

## **2.140. Pilot Projects**

### ~~2.140.1. Meeting Frequency Pilot Clubs~~

~~The Board has established a pilot project to explore the effects of club meeting frequency on membership development and related statistics, effective 1 July 2007 to 1 July 2013. The Board has approved the establishment of a transition plan from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2016 for clubs in the Meeting Frequency Pilot project. (*June 2013 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 239*)~~

~~Source: February 2007 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 200; June 2013 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 239; May 2015 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 181~~

### ~~2.140.2. Regional Election Complaint Pilot Project~~

~~The RI Board has adopted the following regional election complaint pilot project for clubs in zones 4, 5, and 6A, and Districts 3281 and 3282 in zone 6B, effective for district level elections.~~

~~1. Each year, the RI president will appoint a panel of three Rotarians jointly recommended by the current director(s) and past RI Presidents from zones 4, 5, and 6A to comprise a Zone level Election Complaint Panel (“panel”) for that zone. Panel members should be past RI officers or Rotarians with expertise and experience in an appropriate field, including, but not limited to, law or the judiciary. Should any member be unavailable to serve on the panel for any reason, the RI president shall appoint additional members as needed. Names of the panel members shall be kept confidential.~~

~~2. All election complaints concerning district level elections (e.g., governor, Council representative, membership on the zone nominating committee for director) received from clubs in these zones, together with written responses from all parties to the complaint, shall upon receipt be referred by the general secretary to a panel from a zone other than that of the complaining club, as determined by the RI president.~~

~~3. A complaint may be filed at any time during the election process and must be accompanied by the cash bond required by *Rotary Code of Policies* 26.080.3. This bond shall be retained by RI until the resolution of the complaint by the panel.~~

~~4. Before being referred to a panel, a complaint must also meet all the requirements of RI bylaws section 11.070.1., including the requirement that it have the concurrence of at least five other clubs or a current officer (governor or director) of RI.~~

~~5. The panel will meet via correspondence and review the complaint and all documentation submitted by the parties to the complaint. The final decision of the panel must have the support of no fewer than two members of the panel. The panel may take any action it deems fair and just, including disqualifying any candidates from participating in the election or holding the office sought.~~

~~6. All decisions of the panel shall be submitted in writing to the general secretary no later than 15 days after receipt of all documentation by the panel. Based on its review of all the available information, the panel's report shall state its findings of fact, its conclusions and recommendations and reasons therefor. If the panel is unable to reach a decision, the complaint will be administered in accordance with the Board's election complaint procedures found in Rotary Code of Policies section 26.080.~~

~~7. The general secretary will forward the panel's report to the parties upon receipt. If the panel's decision is to uphold the complaint, the general secretary will refund the cash bond submitted with the complaint.~~

~~8. The general secretary shall report all decisions of the panel to the RI Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.~~

~~9. The club filing the complaint may appeal the decision of the panel to the RI Board no later than 21 days after the decision of the panel is communicated by the general secretary. All such appeals will be treated as election complaints and resolved in accordance with the Board's election complaint procedures found in Rotary Code of Policies section 26.080.~~

~~10. All appeals must be accompanied by an additional cash bond payable to RI of US\$3000. This amount will be refunded only if the appeal is upheld by the RI Board.~~

~~11. Unless otherwise stated, all existing deadlines and procedures in the RI bylaws and Rotary Code of Policies, including those found in RI bylaws section 11.070.1., are still in effect for clubs in this pilot project.~~

~~12. The RI Board reserves the right to seek clarification from or void any decision of the zone level election complaint panel.~~

~~13. The pilot shall be effective for complaints concerning elections conducted between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2016. It shall not apply to complaints filed in elections concerning the offices of RI director or RI president. (September 2016 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 28)~~

~~Source: January 2010 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 126; Amended by June 2013 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 207; January 2015 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 122; January 2015 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 130; May 2015 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 175; September 2016 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 28~~

### ~~2.140.3. Associate Member Pilot Project~~

~~The RI Board has established an associate member pilot project beginning 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2017 to allow an individual to become associated and acquainted with a Rotary club, its members, its programs and projects, and the expectations of club membership with the intent of becoming an active member within a designated period of time. (October 2013 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 58)~~

~~Source: November 2010 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 88; January 2011 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 117; Amended by October 2013 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 58~~

2.140.4. Corporate Member Pilot Project

~~The RI Board has established a corporate member pilot project beginning 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2017 to allow a corporation or company in the club's area to become a member of the Rotary club, through an established membership approval process, and appoint up to four designees as the individuals attending club meetings, to serve on projects, vote on club matters, and to serve as club officers and on club committees. (October 2013 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 58)~~

~~Source: November 2010 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 88; January 2011 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 117; Amended by October 2013 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 58~~

2.140.5. Innovative and Flexible Rotary Club Pilot Project

~~The RI Board has established an innovative and flexible Rotary club pilot project beginning 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2017 to allow clubs to self-determine their operations to fit better with their members' and community needs. (October 2014 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 84)~~

