the net assets of RI. 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.

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 percent of the highest level of annual expenses during the most recent three-year period, 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 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 RESOLUTION 01-483*

To request the RI Board to consider providing an itemized breakdown of expenditures in the RI financial statements for the offices of president and president-elect and the other members of the RI Board

WHEREAS, there was an increase of US\$216,000 (25%) from fiscal year 1994-1995 to 1995-1996 in expenses relating to the President's office, and

WHEREAS, there was a further increase of 28% from fiscal year 1995-96 to 1996-97 in those same expenses which included:

- 1) An increase in officer air fare and officer hotel/miscellaneous for the President's office;
- 2) A severance package for the President's Assistant;
- 3) Temporary help used by the President's office for special projects during fiscal year 1997;
- 4) Increased gifts related to public relations;
- 5) An increase in contributions made on behalf of the President to worthwhile charities and organizations; and
- 6) Expenses related to decorating the Evanston condo purchased for the President-elect, and

WHEREAS, the costs for the President and President-elect offices for the fiscal year 1997-98 were 22% more than budgeted and presently standing at US\$1,262,000

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider providing, as part of the Financial Statements of Rotary International, an itemized breakdown of expenditures incurred by the offices of the President and President-elect and the other members of the Board of Rotary International, thus justifying the expenditures by introducing detailed “open accounting” to the membership of Rotary International.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-494

To conduct the Council on Legislation within the vicinity of RI World Headquarters except for compelling financial or other reasons

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the CONSTITUTION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby is amended as follows (page 176 MOP)

Article X Council on Legislation

Section 2 — *Time and Place.* The council on legislation shall convene triennially in April, May or June, but preferably in April. The board will determine the date and place of the meeting, ~~provided, however, that no council shall meet in the same country a second time until at least two council meetings have intervened, unless the board shall, for compelling financial or other reasons, decide otherwise by a two-thirds vote of the entire board.~~ provided that, except for compelling financial or other reasons as determined by a two-thirds vote of the entire board, the meeting shall be held in the vicinity of the Rotary International world headquarters.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-507

To elect representatives to the Council on Legislation two years preceding the Council meeting

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 197 MOP)

Article VIII Council on Legislation

8.050. *Election of Representatives by Electors.*

8.050.1. *Election.*

Except as provided in section 8.060., the representative and the alternate representative shall be elected at the annual conference of the district in the Rotary 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 Rotary year two years preceding the council.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-510

To allow for the option of selecting Council representatives by a nominating committee

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

Article VIII Council on Legislation

8.060. *Election of Representatives by Mail Ballot.*

8.060.3. Selection by Nominating 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 procedure. Such a nominating procedure must be approved at least one year before the prescribed 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 preceding the council. The nominating procedure approved by a district shall be based on the nominating procedure for district governors as set forth in section 13.020.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-512

To revise the title of RI Bylaws 8.010.4. and specify that the president-elect is a non-voting member of the Council on Legislation

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 196 MOP)

Article VIII Council on Legislation

8.010. *Members of the Council.*

8.010.4. *President, President-elect, Directors and General Secretary.*

The president, president-elect, other ~~directors~~ members of the board and general secretary shall be non-voting members of the council.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-515

To discontinue the production and mailing of resumés of proposed legislation to clubs and to increase the number of complete books of legislation provided to districts

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

Article XVI Amendments

Section 1 — *Circumstances.* This constitution may be amended only by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting in the council on legislation.

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.

Section 3 — *Procedure.*

- .1 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.
- .2 The general secretary of RI shall mail ~~five~~ 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 31 December in the year the council shall be convened. The proposed amendments also will be made available via the Rotary world wide web home page. ~~Resumés of all proposed amendments, with details of the deletions and additions omitted, shall be sent to each club.~~
- .3 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 194-195 MOP)

Article VII Legislative Procedure

7.050.5. *Publication of Proposed Legislation.*

The general secretary of RI shall mail ~~five~~ ten copies of all duly proposed legislation 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, no later than 31 December in the year the council shall be convened. The proposed legislation also will be made available via the Rotary world wide web home page. ~~Resumés of all proposed legislation, with details of the deletions and additions to the MOP omitted, shall be sent to each club.~~

IT IS FURTHER ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 263 MOP)

Article XVII Amendments

Section 3 — *Procedure.*

- .1 Any proposal to amend this constitution shall be delivered to the general secretary of RI not later than 30 June in the year preceding that in which the council on legislation is to meet.
- .2 The general secretary of RI shall mail ~~five~~ 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, no later than 31 December in the year the council shall be convened. The proposed amendments also will be made available via the Rotary world wide web home page. ~~Resumés of all proposed enactments, with details of the deletions and additions to the MOP omitted, shall be sent to each club.~~
- .3 The council shall consider and act upon each duly proposed amendment transmitted to the council and any duly proffered amendment thereof.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-516

To revise the title of RI Bylaws 8.020.

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 196 MOP)

Article VIII Council on Legislation

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

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-517

To revise the title of RI Bylaws 8.030.

