

REPORT OF ACTION OF THE 2004 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

To all Rotary clubs:

The Council on Legislation of Rotary International met 13-18 June 2004 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 100 pieces of adopted legislation.

The Council considered 476 pieces of proposed legislation. These included 250 enactments (proposals to amend the constitutional documents of RI) and 226 resolutions (proposals which do not seek to amend the constitutional documents of RI). Of these, the Council adopted 50 enactments and 50 resolutions. The Council referred 7 pieces to the RI Board for further study. The Council rejected 160 proposals, and 162 proposals were withdrawn or considered withdrawn. 47 proposals were tabled. Of the 100 adopted proposals, the Council adopted 89 exactly as they were proposed, while 11 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 2004 *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 the World Headquarters of RI in Evanston by **18 October 2004**. If by that time clubs representing ten or more percent of the total number of votes entitled to be cast by all clubs have filed forms regarding their opposition to 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 2004 Council on Legislation, no action is required.

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General Secretary

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-18

To allow attendance credit for a 30-minute interactive club website activity

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 252 MOP)

Article VIII Attendance

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:

- (a) *14 Days Before or After the Meeting.* If, within fourteen (14) days before or after the regular time for that meeting, the member
 - (6) attends a board meeting or, if authorized by the board, a meeting of a service committee to which the member is assigned; or
 - (7) participates through a club website in an interactive activity requiring an average of 30 minutes of participation.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-19

To allow attendance credit for a meeting of a Rotary fellowship

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 252 MOP)

Article VIII Attendance

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:

- (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 or Rotary Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship, or of a provisional Rotaract or Interact club or Rotary Community Corps or Rotary Fellowship; or

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-25

To amend the attendance rule concerning outposted assignments

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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:

~~(c) *Extended Absence on Outposted Assignment.* If the member, while working within the member's own country of residence for an extended period on an outposted assignment and with the mutual agreement of the member's club and a designated club, attends meetings of the designated club.~~

Section 2 – Extended Absence on Outposted Assignment. If a member will be working on an outposted assignment for an extended period of time, attendance at the meetings of a designated club at the site of the assignment will replace attendance at the meetings of the member's club, provided there is a mutual agreement between the two clubs.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-27

To exclude from attendance records any member whose absence is excused

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 253 MOP)

Article VIII Attendance

Section 2 – Excused Absences. A member's absence shall be excused if

(a) the absence complies with the conditions and under circumstances approved by the board. The board may excuse a member's absence for reasons which it considers to be good and sufficient.

(b) 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.

Section 3 – RI Officers' Absences. A member's absence shall be excused if the member is a current officer of RI.

Section 4 – Attendance Records. Any member whose absences are excused under the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) of section 2 of this article shall not be included in

the membership figure used to compute this club's attendance nor shall such absences or attendances be used for that purpose.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-29

To exclude from attendance records any member whose absence is excused

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 253 MOP)

Article VIII Attendance

Section 2 – Excused Absences. A member's absence shall be excused if

- (a) the absence complies with the conditions and under circumstances approved by the board. The board may excuse a member's absence for reasons which it considers to be good and sufficient.
- (b) 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.

Section 3 – RI Officers' Absences. A member's absence shall be excused if the member is a current officer of RI.

Section 4 – Attendance Records. Any member whose absences are excused under the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of section 2 of this article and section 3 of the same article shall not be included in the membership figure used to compute this club's attendance nor shall such absences or attendances be used for that purpose.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-35

To amend the provisions for a change of club name or the locality of the club to require a two-thirds majority of those members present and voting at a regular meeting of the club

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 258 MOP)

Article XVIII Amendments

Section 2 – Amending Article II and Article III. Article II (Name) and Article III (Locality of the Club) of the constitution shall be amended at any regular meeting of this club, a quorum being present by the affirmative vote of ~~a majority~~ not less than two-thirds of all voting members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been mailed to each member at least ten (10) days

before such meeting, and provided further, that such amendment shall be submitted to the board of directors of RI for its approval and shall become effective only when so approved.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-39

To extend the time limit for pilot projects to six years

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the CONSTITUTION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby is amended as follows (page 182 MOP)

Article V Membership

Section 4 – Exceptions. Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution or of the bylaws of RI or the standard club constitution, the board, as a pilot project, may admit into membership or permit the reorganization of up to 200 clubs with provisions in their constitutions not in accordance with this constitution and bylaws of RI. Such pilot project may extend for a period not exceeding ~~five~~six years. Upon the conclusion of any such pilot project, the constitutions of all clubs admitted into membership or permitted to reorganize shall be the standard club constitution as in effect at that time.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-45

