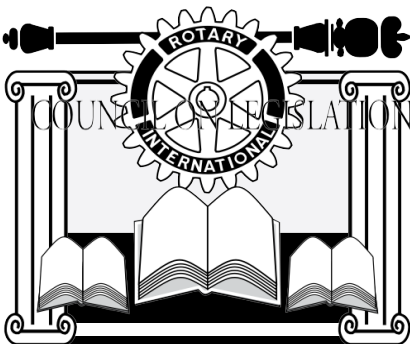


# REPORT OF ACTION

OF THE  
2013 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION  
OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL®



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Dear Rotarians:

The Council on Legislation of Rotary International met 21-26 April 2013 in Chicago, Illinois, USA. In accordance with section 8.140.2. of the bylaws of RI, I am issuing this report on the actions taken by the Council, including the text of the 59 pieces of adopted legislation.

The Council considered 173 pieces of proposed legislation. These included 142 enactments (proposals to amend the constitutional documents of RI) and 31 resolutions (proposals which do not seek to amend the constitutional documents of RI). Of these, the Council adopted 53 enactments and 6 resolutions. The Council referred 8 pieces to the RI Board for further study. The Council rejected 81 proposals, and 52 proposals were withdrawn or considered withdrawn. Of the 59 adopted proposals, the Council adopted 44 exactly as they were proposed, while 15 were adopted with amendments. Those adopted with amendments are noted in the report by an asterisk (\*) after the number of the proposal. You will note that, where necessitated by amendments, the titles of the proposals have been changed to accurately reflect the final intent of the legislation.

The legislation contained in this report is presented in the format used by the Council. It illustrates changes to the current constitutional documents of RI by underlining new text and lining through deleted text.

As you study these items of legislation, please bear in mind that each piece of legislation must stand alone as it was adopted. Each adopted enactment was drafted to achieve its individual purpose by amending the constitutional documents as they currently exist. Where two or more pieces seek to change the same section of a document, all overlapping and correlative changes will be made in the production of the 2013 *Manual of Procedure*.

At the end of this report is an "Opposition to Legislation Report Form." In accordance with section 8.140.3. of the RI Bylaws, any club may use this form to record its opposition to any adopted enactment or resolution. Completed forms **must** reach RI Headquarters in Evanston by 23 August 2013. If, by that time, the required number of votes in opposition have been filed regarding any item of legislation adopted by the Council, that item will be considered suspended. A ballot will then be prepared and distributed to each club within one month of the suspension. The ballot will submit the question of whether the action of the Council should be sustained in regard to the suspended item of legislation. The ballot will be conducted according to the provisions of sections 8.140.5., 8.140.6. and 8.140.7. of the RI Bylaws. Based on the results of the ballot, the suspended item will either be nullified or reinstated.

Please note that a club should complete and return the form at the end of this report only if it wishes to oppose some action by the Council. If a club does not wish to oppose an action of the 2013 Council on Legislation, no action is required.

*John Hewko*

John Hewko  
General Secretary

## ADOPTED ENACTMENT 13-02

To provide that the club secretary shall be a member of the board

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 249 MOP)

### Article 10 Directors and Officers

**Section 4 — Officers.** The club officers shall be a president, the immediate past president, a president-elect, ~~and one or more vice-presidents, and a secretary,~~ all of whom shall be members of the board, and ~~a secretary, a treasurer, and a sergeant-at-arms,~~ who may or may not be members of the board as the bylaws shall provide.

(End of Text)

## ADOPTED ENACTMENT 13-12\*

To amend the attendance provisions to include service requirements

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows

in article 9 (page 247 MOP)

### Article 9 Attendance

#### (Select one introductory paragraph to Section 1)

- **Section 1 — General Provisions.** Each member should attend this club's regular meetings and engage in this club's service projects, other events and activities. A member shall be counted as attending a regular meeting if the member is present for at least 60 percent of the meeting, or is present and is called away unexpectedly and subsequently produces evidence to the satisfaction of the board that such action was reasonable, or makes up for an absence in any of the following ways:

and in article 12 (page 251 MOP)

### Article 12 Duration of Membership

#### Section 4 — Termination – Non-attendance.

- (a) *Attendance Percentages.* A member must
  - (1) attend or make up at least 50 percent of club regular meetings or engage in club projects, other events and activities for at least 12hours in each half of the year, or a proportion at e combination of both;
  - (2) attend at least 30 percent of this club's regular meetings or engage in club projects, other events and activities in each half of the year (assistant

governors, as defined by the board of directors of RI, shall be excused from this requirement).