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 197 MOP)

Article VIII Council on Legislation

8.030. *Duties of District Representatives ~~of~~ to the Council.*

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-522

To collect US\$1.00 per year to defray the costs of the Council on Legislation

IT IS ENACTED BY Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 232 MOP)

Article XVII Fiscal Matters

17.030.2. *Additional Dues.*

Each club shall pay each year to RI for each of its members additional per capita dues of US\$1.00 ~~in each year in~~ or such other amount, as determined by the board, sufficient to pay for the projected expenses of the next scheduled council. ~~In the event an extraordinary meeting of the council is convened, additional per capita dues to pay for its expenses shall be paid as soon as practicable following the meeting, which the council is scheduled to meet or as soon as practicable following an extraordinary meeting of the council.~~ Such additional dues shall be held as a separate fund restricted to provide for the expenses of representatives in attending the council, as well as other administrative expenses of the council, in a manner to be determined by the board. ~~Where the above expenses have been met in full, any remaining sums may be used to defray the administrative expenses of the council.~~ The board shall furnish the clubs an accounting of receipts and expenditures.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-524

To remove the interim provisions in the RI Bylaws relating to the creation of the zone system

IT IS ENACTED BY Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (pages 214-215 MOP)

Article XII Nominations and Elections for Directors

~~12.010.9. Interim Provisions Relating to Section 12.010.~~

~~12.010.9.1. Implementation of New Zones.~~

~~The board is authorized to implement the provisions of section 12.010. as quickly as possible after 1 July 1995.~~

~~12.010.9.2. Initial Sections Within Zones.~~

~~The initial sections within zones shall be those set forth in an exhibit prepared by the board and distributed at the 1995 council.~~

12.010.9.3. Nominations of Directors.

Until 30 June 1999, an eligible Rotarian may be suggested to the nominating committee for director in any new zone by a club that is not in that zone but was, prior to the realignment, located in an old zone that has contributed to the makeup of that new zone.

12.010.9.4. Board Authority to Move Districts Within Zones.

Until 30 June 1996, the board may move a district from one new zone to another, when requested by a district resolution adopted by a majority of its clubs, as long as the change preserves the fair and equitable realignment intended by this enactment.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-525

To clarify the provisions for suggesting candidates for governor-nominee

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

Article XV Districts

15.070. Qualifications of a Governor-nominee.

15.070.1. Rotarian in Good Standing.

The Rotarian must be a member in good standing ~~with the~~ of a club in the district, ~~from which the Rotarian is nominated.~~

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-526

To change all references from “Rotary Village Corps” to “Rotary Community Corps”

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (pages 256-257 MOP)

Article VII Attendance

Section 1 — Every member of this club should attend its regular meetings. A member shall be counted as attending a regular meeting of this club if such member is present for at least 60 percent of the time devoted for the regular meeting or makes up for an absence in any of the following ways:

- (a) If at any time within 14 days before or after the usual time for that meeting such member
 - (ii) by direction of this club, attends a regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact club or Rotary ~~Village~~ Community Corps or of a provisional Rotaract or Interact club or Rotary ~~Village~~ Community Corps, or

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-527

To simplify the Standard Rotary Club Constitution

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (pages 253-264 MOP)

***Constitution of the Rotary Club of**

Article I Definitions

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

- 1) Board: The Board of Directors of this club.
- 2) Bylaws: The bylaws of this club.
- 3) Director: A member of this club's Board of Directors.
- 4) Member: A member, other than honorary, of this club.
- 5) RI: Rotary International.
- 6) Year: The twelve-month period which begins on 1 July.

Article I II Name

The name of this organization shall be the Rotary Club of _____

(Member of Rotary International)

Article II III Territorial Limits

The territorial limits of this club are as follows: _____

Article III IV Object

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

First. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

Second. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

Third. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;

Fourth. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

* The bylaws of Rotary International provide that each club admitted to membership in RI shall adopt this prescribed standard club constitution.

Article ~~IV~~ V Meetings

Section 1 – Regular Meetings.

- (a)-1 Day and Time. This club shall hold a regular meeting once each week on the day and at the time provided in ~~its~~ the bylaws.
- (b)-2 Change of Meeting. ~~In an emergency or for~~ For good cause, the board of ~~directors of this club~~ may change a regular meeting to any day during the period commencing with the day following the preceding regular meeting and ending with the day preceding the next regular meeting, or to a different hour of the regular day, or to a different place.
- (c)-3 Cancellation. ~~If a regular meeting~~ The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal holiday or in the case of the death of the club president, or of an epidemic or of a disaster affecting the whole community, ~~the board may cancel such regular meeting.~~ The board of directors of this club, ~~at its discretion,~~ may cancel not more than two regular meetings in ~~any one Rotary~~ a year for causes not otherwise specified herein provided ~~always that the~~ this club should ~~does~~ not fail to meet for more than two consecutive meetings.

Section 2 – Annual Meeting. An annual meeting for the election of officers ~~of this club~~ shall be held not later than ~~the thirty-first day of~~ 31 December ~~in each year~~ as provided in the bylaws ~~of this club.~~

Article ~~V~~ VI Membership

Section 1 – General Qualifications. This club shall be composed of adult persons of good character and good business ~~or~~ and professional reputation.

Section 2 – Kinds. This ~~Rotary~~ club shall have four kinds of membership, namely: active, senior active, past service and honorary.

