

# RESOLUTION 17R-34

To request the RI Board to consider proposing legislation to a future Council to decrease RI per capita dues for Rotaractors

**Proposer(s):** Rotary Club of Kushiro, District 2500, Japan

**Endorsed by:** District 2500 through a ballot-by-mail, 23 June 2017

1 WHEREAS, the 2016 Council on Legislation adopted, by a majority vote in favor,  
2 enactment 16-40, an RI Board proposal seeking to allow Rotaractors to be active  
3 members. As of April 2017, however, only 67 Rotaractors are registered as  
4 Rotary club members, and

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6 WHEREAS, to promote the purpose of this enactment, an additional measure is  
7 needed

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9 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
10 International consider proposing legislation to a future Council on Legislation  
11 reducing by half the RI per capita dues charged to Rotaractors as long as they  
12 remain active members of their Rotaract clubs.

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## PURPOSE AND EFFECT

13 Allowing current Rotaractors to be active Rotary club members is a means of  
14 revitalizing Rotary clubs. As of April 2017, however, only 67 of the world's  
15 290,000 Rotaractors are Rotary club members. The reason for this is the  
16 impediment of participating in two clubs and of paying RI per capita dues.

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18 The burden of participating in two club meetings can be eliminated by  
19 Rotaractors holding permanent joint meetings either with satellite Rotary clubs  
20 consisting of former Rotaractors who are 31 and over, or with Rotary clubs that  
21 have adopted flexibility in attendance. These joint meetings can be expected to  
22 reduce the Rotaractors' financial burden by not incurring extra meeting expenses.  
23 Rotaractors will still be required to pay per capita dues, but this burden can be  
24 mitigated by reducing their dues amount by half. This would enable many  
25 current Rotaractors to become Rotarians, thus greatly increasing our  
26 membership worldwide.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

27 If implemented, this resolution could result in a decrease in per capita dues  
28 revenue and an increase in expenses for RI which cannot be determined at this  
29 time.

1 Rotaract club reporting is limited and RI's database of Rotaract membership is  
2 not accurate. The self-reporting process is not consistent among Rotaract clubs  
3 and the number of Rotaractors who are dual members of Rotary clubs cannot be  
4 verified. There would be an increase in expenses to monitor and maintain  
5 Rotaractor membership data as well as to update database and billing systems.