To request the RI Board to consider changing the minimum number of members for a sponsor club to 20

WHEREAS, currently the requirement of having 25 members to be a sponsor club only causes an obstacle to growth, preventing qualified clubs from assuming said commitment for desired growth

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider the possibility of modifying the number of members required for a club to assume the commitment of sponsoring another club, reducing the number of members for a sponsor club to twenty.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-46*

To provide for the merging of clubs

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 188 MOP)

Article II Membership in Rotary International

2.050. Merger of Clubs.

Two or more clubs within the same district seeking to merge shall apply to the board provided that each of the clubs has fulfilled its financial and other obligations to RI. A merged club may be organized in the same locality as one or more existing clubs. The application shall be accompanied by a certificate indicating that each club has agreed to the merger. The board may allow the merged clubs to retain the name, charter date, emblem and other insignia of RI of one or all of the former clubs as part of the historical records and for historical purposes.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-49

To prohibit presidents-elect from beginning their terms of office if they have not attended the PETS and district assembly

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 254 MOP)

Article IX 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 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 assembly, has not been excused by the governor-elect and, so excused, does not send a designated club representative in his place, he shall not be able to serve as club president.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-50*

To create the title of president-nominee of a club

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (pages 253-254 MOP)

Article IX Directors and Officers

Section 5 – Election of Officers.

(b) *Term of President.* The president shall be elected as provided in the bylaws, not more than two (2) years but not less than eighteen (18) months prior to the day of taking office and shall serve as president-nominee upon election. ~~The president nominee shall serve as president-elect for the year immediately preceding the year as president take the title of president-elect upon the election of a successor.~~ The president shall take office on 1 July and shall serve for a period of one (1) year or until a successor has been duly elected and qualified.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-60

To request the RI Board to consider adding a History/Archives Committee in the Club Service Avenue

WHEREAS, the Rotary Centennial is an ideal opportunity for each Rotary club to share its history of service with local news media and prospective club members, and

WHEREAS, telling the story of a club’s accomplishments helps create a positive image of Rotary in the community

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider encouraging each club to establish a “History/Archives” committee in the Club Service Avenue. The “History/Archives” committee shall collect and maintain facts and photos documenting services rendered to the local and international communities. The committee may appoint both a Club Historian and a Club Archivist. The Club Archivist will oversee collection and storage of historical material. The Club Historian will annually update the club’s story of community, vocational, and international service projects undertaken. Copies of the club history will interest both prospective members and guest speakers, and are useful to the Public Relations Committee when anniversaries provide opportunities to publicize the club’s contributions to its community from charter date to present.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-61

To request the RI Board to consider creating a permanent Rotary Foundation Support Committee at the club level

WHEREAS, part of the definition of an effective club is that it supports The Rotary Foundation, and

WHEREAS, The Rotary Foundation needs the permanent support of clubs to increase fundraising to promote its objective and to finance its programs throughout the world

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider amending the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws to include a permanent Rotary Foundation Support Committee at the club level that would have the following characteristics:

This committee will organize and institute plans that will instruct and help members of a given club support The Rotary Foundation, encouraging voluntary donations and participation in Foundation programs. The chair of this committee will be responsible for club activities related to the Foundation and will supervise and coordinate the work of any committees that may be established or created in order to handle any aspects related to those committees, such as:

- 1) Contribution Promotion Committee
This committee will seek to encourage voluntary contributions to The Rotary Foundation.
- 2) Program Participation Committee
This committee will encourage and coordinate club participation in The Rotary Foundation Programs, assuring the continuity and proper application of funds earmarked for these activities.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-64

To request the RI Board to consider having clubs work to enhance the professional character of Rotary

WHEREAS, Rotary International was originally founded with a professional character

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider having clubs work to fulfill the expectations of their active

members and adapt to the requirements of today's professional world by increasing vocational service activities such as conferences, professional meetings, discussion groups, testimonials, sharing of experiences, etc.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-77

To amend the provisions for continuation/termination of membership of an active member on moving from the locality of the club

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the CONSTITUTION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby is amended as follows (page 182 MOP)

Article V Membership

Section 2 – Composition of Clubs.