Section 3 – Active Membership. A person possessing the qualifications set forth in article V, section 3 of the RI constitution may be elected to active membership in this club. A person possessing the qualifications for active membership, but who is in the same classification of business or profession as an active member of this club, may be elected as an additional member under the provisions of this section. Such additional persons are active members with all the privileges of active membership. However, such additional persons shall not be holders of their classifications and may not propose other additional active members under their own classifications.

Section 4 – Categories of Additional Active Members. This club may elect three categories of additional active members. This club may have one additional active with the same classification in each of the three categories.

- (a) First Category -- Same Classification as Proposer. An active member may propose to active membership a person who is actively engaged in the same classification as that of the proposer.
- b) Second Category -- Former Rotarian. An active member may propose to active membership a former member of a club, with the consent of the active member holding the classification, if the proposed member terminated such membership in the former club due to no longer being engaged in the formerly assigned classification of business or profession within the territorial limits of the former club.
- (c) Third Category -- Former Rotaractor. An active member may propose to active membership a former member of a Rotaract club, with the consent of the active

- member who holds the classification. The former Rotaractor must live or work within the territorial limits of this club, have maintained membership in one or more Rotaract clubs for at least four years, and have terminated membership in the former Rotaract club due to reaching the age limit for membership or relocating outside the territorial limits of the former Rotaract club.
- (d) *Change in Classification Holder.* All additional active members must have the same classification as one of the active members of this club, who is the holder of the classification. If the active member holding the classification ceases to hold the classification for any reason, including a transition to senior active or past service membership, then one of the additional members with the same classification will become the holder of the classification. If there is only one additional active member with such classification, the additional active automatically becomes the classification holder. If there are two or three additional active members with such classification, then this club elects one of them to be the classification holder, and the other member(s) remain as additional actives.

Section 5 — Senior Active Membership.

- (a) *General Qualifications.* Any active or past service member shall automatically become a senior active member where such member's combined active and past service membership in one or more clubs includes: a total of at least 15 years membership; a total of at least ten years where the member has attained the age of at least 60 years; a total of at least five years where the member has attained the age of at least 65 years; or, where the member is a present or past officer of RI.
- (b) *Former Members.* This club may elect to senior active membership any former member of any club who was a senior active member or eligible to become a senior active member at the time such membership was terminated.
- (c) *Rights and Privileges -- Limitations of Senior Active Membership.* Senior active members have all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of an active member, except that they neither hold classifications nor have the right to propose additional active members.
- (d) *Successor to Senior Active.* This club shall admit to membership a qualified person in the classification of business or profession in which such senior active member may be engaged.

Section 6 — Past Service Membership. A past service member is one who has all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of an active member except that such member shall not represent a classification or have the right to propose an additional active member under sections 3 and 4 above.

- (a) *Eligibility for Past Service Membership.* The following individuals are eligible for past service membership:
- (i) *Past Service Membership -- Retirement.* A person who has retired from active business or professional life but who is otherwise qualified for Rotary club membership under article V, section 3, of the RI constitution, including having held a qualifying position level, may be elected a past service member.
 - (ii) *Past Service Membership -- Loss of Classification.* Active members who have lost their classifications through no fault of their own may be elected to past service membership by this club's board of directors.

(b) *Admission Fee Exemption.* Current or former members elected to past service membership in their clubs are exempt from paying a second admission fee.

Section 7 — *Dual Membership.* No person shall simultaneously hold active, senior active or past service membership in this and another club. No person shall simultaneously be a member and an honorary member in this club.

Section 8 — *Honorary Membership.*

(a) *Eligibility for Honorary Membership.* Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals may be elected to honorary membership in this club. Persons may hold honorary membership in more than one club.

(b) *Rights and Privileges.* Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of admission fees and dues, shall have no vote and shall not be eligible to hold any office in this club. Such members shall not hold classifications, but shall be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all the other privileges of this club. No honorary member of this club is entitled to any rights and privileges in any other club.

Section 9 — *Religion, News Media and Diplomatic Service.* Representatives of more than one religious denomination, representatives of more than one newspaper and/or other news media, and diplomatic representatives of more than one government may be eligible to active membership under such classifications, provided that such representatives otherwise possess the qualifications as set forth in the constitutional documents.

Section 10 — *Holders of Public Office.* Persons elected or appointed to public office for a specified time shall not be eligible to active membership in this club under the classification of such office. This restriction shall not apply to persons holding positions or offices in schools, colleges or other institutions of learning or to persons who are elected or appointed to the judiciary. Active members who are elected or appointed to public office for a specified period may continue as such active members in their existing classifications during the period in which they hold such office.

Section 11 — *Rotary International Employment.* This club may retain in its membership any member employed by RI.

Article ~~VI~~ VII Classifications

Section 1 — ~~Classifications~~ *General Provisions.*

(a) *Principal Activity.* Each active member of this club shall be classified in accordance with the member's business or profession.

~~(b)~~ The classification of each active member of this club shall be that which covers describes the principal and recognized activity of the firm, company or institution with which such the member is connected or that which covers such describes the member's principal and recognized business or professional activity.

