

# RESOLUTION 19R-08

To request the RI Board to consider amending the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws

**Proposer(s):** District 1790, France

**Endorsed by:** District 1790 through a district legislation meeting, Villers-lès-Nancy, France, 29 June 2019

1 WHEREAS, each year, local clubs support a large number of people and  
2 organizations that, in three years or less, this number can reach or even exceed  
3 the total number of members in the club, and

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5 WHEREAS, these people and organizations may not be fully aware of the support  
6 they received and/or are receiving from Rotary and its clubs

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8 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
9 International consider amending the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws to  
10 provide that each club invite annually to one of its meetings the people and  
11 organizations that have benefited from its support in the past three years.

(End of Text)

## PURPOSE AND EFFECT

12 If we count the number of people and organizations that a club supports each  
13 year, we can come up with a figure that is at least one-third, or even half, of the  
14 club's membership.

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16 As a result, over a three-year period, we can say that the number of people and  
17 organizations supported by a club is significant and may even exceed the number  
18 of members in the club. After ten years, this could at least double Rotary's  
19 membership.

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21 It is important to maintain a list of these people and organizations, to stay in  
22 touch with them and to invite them once a year to attend a club meeting.

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24 Few people or organizations remember that Rotary once helped them. Moreover,  
25 how many Rotary club members are aware of the type and amount of support  
26 given by their club?

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28 Thus, these people and organizations should be included in a database compliant  
29 with general data protection regulations and invited annually to a club meeting to  
30 keep in touch and to showcase this community close to Rotary.

- 1 This type of activity would be a welcome addition to RI's communication efforts
- 2 and would improve RI's image.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

- 3 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.