- (a) A club shall be composed of active members who are adult persons of good character and good business and professional reputation,
- (i) engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession; or
 - (ii) hold an important position in any worthy and recognized business or profession or any branch or agency thereof and have executive capacity with discretionary authority; or
 - (iii) having retired from any position listed in sub-subsection (i) or (ii) of this subsection

and

having their places of business or residence located in the locality of the club or the surrounding area. An active member moving from the locality of the club or the surrounding area may retain membership in the club where the member's board grants such permission and said active member continues to ~~stay active in the same classification~~ meet all conditions of club membership. ~~If a member retires, or a member with three or more years of service changes residence or place of business so that the member no longer meets the foregoing locality requirements, the club may continue the member's membership without change of classification.~~

IT IS FURTHER ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 254 MOP)

Article XI Duration of Membership

Section 2 – Automatic Termination.

- (a) *Membership Qualifications.* Membership shall automatically terminate when a member no longer meets the membership qualifications, except that
- (1) the board may grant a member moving from the locality of this club or the surrounding area a special leave of absence not to exceed one (1) year to enable

the member to visit and become known to a Rotary club in the new community if the member ~~is still active in the same classification and~~ continues to meet all ~~other~~ conditions of club membership;

- (2) the board may allow a member moving from the locality of this club or the surrounding area to retain membership if the member ~~remains active in the same classification and~~ continues to meet all ~~other~~ conditions of club membership; ~~and~~
- (3) ~~a member whose classification is lost without default of the member may retain such classification and be granted a special leave of absence not to exceed one (1) year to enable the member to obtain new employment in the current or a new classification. Such member must continue to meet all other conditions of club membership. Termination of membership would take effect only at the end of the period of leave granted to the member.~~

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-80

To request the RI Board to consider proposing legislation to the next Council on
Legislation to amend the provisions for termination of membership

WHEREAS, the bylaws mention the possibility of arbitration in cases where a Rotarian's membership has been terminated, but at the same time any description of the procedure of arbitration or of the terms of reference of arbitrators is absent, and

WHEREAS, the arbitrators must organize and review all procedures, but can only do so after having clarified all aspects of the case, having already asked themselves whether it suffices to apply a procedural and marginal judicial review such as is not uncommon in The Netherlands, and

WHEREAS, in order to completely review and reconsider the case, the arbitrators should have reasonably extensive authority to hear parties and witnesses (including non-Rotarian ones), which again presupposes extensive procedural rules, which are presently lacking in the bylaws, and

WHEREAS, in view of the lack of clarity regarding the purport of the arbitration and the terms of reference of arbitrators, the question arises whether the constitution and bylaws committee should again consider the matter and come up with improved proposals to decide on the matter of termination more extensively in the bylaws, e.g. by including new statutory provisions by defining new rules of arbitration, and

WHEREAS, the law usually stipulates that the general meeting of members is the supreme body of an association, all forms of authority within an association belong to the general meeting of members, and the articles of association may delegate part of its authority to the board, and

WHEREAS, the membership of Rotary is of a special nature: one does not apply for membership, but one is invited to it after the necessary preparation within the club by the classification committee and the membership committee, meaning that in fact all members are given the opportunity to voice their objection, if any, and

WHEREAS, Rotary is not just an association that provides for its members certain activities, it is above all characteristic of Rotary that it wishes to establish a mutual fellowship among its members, in which case it does not seem natural that the termination of a membership is given into the hands of the board but instead should be decided by all the members, taken in joint consultation, and

WHEREAS, the fact that under the current bylaws the possibility of arbitration has been created is a matter of logic, for, after all, we are dealing with a difference of opinion between the board and the member concerned and if the latter has no confidence in his fellow men, the member can submit the dispute to outsiders

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International to request the Board of Directors of Rotary International to consider proposing legislation to the next Council on Legislation to change the bylaws in such a way that termination of membership shall be done by general meeting (naturally with the common provisos such as that the matter must have been put on the agenda and must have been sent beforehand to the members), implementing the cancellation regarding arbitration.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-81

To amend the provisions for rejoining a Rotary club

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 254 MOP)

Article XI Duration of Membership

Section 2 – Automatic Termination.

- (b) *How to Rejoin.* When the membership of a member has terminated as provided in subsection (a) of this section, such person, provided such person's membership was in good standing at the time of termination, may make new application for membership, under the same or another classification. A second admission fee shall not be required.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-82

To amend the provisions for termination of membership for non-payment of dues

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 255 MOP)

Article XI Duration of Membership

Section 3 – Termination – Non-payment of Dues.