~~(c)~~ ~~(b)~~ *How Corrected. Correction or Adjustment.* If the circumstances warrant, ~~the~~ board, in its discretion, may correct or adjust the classification of any member whose membership has not terminated, if the circumstances warrant such action. ~~Due n~~ Notice of such a proposed correction or adjustment shall be given provided to the member and the member shall be allowed a hearing thereon.

Section 2 — *Limitations.* Except for additional active members and as provided in section 9 of article VI, the active membership shall consist of but only one person member from each classification of business or profession, excepting the religion,

news media, and diplomatic services classifications, which may have more than one person in each such classification, and excepting the provision for additional active members.

Article ~~VH~~ VIII Attendance

Section 1 -- General Provisions. ~~Every~~ Each member of ~~this club~~ should attend this club's ~~its~~ regular meetings. A member shall be counted as attending a regular meeting of ~~this club~~ if ~~such~~ the member is present for at least 60% percent of the time devoted for the regular of the meeting or makes up for an absence in any of the following ways:

- (a) 14 Days Before or After Meeting. If, ~~at any time within fourteen (14) days before or after the usual regular time for that meeting,~~ such the member
- ~~(1)(i)~~ attends at least 60% percent of the time devoted for the regular meeting of another club or of a provisional club; or
 - ~~(2)(ii)~~ by direction at the request of this the member's club, attends a regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact club or Rotary ~~Village~~ Community Corps or of a provisional Rotaract or Interact club or Rotary ~~Village~~ Community Corps; or
 - ~~(3)(iii)~~ attends a convention of RI, a council on legislation, an international assembly, a Rotary institute for past and present officers of RI, a Rotary institute for past, present and incoming officers of RI, or any other meeting convened with the approval of the board of directors of RI; or the president of RI acting for on behalf of the board of directors of RI, a Rotary multizone conference, a ~~RI committee meeting,~~ meeting of a committee of RI, a Rotary district conference, a Rotary district assembly, any district meeting held by direction of the board of directors of RI, any district committee meeting held by direction of the district governor, or a regularly announced intercity meeting of Rotary clubs; or
 - ~~(4)(iv)~~ is present at the usual time and place of a regular meeting of another club for the purpose of attending such meeting, ~~and but~~ that club is not meeting at ~~the that~~ that time ~~and or~~ or place; or
 - ~~(v)~~ except that where a member is traveling outside the member's country of residence for a period exceeding fourteen days, the time restriction shall not be imposed by this subsection inasmuch as a member may attend meetings in another country at any time during the period of travel, and each such attendance shall count as a valid make-up for any regular meeting missed at this club during the member's time abroad, or
 - ~~(5)(vi)~~ attends a club service project authorized by the board of ~~this club.~~

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

- (b) At the Time of the Meeting. If, at the time of ~~such the~~ the meeting, ~~a the~~ the member is

- ~~(1)(i)~~ traveling with reasonable directness to or from one of the meetings mentioned specified in ~~paragraph~~ sub-subsection (a) (iii) 3 of this section; or
- ~~(2)(ii)~~ serving as an officer or member of a committee of RI, or a trustee of The Rotary Foundation; or
- ~~(3)(iii)~~ serving as the special representative of the district governor in the formation of a new club; or
- ~~(4)(iv)~~ on Rotary business in the employ of RI; or
- ~~(5)(v)~~ directly and actively engaged in a district-sponsored or a RI or Rotary Foundation-sponsored service project in a remote area where ~~the opportunity for making up attendance is completely impossible;~~ or
- ~~(6)(vi)~~ engaged in Rotary business duly authorized by the board ~~of this club if this which precludes attendance at the meeting. a meeting of this club, or~~

~~(c)(vii)~~ Extended Absence on Outposted Assignment. If the member, while working in bona fide circumstances within the member's own country of residence for an extended period on an outposted assignment ~~when, by and with the mutual agreement of the member's between the member's home club and a nominated designated club, the member may attend meetings of such nominated the designated club, for the period of assignment, validated by an appropriate form of advice by the secretary of said club to the member's home club where such attendance shall be credited in the member's name.~~

Section 2 — *Notice of Make-up.* ~~In the cases set out in~~ Under the provisions of sub-subsections (a) (ii)(2), (a) (iii)(3) or subsection (b) of section 1 of this article, the member shall only be counted as being in attendance only if the member personally gives notice of the fact is given by the member personally to the club. In the cases set out in subparagraphs Under the provisions of sub-subsection (a) (i)(1) and or sub-subsection (a) (iv)(4) of section 1 of this article, such notice may be given by the member personally or by the secretary of the club visited. Under the provisions of subsection (c) of section 1 of this article, such notice must be given by the secretary of the club visited.

