

RESOLUTION 17R-28

To request the RI Board to consider publishing a record of the deliberations of the Council

Proposer(s): District 2840, Japan

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

1 WHEREAS, the results of each Council on Legislation are published in the report
2 of action, the details of the deliberation process, such as an explanation of the
3 purpose and effect statements, statements in support of or opposition to
4 proposed legislation, procedural motions, and remarks by the members of the
5 Council, are currently not disclosed. If such details were published, the incoming
6 district representatives would be better prepared, more productive, and have
7 more effective discussions at the next Council
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9 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
10 International consider publishing, beginning with the 2019 Council on
11 Legislation, a preliminary record of all statements made in the deliberations of
12 enactments, including those made by the members-at-large, even if the record is
13 in English only.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

14 Enactments on similar themes are proposed during every Council cycle. This can
15 be avoided by publishing a preliminary record of the deliberations from each
16 Council. Such disclosure can be expected to result in more quality proposals
17 from new viewpoints. The Council on Legislation is Rotary's only legislative
18 body. To improve the quality of our constitutional documents in the future, it is
19 critical that the deliberation process of each Council be shared among all
20 Rotarians. The Council's deliberation process should not be restricted to
21 representatives.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

22 If implemented, this resolution could result in an increase in expenses for RI
23 which cannot be determined at this time. Additional expenses would be
24 dependent on the format and the level of detail provided on the Council
25 deliberations, as well as the method of distribution.