~~Source: November 2010 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 88; January 2011 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 117; Amended by October 2013 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 58; October 2014 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 84~~

2.140.6. Satellite Club Pilot Program

~~The RI Board has established guidelines for a satellite club pilot program beginning 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2017 to conduct multiple club meetings during a week, each taking place at a different location, a different day and/or a different time. (October 2013 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 58)~~

~~Source: November 2010 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 87; January 2011 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 117; Amended by October 2013 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 58~~

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9.010.3. Support of Rotaract Club Leaders by Sponsor Rotary Clubs

Rotary clubs that sponsor one or more Rotaract clubs are encouraged to allocate an appropriate portion of their budget annually to provide for the attendance of Rotaract club officers, directors, and committee chairs at all relevant and necessary district-level training meetings. (January 2018 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 103)

Source: January 2018 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 103

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17.030.2. District Committees

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F. District Conference Committee

1. Purpose:

Under the direction of the governor, the district conference committee shall plan, promote and implement the necessary arrangements to ensure good programming and maximum attendance at the district conference.

*2. Additional Qualifications of Members:*

Preference should be given to those who have experience in the meeting coordination and/or hospitality industry and/or to Rotarians with media, public image or marketing skills.

*3. Duties and Responsibilities:*

Under the direction of the governor:

- a) Select the district conference venue and coordinate all related logistical arrangements.
- b) Coordinate the finances of the conference to ensure maximum attendance.
- c) Promote conference attendance with particular emphasis on:
  - new Rotarians;
  - all members of newly-organized clubs in the district; and
  - representation from every club in the district and the family of Rotary.
- d) Promote the district conference to external audiences, such as the media, community leaders, and beneficiaries of Rotary's programs.
- e) ~~Coordinate, in cooperation with the district trainer, a district leadership seminar to be held in conjunction with the district conference.~~
- f) Provide relevant, motivational, and informative programs (*January 2015 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 118* ~~January 2018 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 73~~)

Source: February 2001 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 261; Amended by January 2015 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 118; September 2017 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 51

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I. District Training Committee

*1. Purpose*

The committee is responsible for supporting the governor and governor-elect in training club and district leaders and overseeing the overall training plan for the district.

*2. Additional Qualifications of Members*

Preference should be given to Rotarians with training, education or facilitation experience.

*3. Duties and Responsibilities*

- a) The committee must have a clear understanding that it is responsible to the convener of each meeting.
- b) The committee should work with the governor-elect on training needs related to:
  - 1) PETS
  - 2) District training assembly
  - 3) District team training seminar
  - 4) Assistant Governor Training

- c) The committee should work with the governor on training needs related to:
  - 1) ~~District leadership seminar~~
  - 2) Rotaract leadership training
  - 3) Club-level training
  - 4) Other training events in the district, as appropriate
- d) The committee may also have secondary responsibility for the district Rotary Foundation seminar and the district membership seminar. These meetings are the primary responsibility of other district committees. The training committee may consult on training related issues.
- e) Under the direction of the meeting's convener, the committee is responsible for one or more of the following aspects:
  - 1) Program content (in accordance with board-recommended curricula)
  - 2) Conducting sessions
  - 3) Identification of speakers and other volunteers
  - 4) Preparing training leaders
  - 5) Program evaluation
  - 6) Logistics
  - 7) Marketing to target audiences
- f) If the district is part of a multidistrict PETS, the governor-elect, in accordance with the policies and procedures of that multidistrict PETS, will select an individual to develop and conduct training at PETS. This individual should be a member of this committee. (*January 2018 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 73*)

Source: June 2004 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 269; Amended by January 2015 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 118; September 2017 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 51

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#### 17.040.4. Voting Strength

At least 15 days prior to the voting, the district governor will inform each club how many votes it is entitled to in accordance with the RI Bylaws. This list shall also include new clubs, whose voting strength shall be based on the number of charter members, and clubs reinstated after generation of the most recent invoice, whose voting strength shall be based on the number of members with which they are reinstated. ~~A club's voting strength is determined by using the club membership list per RI's database as of 1 January or 1 July. Members inducted after this date are not counted when calculating the number of votes a club is entitled to cast.~~ (*January 2018 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 73*)

Source: ~~November 2009 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 94~~; July 2010 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 21; Amended by ~~October 2014 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 105~~; January 2015 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 118; January 2018 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 73

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#### 19.040.1. Leadership Training Cycle

The preferred sequence for Rotary leadership development should be as follows (allowing for the possibility for combining meetings where appropriate):

- a) Governor Elect Training Seminar (GETS) in conjunction with Rotary institutes
- b) International Assembly
- c) District Team Training Seminar
- d) Presidents-elect training seminar
- e) District Training Assembly
- ~~f) District Leadership Seminar~~
- g) District Public Image Seminar  
*(January 2018 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 73)*

Source: July 1997 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 55; November 1999 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 218; *Amended by* October 2014 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 75; January 2015 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 118; September 2017 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 51

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## Article 20. District Meetings