(b) *Reinstatement.* The board may reinstate the former member to membership upon the former member's petition and payment of all indebtedness to this club. However, no former member may be reinstated to active membership if the former member's classification ~~has been filed~~ is in conflict with article VII, section 2 in this constitution.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-84

To request the RI Board to consider allowing two members per classification in the formation of new clubs

WHEREAS, with the adoption of a new classification principle of having five members or 10% of total membership per classification, the membership enrollment drive may get a boost, and

WHEREAS, in the formation of new clubs the clubs are supposed to enroll only one member per classification in a locality with a minimum of 40 classifications. As such, a locality may have 200 eligible members yet its selection is restricted to 40 only

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider that instead of one member per classification it may be increased to two members per classification so that a new club can be easily formed and can have more members from its very inception.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-88

To modify the criterion for selecting honorary members

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 190 MOP)

Article IV Membership in Clubs

4.050. Honorary Membership.

4.050.1. Eligibility for Honorary Membership.

Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals, and those persons considered friends of Rotary for their permanent support of Rotary's cause, may be elected to honorary membership in more than one club. The term of such membership shall be as determined by the board of the club in which they hold membership.

IT IS FURTHER ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (pages 250-251 MOP)

Article VI Membership

Section 6 – Honorary Membership.

- (a) *Eligibility for Honorary Membership.* Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals, and those persons considered friends of Rotary for their permanent support of Rotary's cause, may be elected to honorary membership in this club. The term of such membership shall be as determined by the board. Persons may hold honorary membership in more than one club.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-92

To allow clubs to elect into active membership a transferring or former member even if the transferring or former member's classification is filled and to exempt clubs from paying prorated per capita dues for these members

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the CONSTITUTION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby is amended as follows (page 182 MOP)

Article V Membership

Section 2 — Composition of Clubs.

- (b) Each club shall have a well-balanced membership in which no one business or profession predominates. The club shall not elect a person to active membership from a classification if the club already has five or more members from that classification, unless the club has more than 50 members, in which case, the club may elect a person to active membership in a classification so long as it will not result in the classification making up more than 10% of the club's active membership. Members who are retired shall not be included in the total number of members ~~infrom~~

a classification. The classification of a transferring or former member of a club shall not preclude election to active membership even if the election results in club membership temporarily exceeding the above limitations. If a member changes classification, the club may continue the member's membership under the new classification notwithstanding these limitations.

IT IS FURTHER ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows

in article IV (page 189 MOP)

Article IV Membership in Clubs

4.030. *Transferring or Former Rotarian.*

A member may propose to active membership a transferring member or former member of a club, if the proposed member is terminating or has terminated such membership in the former club due to no longer being engaged in the formerly assigned classification of business or profession in the locality of the former club or the surrounding area. The transferring or former member of a club being proposed to active membership under this section may also be proposed by the former club. The classification of a transferring or former member of a club shall not preclude election to active membership even if the election results in club membership temporarily exceeding the classification limits.

and in article XVII (page 240 MOP)

Article XVII Fiscal Matters

17.040. *Date of Payment.*

17.040.2. *Prorated Dues.*

The following per capita dues in prorated amounts shall be payable by each club for each member who has been elected to membership in the club subsequent to the July or January semiannual period for which dues are payable: US\$8.75 in 1995-96. However, no prorated per capita dues shall be payable by a club for a transferring member or former member of another club, as described in section 4.030. The prorated per capita dues are due and payable on 1 October and 1 April. Such amounts shall be changed only by the council on legislation.

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

in article VI (page 250 MOP)

Article VI Membership

Section 4 — *Transferring or Former Rotarian.* A member may propose to active membership a transferring member or former member of a club, if the proposed member is terminating or has terminated such membership in the former club due to no longer being engaged in the formerly assigned classification of business or profession within the locality of the former club or the surrounding area. The transferring or former member of a club being proposed to active membership under this section may also be proposed by the former club. The classification of a transferring or former member of a club shall not preclude election to active membership even if the election results in club membership temporarily exceeding the classification limits.

and in article VII (page 251 MOP)

Article VII Classifications

Section 2 — *Limitations.* This club shall not elect a person to active membership from a classification if the club already has five or more members from that classification, unless the club has more than 50 members, in which case, the club may elect a person to active membership in a classification so long as it will not result in the classification making up more than 10% of the club's active membership. Members who are retired shall not be included in the total number of members ~~in from~~ a classification. The classification of a transferring or former member of a club shall not preclude election to active membership even if the election results in club membership temporarily exceeding the above limitations. If a member changes classification, the club may continue the member's membership under the new classification notwithstanding these limitations.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-111