If a member fails to attend as required, the member's membership shall be subject to termination unless the board consents to such non-attendance for good cause.

(End of Text)

## **ADOPTED ENACTMENT 13-14**

To amend the provisions for non-attendance

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 251 MOP)

### **Article 12 Duration of Membership**

#### **Section 4 — Termination – Non-attendance.**

- (a) *Attendance Percentages.* A member must
- (1) attend or make up at least 50 percent of club regular meetings in each half of the year;
  - (2) attend at least 30 percent of this club's regular meetings in each half of the year (assistant governors, as defined by the board of directors of RI, shall be excused from this requirement).

If a member fails to attend as required, the member's membership ~~shall~~may be subject to termination unless the board consents to such non-attendance for good cause.

(End of Text)

## **ADOPTED ENACTMENT 13-23**

To amend the provisions for excused absences

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 249 MOP)

### **Article 9 Attendance**

#### **Section 3 — Excused Absences.** A member's absence shall be excused if

- (a) ~~the age of the member is 65 and above and~~ the aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more and the member has notified the club secretary in writing of the member's desire to be excused from attendance and the board has approved.

(End of Text)

## ADOPTED ENACTMENT 13-43\*

To allow people who have not worked or interrupted their work to be active members

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the CONSTITUTION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby is amended as follows (page 168 MOP)

### Article 5 Membership

#### Section 2 — *Composition of Clubs.*

- (a) A club shall be composed of active members each of whom shall be an adult person of good character and good business, professional and/or community reputation,
- (1) engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession; or
  - (2) holding any important position in any worthy and recognized business or profession or any branch or agency thereof and have executive capacity with discretionary authority; or
  - (3) having retired from any position listed in sub-subsection (1) or (2) of this subsection; or
  - (4) being a community leader who has demonstrated through personal involvement in community affairs a commitment to service and the Object of Rotary; or
  - (5) having the status of Rotary Foundation alumnus as defined by the board; or
  - (6) having interrupted employment or having never worked in order to care for children or to assist the spouse in their work

(End of Text)

## ADOPTED ENACTMENT 13-58\*

To change the term “district assembly” to “district training assembly”

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (pages 223-228 MOP)

### Article 15 Districts

#### 15.020. *District Training Assembly.*

A district training assembly, which may be a multidistrict training assembly, shall be held annually, preferably in March, April or May, to develop Rotary club leaders who have the necessary skills, knowledge, and motivation to: sustain and/or grow their membership base; implement successful projects that address the needs of their communities and communities in other countries; and support The Rotary Foundation through both program participation and financial contributions. The governor-elect shall be responsible for the district training assembly. The district training assembly shall be planned and conducted under the direction and supervision of the governors-elect. In

special circumstances, the board may authorize the holding of a district training assembly at a date other than provided herein. Those specifically invited shall include the incoming presidents and the members of clubs assigned by the incoming president to serve in key leadership roles in the upcoming year.

**15.40. District Conference.**

**15.40.1. Time and Place.**

A conference of Rotarians of each district shall be held annually at such time and place as agreed upon by the governor and the presidents of a majority of the clubs of the district. The conference dates shall not conflict with the district training assembly, the international assembly, or the international convention. The board may authorize two or more districts to hold their conferences together.