- 20.010. District Conference Overview
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- 20.070. Presidents-Elect Training Seminars (PETS)
- ~~20.080. District Leadership Seminar~~
- 20.090. District Team Training Seminar
- 20.100. District Membership Seminar

### ~~20.080. District Leadership Seminar~~

#### ~~20.080.1. Purpose of the District Leadership Seminar~~

~~The purpose of the district leadership seminar is to motivate Rotarians in the district to serve Rotary beyond the club level. (November 2005 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 104)~~

~~Source: November 1999 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 218; Amended by November 2004 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 59; November 2005 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 104~~

#### ~~20.080.2. Participants in the District Leadership Seminar~~

~~Interested Rotarians who have served as club president, or have served for three or more years in a leadership role or who are interested in further leadership roles in the club or district may participate in the District Leadership Seminar. (January 2015 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 118)~~

~~Source: November 1999 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 218; Amended by January 2015 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 118~~

#### ~~20.080.3. District Leadership Seminar Components~~

~~To achieve the stated purpose of the program, the following components will be included in the district leadership seminar:~~

- ~~Leadership and motivational skills~~
- ~~International service projects~~
- ~~District meetings~~
- ~~Program electives~~
- ~~Leadership opportunities (November 2005 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 104)~~

Source: November 1999 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 218; Amended by November 2005 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 104

#### 20.080.4. District Leadership Seminar Time Frame

~~One full day District Leadership Seminar should be held immediately prior to or after the district conference. (November 2007 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 113)~~

Source: November 1999 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 218; Amended by November 2007 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 113

#### 20.080.5. District Leadership Seminar Leaders

~~The governor is responsible for the overall program of the District Leadership Seminar. The district trainer is responsible for planning and conducting the Seminar. The Seminar leadership team shall include qualified past governors and assistant governors appointed by the governor. (January 2015 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 118)~~

Source: November 1999 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 218; Amended by November 2004 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 59; January 2015 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 118

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#### 20.070.5. PETS Time Frame

PETS should consist of a minimum of a one-and-a-half day seminar preferably to be held during the month of February or March.

Districts are encouraged to conduct training of Rotaract club presidents-elect in conjunction with presidents-elect training seminars (PETS) and club officer training where appropriate. (January 2018 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 103)

Source: November 1999 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 218; Amended by November 2004 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 58; November 2007 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 113; June 2010 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 182; January 2018 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 103

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#### 20.080.2. District Team Training Seminar Participants

Participants in the District Team Training Seminar shall include ~~Rotarians~~ those appointed by the governor-elect to serve as assistant governors, and as district committee chairs and members, including the district Rotaract representative, in the next Rotary year. (January 2018 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 103)

Source: November 1999 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 218; Amended by January 2018 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 103

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27.080.6. Compensation to Family Members of “Disqualified Persons”

The general secretary shall review annually the compensation of any family members related to individuals identified as “disqualified persons,” defined as president, president-elect, general secretary, deputy general secretary, all general managers, and chief investment officer, as required by law. (January 2018 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 73)

Source: September 2017 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 31

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~~30.040.7.~~30.030.5. Attendance of Incoming Members at Committee Meetings

~~For those committees designated by the Board, once a succeeding year’s committee chair and members have been appointed, such newly appointed chairs and committee members shall be invited to attend the final committee meeting of the current year.~~

The Board recommends, at the committee chair’s discretion, in consultation with the general secretary, that incoming members of committees with meetings planned in the second half of the Rotary year be invited to the committee’s last meeting of the year. (January 2018 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 73)

Source: June 2017 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 160; September 2017 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 26

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30.060.4. Terms of Reference for the Executive Committee

The Board, in accordance with the RI Bylaws, has prescribed the following terms of reference under which the Executive Committee shall function:

- a) Make decisions on behalf of the Board where the policy of the Board or of RI has been established or where an emergency exists, or as otherwise may be determined by the Board.
- b) Make decisions when necessary relative to expenditures for which appropriations have been made by the Board and make emergency appropriations necessary to implement action taken by the Board.
- c) Make appropriations, from funds not otherwise appropriated, of such additional amounts as may be recognizable as emergency requirements.
- d) Explore matters requiring the attention of the Board and offer recommendations thereon to the Board and, when appropriate, refer a Board agenda item to the appropriate Board committee when the matter is outside the terms of reference of the Executive Committee.
- e) Review reports of committees and, when necessary, take action upon matters contained therein subject to the provisions in item a) of these terms of reference.