To request the RI Board to consider adopting the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) as an official RI program

WHEREAS, Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) has now been operating in all districts of Australia and New Zealand since 1980 and in other countries since 1989, and is widely recognized as an outstanding district youth program with the objective of helping young people to establish an understanding and appreciation of the workings of the United Nations organization, and

WHEREAS, MUNA is designed to increase international understanding and goodwill, a seminal objective of Rotary, and

WHEREAS, in 1945 there were 49 Rotarians in 29 delegations at the UN Charter Conference in San Francisco and Rotary's objectives continue to parallel those of the UN, and

WHEREAS, the impediment to further extension of the program to all Rotary districts throughout the world is the difficulty of the preparation of a suitable guide for districts conducting a MUNA assembly

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International, recognizing that the Rotary youth program Model United Nations Assembly now operating throughout Australia and New Zealand and in some other countries, is an outstanding program cultivating an understanding of the United Nations organization and all its values, consider adopting MUNA as an official Rotary program.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-116

To request the RI Board to consider encouraging clubs to offer professional support to youth who start their own businesses and to support the Youth Employment Network (YEN)

WHEREAS, Rotary's primary area of service lies in business and professions, as indicated in the Object of Rotary, and

WHEREAS, in 2002 the General Assembly of the United Nations unanimously approved resolution 57/165, providing youth everywhere with a real opportunity to find decent and productive work, and

WHEREAS, in 2002-2003 District 1710 (France) and District 3810 (Philippines) contributed to the successful pilot project of the YEN (Youth Employment Network) implemented by the General Secretary of the United Nations, and

WHEREAS, in 2002-2003 many Rotary clubs in Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe worked on successful projects through the YEN, and

WHEREAS, thousands of other youth worldwide would like to start a business but cannot receive credit because they cannot secure a loan, and

WHEREAS, 2005 will mark both Rotary's centennial and the International Year of Microcredit and, as such, would be an excellent opportunity for Rotary to prove itself a leader in supporting the creation of microbusiness

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider encouraging clubs to offer professional support to youth who start

their own businesses and officially informing clubs through Rotary publications such as *Rotary World* or the Rotary website of the advantages of working with the YEN.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-118

To request the RI Board to consider encouraging Rotary clubs to adopt “Rotary Educating for Life” as an educational paradigm

WHEREAS, the declaration of the Ideal of the Object of Rotary is in itself an educational objective, tending to improve the quality of life of persons through the development of Rotary and Rotary Foundation programs, and

WHEREAS, the adoption by all the clubs of the strategy “ROTARY EDUCATING FOR LIFE” as an educational paradigm will reinforce for Rotarians and the community the idea that it is necessary to educate in order to live better, in a world where there is increasingly more illiteracy, more poverty, and less understanding, and

WHEREAS, upon demonstrating that by educating for life, Rotarians contribute to achieving peace, the public will better understand the service objective that Rotary offers humanity

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider encouraging Rotary clubs worldwide to adopt the strategy of “ROTARY EDUCATING FOR LIFE” as an educational paradigm in all of its service acts and representations.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-119

To request the RI Board to only consider requests for disaster/relief aid as reported by the governor of the district affected by the disaster

WHEREAS, with the discontinuance of RI disaster relief activities, and

WHEREAS, notices of disaster are no longer to be issued and circulated

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International shall consider as genuine only disaster/relief aid requests from clubs notified to it by the governor of the district to which the club belongs, and publish and maintain a record, by means of the RI website and any other means deemed suitable by the Board of Directors, by listing such requests along with the relevant banking details for donations where appropriate.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-121

To request the RI Board to consider establishing a network linking all clubs interested in
Menu of Service Opportunities

WHEREAS, we are all familiar with the Menu of Service Opportunities, and all of them are important tools for Rotary clubs, and we believe that with the world crisis, they have become increasingly important and more should perhaps be added, and

WHEREAS, even if RI contemplates responsibilities for each of these points, it is necessary to establish a world Rotary network that links all the clubs interested in these topics. This worldwide network would have a central command in charge with contacts in each zone and sub-zone, and each district would have a contact, and this person would establish communication to know what is being done in the Rotary world, and for the people responsible in the zones or Rotary to exchange information with the clubs in each district, and

WHEREAS, with this the following would be gained:

- Connections between everyone interested in any of the listed activities,
- Evaluation of work on these points, and through the Worldwide MOS (Menu of Service Opportunities) Network, the opinion of the present and future of this work could be known,
- It would help for these tools to be used in the clubs,
- With each district having a person in charge of MOS Programs, the network would be established and referred to for starting the most essential work, and