Section 3 — *Exemptions: Excused Absences.* With the board's permission, A ~~A~~ member's absence shall be excused if

- (a) ~~(i) the absence is caused by protracted ill health or impairment, or, or by stay of more than two weeks in a country in which Rotary clubs do not exist so that such member is physically unable to attend a regular meeting and the board approves such absence.~~
- (b) ~~(ii) In the case of intended absence for more than two weeks, the member is in a country in which there are no Rotary clubs, and the member shall so informs the secretary of this club before starting the journey or, if that is impossible, notifies the secretary in writing from that the country. Before approving such absence, the board shall satisfy itself determine that the journey will prevent the member from making up an absence in accordance with subsection section 1(a) of section 1 of this article; or~~ or a the member is a senior active member and the whose 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
- ~~(c)(b)~~

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. ~~The absences of Any members who fall into whose absences are excused under the provisions of subsection categories (a) (i) and or (ii) (b) of section 3 of this article above and whose absences have been excused shall not be included in the this club's attendance records for the relevant period in question. Any Mmembers who fall into whose absences are excused under the provisions of subsection (c) of section 3 of this article category (b) above shall not be included in the membership figure used to compute the this club's attendance; further, neither nor shall their such absences nor attendances shall be used for that purpose.~~

Article VIII IX Directors and Officers

Section 1 – Governing Body. ~~The governing body of this club shall be a the board of directors to be constituted as the bylaws of the club may provide.~~

Section 2 – Authority. ~~Except as herein otherwise specifically provided, the decision of the board in all club matters shall be final, subject only to an appeal to the club. The board shall have general control over all officers and committees and may, for good cause, may declare any office vacant. The decision of the board in all club matters shall be final, subject only to an appeal to the club, or in specified instances arbitration as provided in article XV. It shall constitute a board of appeal from the rulings of all officers and actions of all committees. Appeal may be taken from any decision of the board to the club. On such appeal If appealed, the a decision appealed from of the board shall be reversed only by a two-thirds vote of the members present, at a regular meeting specified by the board, provided a quorum being is present; and notice of such the appeal having has been given by the secretary to all each members of the club at least five (5) days previous prior to such the meeting.~~

Section 3 – Officers. ~~The club officers of this club shall be a president, a president-elect; and one or more vice-presidents, all of whom shall be members of the board, and a secretary, a treasurer, and a sergeant-at-arms, any or all of whom who may or may not be members of the board as the bylaws of the club shall provide.~~

Section 4 – Election of Officers.

~~1(a) Term of Officers other than President.~~ Each officer shall be elected as provided in the bylaws, ~~of the club and, e~~ Except as may otherwise be provided in relation to for the president, each officer shall take office on the first day of 1 July immediately following election to office and shall serve for the term of office or until a successor shall have has been duly elected and qualified.

~~2(b) Term of President.~~ The president shall be elected; as provided in the bylaws, of the club may provide, within the period of not more than two (2) years but not less than eighteen (18) months prior to the day of taking office as president. The president shall be a director of the board and shall serve as president-elect for the year immediately preceding the year in which the term as president shall commence. The president shall take office on the first day of 1 July in the Rotary year for which the president is elected to serve and shall serve for the a period of election one year or until a successor shall have has been duly elected and qualified.

~~3(c)~~ Qualifications. Each officer and each director shall be an active (including additional active), senior active, or a past service member in good standing of this club. For a better understanding of the duties and responsibilities of club president, ~~t~~ 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 from the club whose duty it will be to who shall report back to the president-elect.

Article ~~IX~~ X Admission Fees and Dues

Every active, senior active, and past service member of this club shall pay as an admission fee and as annual dues such sums as may be prescribed in the bylaws of this club, except that a senior active or past service member who has held active membership in this club shall not be required to pay a second admission fee.

Article ~~X~~ XI Duration of Membership

Section 1 — *Period.* Membership shall continue during the existence of ~~the~~ this club unless terminated as hereinafter provided.

Section 2 — ~~How Terminated.~~ Automatic Termination.

(a) Membership Qualifications. Membership shall automatically terminate when a member ceases to have the necessary no longer meets the membership qualifications for membership, except that:

- (1)(i) the board may elect to past service membership an active members who, through no fault of the member their own, would otherwise lose their the member's classifications; when a past service member re-enters active business or professional life, the member shall automatically become an active member if the member's classifications is vacant; if the member's classification is not vacant, the member shall remain a past service member; or, may, by action of the board of directors of this club, be elected to past service membership; or
- (2)(ii) by permission of the board may grant, an active members moving from the this club's territorial limits of the club may be given a special leave of absence for a period not to exceeding one year to enable them member to visit and become known to a Rotary club in the new community to which they move, providing if they are member is still active in the same classifications of business or profession and continues to comply with the meet attendance and all other conditions of Rotary club membership; or
- (3)(iii) by permission of the board, the board may allow an active members moving from the this club's territorial limits of the club may to retain membership providing if they the member remains are still active in the same classifications of business or profession and continues to comply with meet attendance and all other conditions of Rotary club membership; or and
- (4)(iv) An active members whose classification is lost without default of the member who would be losing their classifications without default on their part may retain their such classifications and be given granted a special leaves of absence for periods not to exceeding one year to enable them member to obtain new employment in their current classifications or in a new classifications, providing they Such member must continue to comply

~~with the meet attendance and all other conditions of Rotary club membership. The termination of their membership would take effect only at the end of the period of leave granted to them the member.~~

(b) How to Rejoin. When the membership of an active member has terminated as provided in subsection (a) of this section, such person may make new application for membership, under the same or another classification. A second admission fee shall not be required.