- f) Evaluate the performance of the general secretary annually and report its findings to the board;

The Executive Committee will conduct its annual evaluation of the general secretary at an in-person meeting before the last Board meeting of the year. The following steps will be taken in the evaluation process:

1. No later than 30 days prior to the last Board meeting of the Rotary year, the general secretary will present to the RI president and chair of the Executive Committee a written summary and analysis of progress made in advancing Rotary for the year.
  2. The chair of the Executive Committee will provide a copy of the general secretary's report to all members of the Executive Committee and to the chair of The Rotary Foundation. The chair of the Executive Committee will request that any comments be sent to him or her no later than 15 days prior to the Board meeting.
  3. At its meeting before the last Board meeting, the Executive Committee will meet with the general secretary to conduct its annual review. Following this meeting, a written report of the Committee's findings will be submitted to the full Board, the Trustee chair, and to the general secretary. The members of the following year's Executive Committee and the Trustee chair, or another trustee designated by the chair, should be invited to attend this meeting as observers. As part of its annual review, the Executive Committee will review and evaluate the compensation of the general secretary, and will approve any adjustments that it is authorized to make under general secretary's employment contract. Any adjustments or modifications to compensation or benefits for the general secretary outside of the employment contract must be approved by the Board.
- g) Act as a personnel committee for the Board in all matters relating to the staff and their organization within the Secretariat of RI and as such to
1. Approve of any decision made by the general secretary relative to the hiring or termination of the individual holding the position of general counsel.
  2. In consultation with the Audit Committee, approve of any decision made by the general secretary relative to the hiring or termination of the individual holding the position of internal audit manager.
  3. Approve of any decision made by the general secretary relative to the hiring of an individual to hold the position of assistant or associate or deputy general secretary and any general manager, provided that the general secretary shall also consult the chairman of the Foundation Trustees if such action applies to any general manager assigned to work full time for The Rotary Foundation of RI.

4. Review annually Rotary's employee compensation strategy as recommended by the Operations Review Committee.
5. Approve, on the recommendation of the general secretary, the compensation to be paid to all general managers.
6. Review annually compensation paid to "disqualified persons" of RI to determine whether such compensation is reasonable under the circumstances. Disqualified persons include any person, with respect to any transaction, who is in a position to exercise substantial influence over the affairs of the organization within five years prior to the date of the transaction. Disqualified persons include ~~officers and certain senior staff~~ president, president-elect, general secretary, deputy general secretary, all general managers, and chief investment officer.
7. Review and approve the level of proposed cost of living adjustments, compensation, and benefit improvements for the employees of the Secretariat. (January 2018 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 73)

Source: June 1932 Mtg., Bd. Dec. III-(r); July 1934 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 11; July 1967 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 16; July 1972 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 15; July 1977 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 12; July 1986 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 13; July 1987 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 8; July 1991 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 5; July 1992 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 7; Amended by August 1999 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45; August 1999 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 49; July 2000 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 3; July 2004 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 3; November 2004 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 58; June 2007 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 267; November 2007 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 46; November 2008 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 48; May 2011 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 198; October 2012 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 44; June 2013 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 193; June 2013 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 258; July 2013 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 14; October 2013 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 30; May 2014 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 113; October 2014 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 43; April 2016 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 157; September 2017 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 31

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#### **41.040. Rotaract**

*Rotaract is a program of Rotary International, adopted by the Board in 1968.*

##### Rotaract Statement of Policy

1. The Rotaract program was created by and is an activity of Rotary International, and the authority for the establishment and enforcement of constitutional provisions, organizational requirements and standards of procedure, and for the preservation of the Rotaract name and logo is retained by Rotary International.
2. A Rotaract club is a Rotary club-sponsored organization of young adults ages 18 to 30, whose purpose is to provide opportunity for them to enhance the knowledge and skills that will assist them in personal development, to address the physical and social needs of their communities, and to promote better relations between all people worldwide through a framework of friendship and service.
3. A Rotaract club is organized, sponsored, and counseled by Rotary club(s) and is established following the endorsement of the governor and upon certification and recognition by Rotary International; it can be created and sustained in no other way, and its existence depends upon

the active sponsorship of its sponsor Rotary club(s) and continued recognition by Rotary International.

- a) Rotaract clubs shall be sponsored only by Rotary clubs within the boundaries of the district in which they are located.
  - b) A Rotaract club may be organized and sponsored jointly by up to three Rotary clubs or Rotaract clubs may be sponsored jointly by more than three Rotary clubs with the governor's approval if, in the governor's considered judgment, the best interests of the district, the Rotary clubs, and the Rotaract club concerned would be effectively served. A joint Rotaract committee should be created with representation from each of the sponsor Rotary clubs.
4. Where the Rotaract club is university-based, control and counsel by the sponsor Rotary club(s) shall be exercised in full cooperation with the university authorities, with the understanding that such clubs are subject to the same regulations and policies established by the university authorities for all student organizations and extracurricular activities of the university (or other institution of higher education.)
  5. All Rotaract club activities, projects and programs shall be conducted in harmony with the policies of Rotary International.
  6. There shall be a "Standard Rotaract Club Constitution" prescribed by Rotary International and subject to amendment only by the Board of Directors of Rotary International. As a prerequisite of its organization and certification, each Rotaract club shall adopt the "Standard Rotaract Club Constitution" and shall automatically adopt all amendments thereto subsequently made.
  7. Each Rotaract club shall adopt bylaws not inconsistent with the "Standard Rotaract Club Constitution" and with policy established by Rotary International. Such bylaws shall be subject to the approval of the sponsor Rotary club(s).
  8. An individual's Rotaract membership will end upon reaching 31 years of age.
  9. The Rotaract name and logo are the property of Rotary International and shall be preserved for the exclusive use of those involved in the Rotaract program. When the logo is used to represent a club, the name of the club should appear with the logo, as shown in the "Visual Identity Guidelines: Young Leaders." Where a Rotary district exists, it may use the respective emblem but only in conjunction with reference to the district and its number, as shown in the "Visual Identity Guidelines: Young Leaders."
  10. Rotaract club members shall be entitled to use and display the Rotaract name and logo in an appropriate and dignified manner during their period of membership in a Rotaract club and shall relinquish such entitlement upon termination of membership in a Rotaract club or upon the termination of the Rotaract club.
  11. A Rotaract club may be terminated:

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- a) By Rotary International, with or without the consent, approval or concurrence of the sponsor Rotary club, for:
    - 1) failure to function in accordance with its constitution
    - 2) initiating, or maintaining, or retaining in its membership an individual who initiates or maintains litigation against a Rotary district, Rotary International, or The Rotary Foundation, including their directors, trustees, officers, and employees, or
    - 3) for other cause
  - b) By its sponsor Rotary club(s) or
  - c) By the Rotaract club itself upon its own determination.
12. All rights and privileges relating to the name and logo shall be relinquished by the club and by its members individually and collectively.
13. As a matter of policy, the Board does not recognize the right of any individual or organization except RI to circularize Rotaract clubs for any commercial purpose, except in the case of Rotaractors who are responsible for organizing Rotaract club, district and multidistrict meetings and only within the districts directly involved.
14. Governors should appoint one joint district Rotaract committee composed of equal numbers of Rotarians and Rotaractors. The district Rotaract committee chair (a Rotarian) and the district Rotaract representative (a Rotaractor) should serve as co-chairs of this committee. Where feasible and practicable in the appointment of district Rotaract committees, there should be provision for continuity of membership by appointing one or more members for a second term. The district Rotaract committee should assist the governor in publicizing the Rotaract program, promoting the organization of new Rotaract clubs, and administering the program of Rotaract within the district.
15. Rotaract organization beyond the club level:
- a) A district with two or more Rotaract clubs must elect a district Rotaract representative from among their membership. The method of election shall be determined by the Rotaract membership and approved by the district Rotaract committee and district governor in advance of elections. The district Rotaract representative must have served as a Rotaract club president or as a member of the district Rotaract committee for one full term before taking office.
  - b) In a district with one Rotaract club, the district Rotaract representative shall be the most recent, available past Rotaract club president.
  - c) The district Rotaract representative will be guided and counseled by the Rotary governor and should work with the district Rotaract committee and other appropriate Rotary district committees.

- d) The district Rotaract representative in conjunction with other district leaders, should:
  - 1) Develop and distribute a district Rotaract newsletter
  - 2) Support and implement leadership training
  - 3) Conduct Rotaract promotion and extension activities throughout the district
  - 4) Plan and implement service activities (if approved by three-fourths of the Rotaract clubs in the district)
  - 5) Provide advice and support to Rotaract clubs in implementing their projects
  - 6) Help coordinate joint Rotary-Rotaract activities in the district
  - 7) Coordinate public relations activities for Rotaract at the district level
  - 8) Plan and implement a training session for Rotaract club officers in the district
- e) All election disputes shall be resolved locally by the district governor based on district policy in consultation with the district Rotaract chair. RI will not intervene.

16. Rotaract meetings beyond the club level:

- a) No meeting of members of Rotaract clubs beyond the club level shall have any legislative authority nor shall be so organized as to give the appearance of having such authority. Nevertheless, such a meeting may include ideas which might be of value as advisory observations to those involved at the district or other levels of Rotaract administration.
- b) At a district Rotaract meeting, a three-fourths majority of the Rotaract clubs in a district may vote to undertake a district service project and to establish a district Rotaract service fund to raise funds for this project. Contributions to such a fund must be voluntary. Such a project and service fund must be approved by the governor, and specific plans and instructions for the administration of the district project and use of the fund must also have the approval of the governor and three-fourths of the Rotaract clubs in the district. The governor must appoint a district fund committee to be responsible for collecting and administering the district fund, such committee to be composed of at least one Rotaractor and one Rotarian from the district Rotaract committee. The district service fund must be kept in a bank account which clearly indicates that the fund is the property of the district Rotaract organization and not the personal property of any individual Rotaractor or Rotaract club.
- c) All district Rotaract activities shall be financed by the Rotaract clubs in the district. No expenses of district Rotaract club meetings shall be paid by Rotary International. The cost of such meetings shall be minimal and within the financial means of those participating.