**15.60. District Finances.**

**15.60.2. Approval of Levy.**

The District Fund shall be financed by all clubs in the district by way of a per capita levy on the members of those clubs. The amount of the levy shall be decided by

- (a) the district training assembly after the approval of three-fourths of incoming club presidents present, provided that where a president-elect is excused from attending the district training assembly by the governor-elect in accordance with article 10, section 5(c) of the standard club constitution, the designated representative of the president-elect shall be entitled to vote in the president-elect's place, or, at the option of the district,

**15.090. Duties of a Governor.**

The governor is the officer of RI in the district, functioning under the general control and supervision of the board. The governor is charged with the duty of furthering the Object of Rotary by providing leadership and supervision of the clubs in the district. The governor should work with district and club leaders to encourage participation in a district leadership plan as may be developed by the board. The governor shall provide inspiration and motivation to the clubs in the district. The governor shall also ensure continuity within the district by working with past, current, and incoming district leaders in fostering effective clubs. The governor shall be responsible for the following activities in the district:

- (f) planning for and presiding at the district conference and assisting the governor-elect in the planning and preparation for the presidents-elect training seminar and the district training assembly;

**15.120. District Ballot-by-Mail.**

All decisions and elections that the bylaws specify occur at a district conference or District training assembly may be made by the clubs of a district by a ballot-by-mail. Such ballot-by-mail shall follow as near as possible the procedures in section 13.040.

IT IS FURTHER ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows

in article 9 (pages 247-248 MOP)

### **Article 9 Attendance**

#### **(Select one introductory paragraph to Section 1)**

□ **Section 1 — *General Provisions.*** Each member should attend this club's regular meetings. A member shall be counted as attending a regular meeting if the member is present for at least 60 percent of the meeting, or is present and is called away unexpectedly and subsequently produces evidence to the satisfaction of the board that such action was reasonable, or makes up for an absence in any of the following ways:

or

- **Section 1 (for e-Clubs) — *General Provisions.*** Each member should attend this club's regular meetings. A member shall be counted as attending a regular meeting if the member participates in the regular meeting posted on the club's Web site within one week following its posting, or makes up a missed meeting in any of the following ways:
- (a) *14 Days Before or After the Meeting.* If, within fourteen (14) days before or after the regular time for that meeting, the member
    - (1) attends at least 60 percent of the regular meeting of another club or of a provisional club; or
    - (2) attends a regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact club, Rotary Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship or of a provisional Rotaract or Interact club, Rotary Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship; or
    - (3) attends a convention of RI, a council on legislation, an international assembly, a Rotary institute for past and present officers of RI, a Rotary institute for past, present, and incoming officers of RI, or any other meeting convened with the approval of the board of directors of RI or the president of RI acting on behalf of the board of directors of RI, a Rotary multizone conference, a meeting of a committee of RI, a Rotary district conference, a Rotary district training assembly, any district meeting held by direction of the board of directors of RI, any district committee meeting held by direction of the district governor, or a regularly announced intercity meeting of Rotary clubs; or

and in article 10 (pages 249-250 MOP)

### **Article 10 Directors and Officers**

#### **Section 5 — *Election of Officers.***

- (c) *Qualifications.* Each officer and director shall be a member in good standing of this club. The president-elect shall attend the district presidents-elect training seminar and the district training assembly unless excused by the governor-elect. If so excused, the president-elect shall send a designated club representative who shall report back to the president-elect. If the president-elect does not attend the presidents-elect training seminar and the district training assembly and has not been excused by the governor-elect or, if so excused, does not send a designated club representative to such meetings, the president-elect shall not be able to serve

as club president. In such event, the current president shall continue to serve until a successor who has attended a presidents-elect training seminar and district training assembly or training deemed sufficient by the governor-elect has been duly elected.

(End of Text)

## **ADOPTED ENACTMENT 13-69**

To amend the fifth Avenue of Service

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 244 MOP)

### **Article 5 Five Avenues of Service**

Rotary's Five Avenues of Service are the philosophical and practical framework for the work of this Rotary club.

1. Club Service, the first Avenue of Service, involves action a member should take within this club to help it function successfully.
2. Vocational Service, the second Avenue of Service, has the purpose of promoting high ethical standards in businesses and professions, recognizing the worthiness of all dignified occupations, and fostering the ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations.