~~(b) When past service members reenter active business or professional life, their memberships automatically become active memberships if the classifications are vacant. If the classifications are not vacant, they continue as past service members.~~

~~(c) Honorary membership shall automatically terminate on the thirtieth day of 30 June next after following the date of election. However, on an annual basis, the board in its discretion may, by resolution, from year to year continue such extend an honorary membership for the ensuing an additional year.~~

~~**Section 3** — *How to Rejoin.* When the membership of an active member has terminated as provided in the foregoing section 2, such person may make new application for membership, under the same classification or another classification. If elected to membership, a second admission fee shall not be required.~~

~~**Section 4-3** — *Termination -- Non-Payment of Dues.*~~

- ~~1 (a) Any member failing to pay dues within thirty (30) days after the prescribed time shall be notified in writing by the secretary at the member's last known address. If the dues are not paid on or before ten (10) days from of the date of notification, said membership shall automatically terminate.~~
- ~~2 (b) Such former member, at the discretion of the The board, may be reinstated the former member to membership upon the former member's petition, and upon the payment of all indebtedness to the club, provided that However, no former member can may be reinstated to active membership if the former member's classification of the former member has been filled.~~

~~**Section 5-4** — *Termination -- Non-Attendance.*~~

~~(a) Attendance Percentages. Each A member, other than an honorary member of this club, must~~

- ~~(1) attend or make up at least 60% percent of club regular meetings in each half of the Rotary year;~~
- ~~(2) attend at least 30% percent of the this club's regular meetings of this club in each half of the Rotary year.~~

~~If such a member fails to attend as required above, that person's the member's membership shall automatically terminate unless the board consents to such non-attendance for good cause and sufficient reason. If such member is a current officer of RI, that member shall be excused from attending the regular meetings of such member's club until the member's current term of office expires.~~

~~(b) Consecutive Absences. The membership of any member, other than an honorary member, of this club shall automatically terminate if, without the consent of the board for good and sufficient reason, the member fails to attend or make up four consecutive club regular meetings; unless such member is excused pursuant to article VIII, section 4, or is otherwise excused by the board for good and sufficient reason.~~

Section 65 -- *Termination for -- Other Causes.*

- (a) Good Cause. The board may terminate the membership of any member who shall cease to have the qualifications for membership in this club or for any good cause may be terminated by the board by the a votes of not less than two-thirds of the members thereof, at a meeting called for that purpose.
- (b) ~~The membership of any member may be terminated by the board, for a reason which the board may deem to be sufficient, by the votes of not less than two-thirds of the members thereof, at a meeting called for that purpose.~~
- (eb) Notice. ~~In either case (a) or (b), the~~ Prior to taking any action under subsection (a) of this section, the member shall be given at least ten (10) days' written notice ~~in writing~~ of such pending action and an opportunity to submit a written answer to the board ~~a written answer~~. The member shall also have the privilege of appearing right to appear before the board to state the member's case. ~~Service of such notice~~ Notice shall be made by personal delivery or by registered letter to the member's last known address.
- (dc) Appeal or Arbitration. ~~In case of a decision to terminate membership, the secretary shall, within~~ Within seven (7) days after the date of the board's decision to terminate membership, the secretary shall give written notice of the decision to; ~~notify the member, in writing of the decision of the board. Such member may, within~~ Within fourteen (14) days after the date of ~~such~~ the notice, ~~the member may give written notice to the secretary of the intention either to appeal to the club or to arbitrate as provided in article XV XIV of this constitution. In the event of an appeal, the board shall set a date for the hearing of the appeal at a regular club meeting of the club, to be held within twenty-one (21) days after the receipt of the such written notice of appeal. At least five (5) days' written notice of such club the meeting and its special business shall be given in writing to every member, of the club, and only~~ Only members of the club shall be ~~permitted to be present when such the appeal is heard~~ considered at such meeting.
- (ed) Filling Classification. When the board has terminated the membership of an active member as provided for in this section, ~~the~~ this club shall not elect a new member under the former member's classification until the time for hearing ~~the~~ the any appeal, ~~if any,~~ has expired and the club's decision ~~of the club~~ or ~~the decision~~ of the arbitrators has been announced.
- (fe) Board Action Final. ~~The Board~~ action of the board shall be final if no appeal to ~~the~~ this club is taken and no arbitration is requested. If an appeal is taken, the action of ~~the~~ this club shall be final.

Section 76 -- *Resignation.* The resignation of any member from ~~the~~ this club shall be in writing, (addressed to the president or secretary) ~~and~~ The resignation shall be accepted by the board; ~~provided that all indebtedness of if said the member has no indebtedness to the this club has been paid.~~

Section 87 -- *Forfeiture of Property Interest -- Forfeiture of.* Any person whose club membership ~~in this club~~ has been terminated in any manner shall forfeit all interest in any funds or other property belonging to ~~the~~ this club.

Article XI XII Community, National and International Affairs

Section 1 -- *Proper Subjects.* ~~The general welfare of the community, the nation and the world is a concern to the members of this club, and the~~ The merits of any public question involving the general welfare of the community, the nation and the world are

of concern to the members of this club and ~~such welfare~~ shall be proper subjects of fair and intelligent informed study and discussion before at a club meeting for the enlightenment of its members in forming their individual opinions. However, this club shall not express an opinion on any pending controversial public measure.

Section 2 -- No Endorsements. This club shall not endorse or recommend any candidate for public office and shall not discuss at any club meeting the merits or demerits of any such candidate.