WHEREAS, in addition, the board, with reports from the central commands, could also evaluate and make decisions on the list, on what to add or remove, based on experience

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider establishing a Rotary Worldwide Network linking all clubs interested in Menu of Service Opportunities. This Worldwide Network would have a central command with contacts in each zone and sub-zone, and each district would have a contact to exchange information on what is being done in the Rotary world.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-129*

To request the RI Board to consider recognizing youth clubs for children ages 8-14

WHEREAS, in 1995, the Rotary Club of Águas de São Pedro (District 4590) founded the first Rotakid, a club for children ages 8-12 that promotes service through play, and

WHEREAS, the first Rotakid district seminar, “Learning to Serve,” was held in Campinas on 29 September 2000 to promote and strengthen the movement, and

WHEREAS, currently there are six active clubs in District 4590: Águas de São Pedro, Rio Claro-Sul, Araras, Rio Claro, Pirassununga and Itapira, and

WHEREAS, the philosophy of service through play has yielded extremely positive results in raising our children’s awareness and has encouraged adults to continue the work of “Service Above Self,” and

WHEREAS, with the help of Rotarians, the Rotary Club of Rio Claro-Sul Rotakid has collected approximately two tons of aluminum cans since its founding, resulting in a US\$2,000 donation to The Rotary Foundation, and

WHEREAS, all Rotakid clubs have worked on Rotary club campaigns such as wheelchair drives, trees for toys, and visits to orphanages and shelters for the elderly, and

WHEREAS, Rotakiddies attend regular and special Rotary club meetings, thereby realizing one of Jonathan B. Majjiyagbe’s wishes – to develop the Rotary family, and

WHEREAS, Rotakiddies participate in youth activities similar to Interact’s and sponsoring clubs consider them to be true partners in service

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider recognizing youth clubs, which promote leadership and cooperative skills in children ages 8-14.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-140

To increase the number of Trustees from 13 to 15

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 246 MOP)

Article XXII The Rotary Foundation

22.020. Trustees.

There shall be ~~13~~15 trustees appointed by the president with the approval of the board. Four of the trustees shall be past presidents of RI. All trustees shall satisfy the qualifications listed in the Foundation's bylaws.

Interim Provision Relating to Section 22.020.

From the effective date of 1 July 2004, two additional trustees shall be appointed to increase the number of trustees from 13 to 15. One of the additional trustees shall be

appointed for a two-year term ending 30 June 2006, and the other additional trustee shall be appointed for a three-year term ending 30 June 2007.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-143

To provide that the Foundation annual report show all reimbursed expenses paid to and payments made on behalf of the chairman and incoming chairman of the Trustees

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 246 MOP)

Article XXII The Rotary Foundation

22.070. Report of Trustees.

The trustees shall report no less than annually to RI on the programs and finances of the Foundation. The annual report of the Foundation shall, by individual office, clearly show all reimbursed expenses paid to, and all payments made on behalf of, the chairman and incoming chairman of the trustees.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-146

To request the RI Board to consider urging districts in high income countries to donate scholarships to districts in low income countries

WHEREAS, the existing text on Scholarship Awards (*Manual of Procedure*, p.152) merely informs districts in high income countries that they “can” help support deserving candidates from low income countries by donating scholarships, and

WHEREAS, it is felt that a stronger appeal would encourage districts in high income countries to donate more scholarships to aid the development efforts of low income countries

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider urging districts in high income countries to donate Ambassadorial Scholarship awards to candidates in low income countries of their choice thus increasing the educational opportunities for students from such countries.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-147

To request the RI Board to consider requesting the Trustees to consider selecting more scholars from developing countries for Rotary World Peace Scholarships

WHEREAS, young people from developing countries where conflicts are happening have a stronger desire for “world peace and conflict resolution” than do those from developed countries, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to select more students from developing countries for Rotary World Peace Scholarships in the future, rather than having a higher rate of scholars selected from the developed countries

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider selecting more scholars from developing countries for Rotary World Peace Scholarships.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-151

To request the RI Board to consider recommending to the Trustees to consider allocating additional funds to the humanitarian programs

WHEREAS, it is seen that there has been a substantial rise in the requirement of Humanitarian Grants all over the world because they fulfill the needs of a large section of the community in comparison to the demands for funds for programs that help few individuals

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider recommending to the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider allocating a higher percentage of funds to the humanitarian programs in the future.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-152