17. Rotaract activities beyond the district level

- a) Rotaract Multidistrict Service Projects. Rotaract service projects involving clubs in two or more districts may be implemented provided that such projects

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- 1) are, in nature and scope, within the capability of the clubs and Rotaractors in the districts to undertake successfully without interfering with or detracting from the scope and effectiveness of club activities;
  - 2) shall not be undertaken initially unless each district Rotaract representative concerned has agreed to such a joint project and then, only after approval of two-thirds of the clubs in each district;
  - 3) shall be undertaken with the approval of the governors concerned;
  - 4) shall be under the direct supervision of the district Rotaract representatives concerned; the custody of all funds contributed or collected for such projects shall be the responsibility of the district representatives concerned, through a committee of Rotaractors from within the districts involved, who may be appointed to assist in administering any such project and related funds;
  - 5) shall involve the participation by Rotaract clubs and/or individual Rotaractors on a voluntary basis, clearly presented as such; the cost of participation by a club or individual Rotaractor, if any, should be kept to a minimum, and not be implicitly or directly made an obligation in the form of a per capita tax, or assessment or otherwise;
- b) Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organizations. Districts may develop a multidistrict organization for the purpose of disseminating information and facilitating communication between Rotaract clubs in the districts concerned, provided that
- 1) there is no objection by the governors of each of the districts concerned;
  - 2) authorization is secured from the general secretary, acting on behalf of the RI Board of Directors, to develop and maintain such an organization;
  - 3) the organization complies with RI policy or is subject to termination of its status by the general secretary on behalf of the RI Board of Directors;
  - 4) each member district is represented by its district Rotaract representative. Each district Rotaract representative may appoint a proxy, as needed, to carry out the activities of the multidistrict organization;
  - 5) funds needed to implement the organization's activities (i.e. production and distribution of regional club directories and newsletters, dissemination of Rotaract program information, general correspondence) cannot be made enforceable;
  - 6) the organization has no decision making or legislative powers, except for decisions concerning the activities of the organization
  - 7) the organization shall establish a voting mechanism to be reviewed by the district governors.
- c) Multidistrict Rotaract Meetings
- 1) Meetings of Rotaract club members from more than one district, particularly from districts in more than one country, are to be held under the guidance of the host governor and the district Rotaract committee, and in conjunction with the host district Rotaract representative. Such meetings are subject to the advance approval of the governors of the districts involved. Invitations to governors to hold multidistrict Rotaract meetings must be accompanied by:

- a) information including the date, location, purpose, facilities, program and participants of the proposed meeting;
  - b) a copy of the anticipated meeting budget with assurance that the sponsors are in a position to and will assume complete responsibility for contractual and financial obligations inherent in the meeting;
  - c) assurance that the planning and implementation of the proposed meeting will be carried out under the direct supervision of Rotaractors and Rotarians;
- 2) The host club or district must maintain liability insurance for multidistrict Rotaract meetings with coverage and limits appropriate for the geographic location. Evidence of such coverage must be provided to RI or the governor of any participating district upon request.
  - 3) The district Rotaract representative shall inform the RI director(s) for the zone(s).

#### 18. Leadership Training

- a) An effective Rotaract club depends on the guidance, support, and active participation of the sponsor Rotary club(s). Rotarians should be involved in the training of Rotaractors, Rotaract club officers, directors, and committee chairs. Sponsor Rotary clubs
  - ~~Should pay for and strongly encourage the attendance of club officers, directors, and committee chairs at all relevant and necessary district level training meetings~~
  - Should appoint Rotarian mentors to Rotaractors in their sponsored Rotaract clubs
  - Should promote multidistrict and international training opportunities for Rotaractors, including the Rotaract Preconvention Meeting
- b) An effective Rotaract club also depends on the support of the Rotary district. The district Rotaract representative, in conjunction with the district Rotaract committee chair, the district trainer, the district governor-elect, and the district governor, shall promote Rotaract training needs during planning for ~~district leadership seminars~~, Rotaract training seminars, and other district events. ~~The district should conduct training of Rotaract leadership in conjunction with presidents elect training seminars (PETS) and club officer training.~~ The district Rotaract representative should organize a Rotaract district conference to promote service, increase international understanding, enhance professional development, and build friendship and connection. Where possible, the Rotaract district conference should occur in conjunction with the Rotary district conference and include at least one joint session.

The chair of the district Rotaract committee and the district Rotaract representative shall facilitate a one to two-day leadership training seminar for all incoming Rotaract club officers, directors, and committee chairs.

- c) The Rotaract Preconvention Meeting brings Rotaractors together to inspire and inform them to develop strong clubs and districts, build international friendships, and enhance the connections between Rotaract and Rotary at an international level. Through a variety of sessions, the preconvention meeting:
- Provides training, encouragement, and motivation to Rotaract leaders to advance Rotaract in their districts and to strengthen their connection to Rotary
  - Facilitates sharing between Rotarians and Rotaractors, including past club presidents, district Rotaract representatives, and multidistrict leaders as well as those new to Rotaract

Rotary districts shall pay for the attendance of district Rotaract representatives at district, multidistrict, or international leadership training meetings. District governors are encouraged to defray all or part of the costs associated with the attendance of district Rotaract representatives-elect at the Rotaract Preconvention Meeting.