Section 3 -- Non-Political.

(a) Resolutions and Opinions. This club shall neither adopt nor circulate resolutions or ~~views opinions, nor and shall not~~ take corporate action dealing with world affairs or international policies of a political nature.

(b) Appeals. This club shall not direct appeals to clubs, peoples or governments, or circulate letters, speeches, or proposed plans for the solution of specific international problems of a political nature.

Section 4 -- Recognizing Rotary's Beginning.

The week of the anniversary of Rotary's founding (23 February) shall be known as World Understanding and Peace Week. During this week, this club will celebrate Rotary service, reflect upon past achievements and focus on programs of peace, understanding and goodwill in the community and throughout the world.

~~.1 This club will strive to emphasize aspects of Rotary service during a special week of celebrations commencing on the anniversary of Rotary's establishment. The week commencing on 23 February of each year shall be known as World Understanding and Peace Week.~~

~~.2 While the special week will provide opportunity to reflect upon past achievements, it is appropriate to focus upon programs of peace, understanding and goodwill within the community and throughout the world.~~

Article ~~XII~~ XIII Rotary Magazines

Section 1 -- Mandatory Subscription. Unless, in accordance with the bylaws of RI, this club is excused by the board of directors of RI from complying with the provisions of this article ~~in accordance with the bylaws of RI, every each~~ active, senior active ~~or and~~ past service member shall, of this club, by acceptance of such membership, ~~become, and so remain~~ for the duration of such membership, ~~a paid subscriber~~ subscribe to the official magazine or to the ~~approved~~ approved and prescribed for this club by the board of directors of RI. The subscription shall be ~~handled paid~~ paid in six (6) month periods ~~and shall continue~~ for the duration of membership in this club and to the end of any six (6) month period during which membership may ~~terminate~~ ease.

Section 2 -- Subscription Collection. The ~~subscription amount of the subscription~~ shall be collected by ~~the this~~ club from each member semiannually in advance and remitted to the Secretariat of RI or to the office of such regional publications as may be determined by the board of directors of RI.

Article ~~XIII~~ XIV Acceptance of Object and Compliance with Constitution and Bylaws

By payment of an admission fee and dues, A a member, by payment of an admission fee and dues, thereby accepts the principles of Rotary as expressed in its object and submits

to and agrees to comply with and be bound by the constitution and bylaws of this club, and on those conditions alone is entitled to the privileges of this club. ~~No member shall be absolved from the observance~~ Each member shall be subject to the terms of the constitution and bylaws on the plea that such member has not received a copy of them, regardless of whether such member has received copies of them.

Article ~~XIV~~ XV Arbitration

Should any dispute arise between any current member or members, or a former member(s) ~~or members~~, and ~~the~~ this club, ~~or~~ any club officer or the board ~~of the club~~, relative to membership or to any alleged breach of the constitution or bylaws, or the expulsion of any member from ~~the~~ this club, or on any account whatsoever which cannot be ~~satisfactorily~~ settled under the procedure already provided for such purpose, the ~~matters in difference~~ dispute shall be settled by arbitration. Each party shall appoint an arbitrator and the arbitrators shall appoint an umpire. Only a members of a Rotary club may be appointed as umpire or as arbitrators. The decision reached ~~arrived at~~ by the arbitrators, or, if they disagree in the event of their disagreement, by the umpire, shall be final and binding on all parties.

Article ~~XV~~ XVI Bylaws

This club shall adopt bylaws not inconsistent with the constitution and bylaws of RI, ~~(and the rules of procedure for an area administration where established)~~ with the rules of procedure for an administrative territorial unit where established by RI, and with this constitution, embodying additional provisions for the government of this club. Such bylaws may be amended from time to time as therein provided.

Article ~~XVI~~ XVII Interpretation

Throughout this constitution, ~~pronouns of either the masculine or feminine gender shall include the other.~~

Article ~~XVII~~ XVIII Amendments

Section 1 — *Time Manner of Amending.* Except as provided in section ~~4~~ 2 of this article, this constitution may be amended only by the council on legislation in the same manner as is established in the bylaws of RI for the amendment of its bylaws.

Section 2 — *Who May Propose.* ~~Amendments to this constitution, except as provided in section 4 of this article, 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 of directors of RI.~~

Section 3 — *Procedure.*

- ~~1~~ Any proposal to amend this constitution shall be delivered to the general secretary of RI not later than 30 June in the year preceding that in which the council on legislation is to meet.
- ~~2~~ The general secretary of RI shall mail five 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 each club that requests it, no later than 31 December in the year the council shall be convened. The proposed amendments also will be made available via the Rotary World Wide Web home page. ~~Résumés of all proposed enactments, with details~~

~~of the deletions and additions to the *Manual of Procedure* omitted, shall be sent to each club.~~

~~.3 The council shall consider and act upon each duly proposed amendment transmitted to the council and any duly proffered amendment thereof.~~

Section 4.2 — *Amending Article II and Article III.* Article II (Name) and Article III (Territorial Limits) of ~~this~~ the constitution shall be amended at any regular meeting of this club, a quorum being present by the affirmative vote of a majority of 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. In the event of reconsideration of a decision not to relinquish or share territory for the organization of an additional club, as directed by the board of directors of RI, as provided in subsection 2.020.4. of the bylaws of RI, a two-thirds vote is required to sustain the previous negative decision.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-530