To request the RI Board to consider recommending that the Trustees relax the building restrictions for Matching Grants to care for AIDS orphans

WHEREAS, UNICEF projects that by 2010 there will be 214,000 orphans in Botswana. Currently, only some 40,000 out of an estimated 90,000 are registered and the system is barely functioning, and

WHEREAS, Botswana has the highest in the world documented percentage of people 15-45 with positive HIV at 36%. All of the very impressive socio-economic progress of the last 30 years is being undone by this HIV/AIDS pandemic, and

WHEREAS, the government has the funds to provide a great deal of assistance both in terms of capital expenditure and recurrent running costs. What it lacks is motivated staff. This is where service organizations and other civil society/community-based organizations can provide the catalyst. The motivation is there; the orphans are their direct or indirect relatives, and

WHEREAS, in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s government had a community development scheme called Ipelegeng (Self-Help). If a village or CBO raised 10% of the capital costs of a facility, government would provide the other 90%, and

WHEREAS, we need to lobby at the highest levels of government to reintroduce this scheme for orphan-based facilities. Other districts that would qualify under the severity or seriousness percentage above might not have access to such funding. For the five Botswana clubs, were such a scheme to be reintroduced (and the Matching Grant criteria relaxed), we could turn P50,000 of our own charity funds into P200,000 with Matching Grants and P2 million with government 90%, and

WHEREAS, such 40:1 gearing is what we require to address the orphan problem. And, as the free anti-retro-virals (ARVs) treatment that government is starting to provide reduces the mortality of those infected or if a vaccine is available, say in 10 years, the orphanages and daycare centers thus established can gradually be utilized as regular schools, training facilities or the like, and

WHEREAS, in summation, in the medium term Botswana context, there will be no properly reared and educated future generations unless we make stupendous efforts now to cater for the forthcoming situation. In Setswana 'Future Generations' translates as Bokamoso – those of tomorrow

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider recommending to the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider that in those counties or districts where the percentage of orphans in the 0-15 year old age cohort exceeds the threshold at which UNICEF or WHO would classify the situation as serious or severe, that the restriction as to the types of buildings acceptable for funding under Matching Grant criteria be relaxed to allow for properly designed and constructed classrooms, kitchens, dormitory facilities and the like at orphanages and orphan daycare centers, subject to the applicant Rotary club's satisfying RI that an acceptable business plan is in place to ensure that the recurrent expenses associated with such a facility are reasonably assured and that a legally established entity other than a Rotary club is the recorded and documented owner of the land on which the buildings stand and of the buildings themselves.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-155

To request the RI Board to request the Trustees to consider implementing electronic submission and processing for Foundation programs

WHEREAS, Matching Grants, Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholarships and all Rotary Foundation programs could benefit from an “eBusiness” strategy, and

WHEREAS, currently there is extensive manual processing of Rotary Foundation Matching Grants both at the Rotary district level and the RI Secretariat, and

WHEREAS, many Matching Grant applications are currently sent back to the originator with deficiencies, and

WHEREAS, an Internet based electronic submission process would have automatic application checks and online assistance so that applications could be complete when electronically received and quickly expedited, and

WHEREAS, reviews of the applications, prioritization and approval of the proposed grants would also be online and may potentially save costly travel expenses, as input from several Rotarian evaluators can be captured electronically, and

WHEREAS, electronic dispersion of funds could be done so that there would be no risk of losing paper checks

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International request the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider implementing Internet-based electronic submissions and electronic processing for Rotary Foundation programs.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-157

To endorse The Rotary Foundation’s marketing plan “*Every Rotarian, Every Year*”

WHEREAS, the 2001 Council on Legislation adopted unanimously Resolution 01-276, encouraging every Rotarian to contribute annually to The Rotary Foundation to attain US\$100 per capita by Rotary’s 100th anniversary in 2005, and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have received and endorsed the General Secretary’s report on the “*Every Rotarian, Every Year*” Annual Programs Fund Marketing Plan in order to achieve the goal of a financial contribution to the Foundation by every Rotarian in every year, and

WHEREAS, the US\$100 per capita goal by 2005 is the key to advancing the Foundation's life-changing programs to help rebuild impoverished communities and nations by resolving conflict, championing human rights, eradicating disease, feeding the hungry, educating children and adults, and fostering world understanding and peace, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Rotary International has endorsed the marketing plan, "*Every Rotarian, Every Year*"

