

RESOLUTION 17R-14

To request the RI Board to consider clarifying the relationships between Rotary's guiding principles

Proposer(s): District 2840, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2840 through an annual district conference, Maebashi, Gunma, Japan, 16 April 2017

1 WHEREAS, the guiding principles of Rotary are published in Part One of the
2 2016 *Manual of Procedure*. They are merely listed and their mutual
3 relationships and relative importance, such as which principles are
4 superordinate, which sentences are more fundamental, and how they are
5 interrelated, are unclear, and
6

7 WHEREAS, many Rotarians do not have shared recognition of the
8 interrelationships and relative importance of Rotary's guiding principles
9

10 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
11 International consider first consolidating Rotarians' opinions about the
12 interrelations and relative importance of Rotary's guiding principles, thoroughly
13 discussing the findings, clarifying them, and then announcing their position at
14 the 2019 Council on Legislation.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

15 The 2013 *Manual of Procedure* listed five guiding principles, but that number
16 increased to 12 in the 2016 *Manual*, making even more unclear the individual
17 principles' importance and their interrelations. Clarifying Rotary's guiding
18 principles and reconstructing their organization will enable Rotarians to engage
19 more confidently in Rotary activities, on the basis of a clearer understanding of
20 its principles and policies.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

21 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
22 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
23 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.