19. Financing the cost of the Rotaract program:

- a) All sponsor Rotary clubs must pay a certification fee of US\$50 for new Rotaract clubs.
- b) Individual Rotaractors shall pay annual membership fees to their Rotaract club to cover the cost of club administration.
- c) Any fees, dues or assessments on the membership of any Rotaract club shall be nominal and shall be only for the purpose of covering the cost of administering the club; funds for activities and projects undertaken by Rotaract clubs shall be raised by such clubs apart from such fees, dues or assessments and shall be placed into a separate account. A thorough audit by a qualified person shall be made once each year of all the club's financial transactions.
- d) It is the responsibility of the Rotaract club to raise the funds necessary to carry out the program of the club.
- e) Rotaract clubs should not make general solicitations for financial assistance from Rotary clubs or from other Rotaract clubs. Sponsor clubs may provide financial support when mutually agreed upon.
- f) Contributions to fund district Rotaract service projects must be voluntary and cannot be made enforceable upon the individual Rotaractor or Rotaract club.
- g) No part of the expenses of meetings of Rotaract clubs or groups of Rotaract clubs shall be paid by Rotary International, with the exception of the annual Rotaract Preconvention Meeting.



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- h) Rotary clubs and Rotary district conferences inviting members or Rotaract clubs to participate in the programs of such clubs and conferences should subscribe to sufficient trip, accident and liability insurance to protect the Rotary club or district conference against any possible legal or moral obligation and liability.
  - i) The district should make provisions to fund the administrative activities of the district Rotaract committee.
  - j) Rotaract clubs should establish financial guidelines to ensure that all funds are managed in a responsible and transparent manner, including all monies collected to support service projects, consistent with laws and banking regulations in the country, including plans for disbursement of funds should the Rotaract club disband or be terminated.
20. Rotaract clubs are not authorized to assume membership in or merge with other organizations regardless of the purpose of such organizations.
21. Rotaract club presidents shall update club and membership information to RI each year no later than 30 June through the website. Rotaract clubs that do not submit updated club and membership information to RI in a two-year period will be terminated. (January 2018 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 103)

Source: January 1968 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 150; *Amended by* January 1969 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 155; January 1971 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 106; January 1971 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 164; January 1973 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 172; January 1973 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 176; January 1976 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 171; January 1976 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 174; February 1981 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 304; February 1981 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 307; May 1988 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 387; May 1988 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 388; May 1988 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 392; May 1988 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 393; May 1988 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 402; June 1990 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 295; May 1991 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 375; March 1992 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 229; March 1992 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 236; October 1998 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 92; August 2000 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 72; February 2004 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 182; June 2004 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 236; November 2006 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 74; November 2007 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 65; June 2009 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 217; June 2010 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 214; January 2011 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 132; September 2011 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 91; January 2012 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 187; October 2012 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 92; October 2013 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 63; January 2015 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 136; May 2015 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 166; January 2016 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 119; January 2017 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 87; September 2017 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 51; January 2018 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 103

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**42.010. Global Networking Groups Committee**

The RI president shall appoint a seven-member Global Networking Groups Committee to oversee the operations of all Global Networking Groups. The members of the committee shall serve staggered three-year terms, with the exception of the director and trustee, subject to reappointment, but not permitted to serve more than five years. The Committee shall consist of a chairperson, A past director shall serve as chair, and other members shall include one RI director, one TRF trustee, one Rotarian Action Groups representative, one Rotary Fellowships representative, one vocational service representative, and one member at large. (January 2018 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 102)

Source: January 2011 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 137; *Amended by* October 2015 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 58; January 2017 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 113; January 2018 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 102

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42.020.2. Organization and Membership

A fellowship shall have a governing document (charter, constitution, bylaws or similar document) which must be consistent with RI policy. All governing documents, and amendments thereto, must be reviewed and approved by the general secretary in consultation with the Global Networking Groups Committee. A fellowship shall be organized with at least three officers, one of whom shall be the chair. The chair must be an active Rotarian. A fellowship's membership ~~shall~~ may be open to all Rotarians, family members of Rotarians, program participants and alumni. (January 2018 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 102)

Source: March 1994 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 169; May 2003 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 381; Amended by October 2003 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 85; March 2005 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 205; June 2005 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 302; May 2015 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 184; October 2015 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 58; January 2017 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 113; January 2018 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 102

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**43.040. Service Above Self Award**

The purpose of this award is to honor up to 150 outstanding Rotary club members per year whose service activities deliver an impact to humanity. No more than one recipient will be selected from a given district each year and an individual may only receive the award once.

Eligible nominators

Only current district governors and RI directors may submit one candidate from their districts. RI's current special representatives to non-districted Rotary clubs may also nominate one Rotarian per year from the group of non-districted clubs they serve.

Eligible nominees

Any active Rotarian in good standing may be nominated except ~~present~~ current, incoming or immediate past governors, ~~present, incoming or Past~~ RI Directors, RI Presidents, and Foundation Trustees.

It is not possible to nominate one's self for the award. In addition, nominees must not be the spouse, lineal descendant (child or grandchild), a spouse of a lineal descendant, or an ancestor (parent or grandparent) of the nominator.