To allow regular meetings to be cancelled due to armed conflicts

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 253 MOP)

Article IV Meetings

Section 1 —

.3 If a regular meeting falls on a legal holiday or in case of the death of the club president, 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 members of the club, the board may cancel such regular meeting. The board of directors of this club, at its discretion, may cancel not more than two regular meetings in any one Rotary year for causes not otherwise specified herein provided always that the club should not fail to meet for more than two consecutive meetings.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-548

To encourage members and guests to refrain from smoking at meetings and events held in the name of Rotary

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

Article II Membership in Rotary International

2.040. Smoking.

In recognition of the deleterious effect upon personal health, individual members and their guests are encouraged to refrain from smoking during meetings and other events organized in the name of Rotary International.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 01-584

To require the RI Board to review the report of the governor prior to terminating a club's membership in RI

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

Article III Resignation or Termination of Membership in RI

3.030. Board Authority to Discipline or Terminate a Club.

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.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-658

To endorse a membership goal of 1.5 million Rotarians to be achieved by Rotary's 100th anniversary in 2005

WHEREAS, the work of Rotary throughout the world can only be accomplished through the actions of active friendly Rotarians in all parts of the world, and

WHEREAS, there is no greater gift that Rotary can give to the world as it begins its second century of service than an increase in the scope and magnitude of its educational and humanitarian efforts, and

WHEREAS, the single most effective way that Rotarians can strengthen Rotary's ability to do good in the world is by increasing club membership, and

WHEREAS, the Rotary International Board of Directors has established a strategic goal of 1.5 million Rotarians to be achieved by the Rotary Centennial in 2005

IT IS RESOLVED that the 2001 Council on Legislation enthusiastically endorses the strategic goal established by the Board of Directors of 1.5 million Rotarians to be achieved by the conclusion of the celebration of Rotary's one-hundredth anniversary in 2005.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-659

To support a comprehensive recognition of the 100th birthday of Rotary in the year 2004-2005

WHEREAS, Rotary International will celebrate its 100th anniversary during the year 2004-05 on February 23, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the centennial celebration offers a unique opportunity for Rotary to tell its story worldwide to both its own membership and to the public; and

WHEREAS, the organization of this celebration would benefit by the encouragement and endorsement of the Council on Legislation

IT IS RESOLVED that the 2001 Council on Legislation encourages the Board of Directors of Rotary International to organize and support a centennial celebration for Rotary International in 2004-05, which shall be an appropriate observance of Rotary's 100th birthday, and believes such celebration should be conducted at all levels of Rotary - clubs, districts, Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International - and by all fellowships and other groups affiliated with Rotary, and should include:

1. The attainment of our goal to eradicate polio by the year 2005;
2. The publication of The Centennial History of Rotary as well as regional and other histories and commemorative materials;
3. A priority of membership retention and development targeting "1.5 by 2005;"
4. A worldwide public relations and education program;
5. Special planning for the convention, assembly, district conferences, seminars and other meetings;
6. Other activity, programs and projects appropriate to our celebration.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-677

To request the RI Board to consider submitting legislation to the 2004 Council to modify the eligibility requirements for membership in a Rotary club

WHEREAS, the Rotary International Constitution Article V, Section 3, provides for the composition of Rotary clubs, and

WHEREAS, the 2001 Council reviewed a draft proposal to modify the eligibility requirements for membership in a club, and

WHEREAS, a copy of the draft proposal follows

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider submitting an enactment to the 2004 Council utilizing the following as a basis for such legislation:

Composition of Clubs

A club shall be composed of active members who are adult persons

- (i) of good character,
- (ii) of good business and professional reputation,
- (iii) holding an important position in any worthy business or profession, and
- (iv) demonstrating strong leadership ability or leadership potential.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 01-678

To request the RI Board to consider examining all Rotary mottos and statements and submitting legislation to future Councils to remove gender-specific terminology from such mottos and statements

WHEREAS, Rotary International has removed gender-specific terminology from documents pursuant to past Council on Legislation decisions, and

WHEREAS, the 2001 Council on Legislation has reaffirmed the desire to have two-gender membership in Rotary clubs

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider examining all Rotary mottos and statements with the view of presenting legislation to future Councils on Legislation to remove gender-specific terminology.

(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.

I hereby certify that

- 1. the membership of this club on 1 July 2001 (honorary members excepted) entitles it to this number of votes*:**

***One vote for every 50 members (except honorary members) or major fraction thereof, as follows:**

<u>Members</u>	<u>Votes</u>
01-75	1
76-125	2
126-175	3
176-225	4
etc.	

- 2. At a regular meeting, this club agreed to record its opposition to the following action of the 2001 Council on Legislation:**

01-_____

Date: _____ **President:** _____

Rotary Club of _____ **District** _____

Mail to:

**General Secretary
c/o Council Services Section
Rotary International
One Rotary Center
1560 Sherman Avenue
Evanston, Illinois 60201 USA**

**THIS FORM MUST REACH
EVANSTON BY 20 AUGUST 2001**

