

RESOLUTION 17R-31

To request the RI Board to consider not increasing Rotary's per capita dues at the 2019 Council

Proposer(s): District 2840, Japan

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

1 WHEREAS, enactment 16-99, proposed by the RI Board to the 2016 Council on
2 Legislation, originally sought to increase the per capita dues amount by US\$1 a
3 year. However, on the day of deliberation, it was quickly amended, resulting in a
4 significant increase of US\$4 per year. Individual Rotary clubs are currently
5 struggling to deal with this increase, and
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7 WHEREAS, the RI Board should make efforts to further improve the soundness
8 of Rotary's financial situation and streamline and clarify Rotary's organizational
9 structure, and the Board should be held accountable to the clubs
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11 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
12 International consider making efforts to avoid incremental changes to per capita
13 dues at the upcoming 2019 Council on Legislation by further clarifying Rotary's
14 operations.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

15 This significant increase in the per capita dues amount is unprecedented, and
16 many clubs are struggling to deal with it. They are also beginning to feel that the
17 RI Board is not providing sufficient explanation for the appropriateness of its
18 management of Rotary's operations. The RI Board should refrain from making a
19 dues increase proposal that could not convince the clubs in the future.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

20 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
21 be determined at this time. The Board evaluates whether to propose a per capita
22 dues increase to the Council on Legislation based on RI's five-year financial
23 forecast as well as the strategic plan and vision.
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25 The RI Bylaws require a balanced budget; therefore, not increasing RI per capita
26 dues could have an impact on RI's operations and services.