

RULES OF PROCEDURE, 2017 COUNCIL ON RESOLUTIONS

Adopted by the council operations committee.

Section 1 — Definitions.

Chair. The presiding officer at the Council on Resolutions. The chair supervises the proceedings of the council, may comment on any matter, and has all other duties as generally pertain to the position of chair. The council chair presides as the chair, except when the chair designates the vice-chair to preside. The chair or vice-chair are nonvoting members, but may cast the deciding vote in the case of a tie-vote. *RI Bylaws 9.010.2., 9.050.1.*

Constitutional Documents. Three documents – the RI constitution, the RI bylaws, and the standard Rotary club constitution. *RI Bylaw 1., point 3.*

Defective. A proposed resolution is defective if it:

- i. would require an action, or express an opinion, that is in conflict with the letter or spirit of the constitutional documents; or
- ii. is not within the framework of the program of RI. *RI Bylaw 8.060.2.*

Nonvoting Members. Members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, President and President-elect, other members of the Board, General Secretary, all past RI Presidents, and a Trustee of the Rotary Foundation. *RI Bylaw 9.010.*

Proposers. Clubs, the RI Board, and others that submit resolutions. *RI Bylaw 8.030.*

Resolution. Expressions of opinion of the Council, which do not amend the constitutional documents. *RI Bylaw 8.020.*

Voting Members. Representatives elected from each district. *RI Bylaw 9.010.1.*

Section 2 — Members of the Council.

All members of the council, both voting and nonvoting, have the same privileges and responsibilities, except nonvoting members may not vote. Each voting member may cast one vote on any question, and there is no proxy voting in the council. *RI Bylaws 9.010., 9.120.*

Section 3 — Order of Consideration.

The order to consider resolutions is set by the Council Operations Committee, who may change it for good cause. *RI Bylaw 9.140.1.*

Section 4 — Quorum.

Final action on resolutions requires that at least half the voting members sign on to the Council on Resolutions website during the voting period. *RI Bylaw 9.120.*

Section 5 — Voting.

The method for voting is electronic, unless the chair otherwise determines for good cause. The voting period is set by the chair, who may extend it for good cause. All votes are confidential and once a representative submits their votes, their selections are final and cannot be changed. The number of votes required to approve a resolution is a simple majority, which is at least one more vote in favor than against. *RI Bylaw 8.080.3.*

Section 6 — Withdrawal of Legislation.

Before the end of the voting period, the representative of the proposer or proposers of the resolution may withdraw a resolution by notifying the council secretary. If the proposers are from more than one district, their representatives must join in notifying the secretary of the withdrawal.

Section 7 — Matters of Procedure Not Covered.

In the event of any inconsistency, ambiguity, or uncertainty under these rules, the constitutional documents of RI shall control. Matters of procedure not covered by these rules or the constitutional documents shall be decided by the chair in accord with basic fairness.