The role of members includes conducting themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary's principles.

3. Community Service, the third Avenue of Service, comprises varied efforts that members make, sometimes in conjunction with others, to improve the quality of life of those who live within this club's locality or municipality.
4. International Service, the fourth Avenue of Service, comprises those activities that members do to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace by fostering acquaintance with people of other countries, their cultures, customs, accomplishments, aspirations, and problems, through reading and correspondence and through cooperation in all club activities and projects designed to help people in other lands.
5. ~~New Generations~~-Youth Service, the fifth Avenue of Service, recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

(End of Text)



## ADOPTED ENACTMENT 13-100\*

To amend the provisions for vacancy in the office of governor

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 185 MOP)

### Article 6 Officers

#### 6.120. *Vacancy in the Office of Governor.*

##### 6.120.3. District Authority.

The nominating committee for governor will select one available past governor to be named vice-governor. The role of the vice-governor will be to replace the governor in case of temporary or permanent inability to continue in the performance of the governor's duties.

(End of Text)

## ADOPTED ENACTMENT 13-119

To allow clubs not in the United States or Canada to decide if the Rotary magazine will be distributed as a print copy or through the Internet

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 239 MOP)

### Article 20 Official Magazine

#### 20.30. *Subscription to Magazines.*

##### 20.30.1. *Required Subscription.*

Each member of a club not located in the United States or Canada and each member of an e-club shall become a paid subscriber to the official magazine of RI or to a Rotary magazine approved and prescribed for that club by the board. Two Rotarians residing at the same address have the option to subscribe jointly to the official magazine. The members shall maintain such subscriptions for the duration of their membership. Each member shall have the option to choose to receive either a printed copy by mail or an electronic copy via the internet where available.

(End of Text)

## ADOPTED ENACTMENT 13-126

To increase per capita dues

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 232 MOP)

## Article 17 Fiscal Matters

### 17.30. Dues.

#### 17.30.1. *Per Capita Dues.*

Each club shall pay to RI per capita dues for each of its members as follows: ~~US\$ 25.00 per half year in 2010-2011, US \$25.50 per half year in 2011-2012, US\$ 26.00 per half year in 2012-2013, and US\$ 26.50 per half year in 2013-2014, US\$ 27.00 per half year in 2014- 2015, US\$ 27.50 per half year in 2015-2016, and US\$ 28.00 per half year in 2016-2017~~ and thereafter; provided that each club shall pay semiannually to RI a minimum of ~~US\$ 250.00 in 2010-2011, US\$ 255.00 in 2011-2012, US\$ 260.00 in 2012-2013, and US\$ 265.00 in 2013-2014, US\$ 270.00 in 2014-2015, US\$ 275.00 in 2015-2016, and US\$ 280.00 in 2016-2017~~ and thereafter. Such dues shall remain constant until changed by the council on legislation.

(End of Text)

### **ADOPTED RESOLUTION 13-153**

To request the RI Board to consider proposing legislation to the next Council on Legislation to introduce a new category of membership: associate membership

WHEREAS, Rotary International is conducting a pilot program to introduce the new membership category of “Associate Member,” and

WHEREAS, it is noted that membership of Rotary clubs worldwide is falling. A new category of membership would assist the attraction and introduction of potential new members to ensure the continued growth of Rotary clubs, and the RI Board has approved a pilot program for 2011-2014 for associate members to be trialed

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider concluding the pilot program on 30 June 2014 and proposing legislation to the next Council on Legislation to introduce the category of “Associate Member” to allow Rotary International another avenue for membership growth.

1. The category of Associate Member would pay a reduced fee, set at 50% of normal club fees; Associate Members would have no club voting rights and would not be able to hold any position on the club board.
2. An individual would only be an Associate Member for a total of two years.
3. The club is to decide the number of club activities in which an Associate Member should be involved.
4. The number of Associate Members in any club cannot exceed 25% of the total membership of Rotarians in a club.
5. Current and former Rotarians cannot become an Associate Member of a Rotary club.

(End of Text)