Nomination Criteria

Nominees must be Rotarians in good standing. They must have demonstrated exemplary continuing humanitarian service, in any form and at any level. There should be an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary. The award will not be given solely in recognition of one's performance in an elected or appointed Rotary assignment. Personal financial contributions to Rotary, its Foundation, or any individual project are not relevant considerations for this award.

Selection of recipients

The president shall select up to five current Board members to review the nominations. Upon selection, RI shall return to the nominator or nominator's designee the Service Above Self pin and plaque for presentation to the Rotarian. (*January 2018 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 109*)

Source: March 1992 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 184; *Amended by* February 1995 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 171; February 1996 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 217; June 1998 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 347; October 1998 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 68; November 1999 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 131; June 2001 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 389; November 2001 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 72; February 2002 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 176; February 2003 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 228; November 2006 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 77; February 2007 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 204; November 2008 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 66; November 2009 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 58; October 2015 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 61; January 2017 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 115; January 2018 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 109

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58.040.10. Children at Assembly

~~The attendance of children at the International Assembly is strongly discouraged. Under special circumstances, when the presence of children could be justified, a request for permission may be made in writing, well in advance of the International Assembly, to the president-elect. Such permission may be granted at the sole discretion of the president-elect. The purpose of the Assembly is to provide Rotary education, instruction in administrative duties, motivation, and inspiration to governors-elect. Minor children (under the age of 18) of governors-elect are permitted to attend the International Assembly at no cost to Rotary, and must be under the care and supervision of their parents or legal guardians, or supervision provided by another adult at the direction of their parents or legal guardians. Caregivers designated by the parent or legal guardian cannot be official participants of the International Assembly.~~

Children and their caregivers may attend meal events (group meals and ticketed events) if the governor-elect registers them for the meal plan and/or purchases tickets for ticketed events which will be sold on a space-available basis. Children may attend the general sessions, but are not permitted to attend the breakout sessions. (*January 2018 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 105*)

Source: November 1990 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 105; *Amended by* May 2000 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 412; February 2004 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 189; January 2018 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 105

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58.070.1. International Assembly Attendance Expenses Paid by RI and TRF

RI or The Rotary Foundation shall pay the expenses of the official participants to the International Assembly defined below in accordance with the RI Travel and Expense Policy.

1. Official participants for the International Assembly whose expenses are paid by RI include:
  - a) President and spouse
  - b) Aide to the president and spouse
  - c) President-elect and spouse

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- d) Aide to the president-elect and spouse
- e) President-nominee and spouse
- f) Aide to the president-nominee and spouse
- g) Directors and spouses
- h) Directors-elect and spouses
- i) General Secretary and spouse
- j) Past presidents of RI and spouses
- k) Governors-elect and spouses
- l) Moderator and spouse
- m) Assistant moderator and spouse
- n) Trainers
- o) Training leaders and spouses
- p) RI Districting Committee
- q) Song leader and spouse\*
- r) First Aid Officer
- s) Accompanist and spouse\*
- t) Sergeants-at-arms and spouses (including Chief Sergeant-at-arms)
- u) Convention chairs and spouses (for following two conventions)
- v) Secretariat staff as the general secretary in consultation with the president and president-elect deem necessary
- w) Any person assigned by the president-elect to a place on the program of the Assembly, but who is not included in the above list
- x) Any person approved by the president-elect to attend the assembly in a supporting role as an official participant, in lieu of a spouse.

\*provided the spouse has an identified role at the International Assembly that serves a bona fide business purpose for Rotary International.

2. Official participants for the International Assembly whose expenses are paid by The Rotary Foundation include:

- a) Trustees and incoming trustees and spouses
- b) Aides to the trustee chairman and trustee chairman-elect and spouses
- c) Past Trustee chair who has not served as an RI president and spouse
- d) International PolioPlus Committee Chair
- e) Secretariat staff as the general secretary in consultation with the president and president-elect deems necessary

3. Those participants officially authorized to attend the International Assembly as an official participant at no cost to Rotary International or its Foundation include:

- a) Directors-nominee and spouses
- b) Officers and officers-nominee of the General Council of RIBI and spouses
- c) Chairs of committees of Rotary International and its Foundation and spouses
- d) Past general secretaries and spouses

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- e) International Convention Host Organization chair and select Host Organization members (Current fiscal year and following fiscal year)
- f) Regional magazine editors
- g) Past general officers of RI as observers
- h) Current and past officers of RI as observers
- i) Any exhibit personnel for exhibits as approved by the president-elect for a space the Assembly venue
- j) Any person assigned by the president-elect to a place on the program of the Assembly, but who is not included in the above list (*January 2018 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 71*)

Source: May-June Mtg. 1947, Bd. Dec. 285; *Amended by* May 2000 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 412; June 2007 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 290; November 2008 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 29; June 2009 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 254; January 2011 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 137; January 2011 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 147; May 2014 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 113; September 2016 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 26; January 2018 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 71

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