

RESOLUTION 17R-26

To request the RI Board to consider restoring the *Manual of Procedure* white pages

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Kisarazu East, District 2790, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2790 through a ballot-by-mail, 21 June 2017

1 WHEREAS, the number of white pages in the 2016 *Manual of Procedure* was
2 significantly reduced as compared to the prior editions. The 2016 *Manual of*
3 *Procedure* includes the following note:

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5 The RI Board and The Rotary Foundation Trustees meet several times each
6 year, and Board and Trustee policies change as a result. Therefore, for the
7 most up-to-date information, visit the Governance Documents page of the
8 Rotary website to find the current versions of the Rotary Code of Policies and
9 The Rotary Foundation Code of Policies, and

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11 WHEREAS, although it is understood that the policies of the RI Board and The
12 Rotary Foundation Trustees do change, it is objectionable to eliminate the
13 corresponding white pages from the *Manual of Procedure*, and

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15 WHEREAS, the 2013 *Manual of Procedure* and prior editions included the
16 following note:

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18 The RI Board and Foundation Trustees meet several times each year, and
19 Board and Trustee policies change as a result. Therefore, RCP, TRFC, and
20 TRFB citation numbers may change, or policy may become outdated after the
21 publication of this manual. For the most up-to-date information, visit the
22 policy document section of rotary.org to find the most current versions of the
23 Rotary Code of Policies and The Rotary Foundation Code of Policies, and

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25 WHEREAS, with this note in the 2013 *Manual of Procedure* and prior editions,
26 even if the policies of the RI Board and The Rotary Foundation Trustees had
27 changed, the readers were able to refer to the appropriate sections of the Rotary
28 Code of Policies and Rotary Foundation Code of Policies for information, and

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30 WHEREAS, previous editions of the *Manual of Procedure* were considered to be
31 among Rotary's best publications and guides, but the 2016 *Manual of Procedure*
32 reads as if it is simply a collection of Rotary's organizational rules

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34 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
35 International consider restoring the traditional white pages to the 2019 and all
36 future editions of the *Manual of Procedure*.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 Among many Rotarians, both recent and long-standing, there is a decreased
2 understanding of our organizational rules, the policies of the RI Board and of The
3 Rotary Foundation Trustees. We are concerned that this trend may accelerate
4 now that the *Manual of Procedure* contains fewer white pages.
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6 Restoring these pages to the *Manual of Procedure* will not only restore its status
7 as one of the best guides for Rotarians, but will again be widely used as reference
8 material for the training of Rotarians.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

9 If implemented, this resolution would have a financial impact on RI which cannot
10 be determined at this time. In 2016, the elimination of the white pages in the
11 *Manual of Procedure* reduced printing expenses by US\$65,000. Additional costs
12 would include mailing/shipping expenses and staff resources required to develop,
13 maintain, and translate the document.