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the "*Every Rotarian, Every Year*" Marketing Plan, be endorsed by the 2004 Council on Legislation in order to achieve the goal of US\$100 per capita by 2005.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-166

To request the RI Board to consider requesting the Trustees to provide electronic funds transfer for programs and online donations

WHEREAS, a Rotary centennial goal is for all Rotarians to become sustaining members of The Rotary Foundation, and

WHEREAS, many charities already have an online capability of debiting bank accounts both singly and on a recurring basis, and

WHEREAS, donations via the RI web site are currently one time credit card transactions, restrict the use to certain credit cards and incur needless credit card transaction charges

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider providing electronic funds transfer for all Foundation programs and facilitate online donations (one time gifts and approval of automatic deductions periodically) from Rotarians' bank accounts via electronic transfer to avoid credit card transaction charges.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-170

To request the RI Board to consider allowing the formation of districts with a minimum of 40 clubs

WHEREAS, a minimum of 75 clubs for forming new districts may be appropriate and in the interests of the sound growth for the Rotary movement in areas where Rotary is already present and well established, and where there exists a homogenous cultural, ethnical and linguistic background, and

WHEREAS, such conditions do not exist in certain parts of the globe, such as Eastern, Central and Southeastern Europe; Northeast and Central Africa; and the Near East, and

WHEREAS, Rotary clubs and Rotarians in new and developing Rotary regions need more leadership and guidance than those in already developed Rotary countries if Rotary is to develop positively, and

WHEREAS, there currently exist worldwide about 40 districts with 40 or less clubs and/or with 1000 or less Rotarians, and

WHEREAS, the idea of demonstrating Rotary's multicultural, international character by establishing large, multinational districts may be theoretically noble and in conformity with Rotary ideals, practical experience in many cases clearly and dramatically shows that it does not produce the desired qualitative and quantitative results

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider applying more flexible rules in its districting policies, allowing the formation of districts with a minimum of 40 clubs in regions where it would otherwise be impossible to form and develop a district within a reasonable time and within a given, historically grown region with a reasonably homogenous cultural, ethnic and linguistic background, and that the Board of Directors at the same time consider merging small districts wherever feasible, thus preventing an inflation of the number of districts.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-172*

To amend the process for changing district boundaries

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 231 MOP)

Article XV Districts

15.010. How Established.

The board is authorized to group the clubs into districts. The president shall promulgate a list of such districts and their boundaries. Such action shall be at the direction of the board. The board may eliminate or change the boundaries of any district with fewer than 30 clubs or fewer than 1,000 Rotarians. No change shall be made to the boundaries of any existing-districts with 30 or more clubs and 1,000 or more Rotarians over the objection of a majority of the total number of clubs in the district(s) affected, except as otherwise provided hereafter in the bylaws. The board may eliminate or change the boundaries of a district only after consulting with and providing reasonable opportunity for the governors and clubs of the districts involved to provide a recommendation on the

proposed change. The board shall take into account geographical boundaries, potential for district growth, and cultural, economic, language, and other relevant factors.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-174

To request the RI Board to consider permitting the incorporation of districts

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider viewing with favor that districts become incorporated or registered legal entities, when it is likely to be beneficial to the fulfillment of the Object of Rotary for administrative, financial or legal reasons.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-176

To request the RI Board to consider adding a geographic indicator to district numbers

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider taking the necessary steps so that districts are not only identified by a number, but also by an indicator of their geographic zone so that districts are more noticeable in terms of communication, especially with regard to the media.

Examples: District 1650 France/Bretagne
District 5750 USA/Oklahoma

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-190

To allow district conferences to be held outside district boundaries without authorization of the RI Board

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

Article XV Districts

15.040. District Conference.

15.040.1. Time and Place.

A conference of Rotarians of each district shall be held annually at such time and place ~~in the district~~ 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 assembly, the

international assembly, or the international convention. The board may authorize two or more districts to hold their conferences together ~~within the boundaries of any of the districts concerned. Under exceptional circumstances, the board also may authorize any district to hold its conference outside the boundaries of such district.~~

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-195

To request the RI Board to consider amending the policy concerning the president's representative at district conferences

WHEREAS, the organization of Rotary has changed from a limited number of districts up to today's number of about 525, the conditions for a personal representative for the president at all district conferences have changed, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for administrative cost reductions, and

WHEREAS, many districts consider these visits to be of limited value

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider having each district decide if a visit at its conference of a personal representative for the president is needed. If a district requests a presidential representative at a conference, it will assume all costs for this visit, including traveling.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-196

To request the RI Board to consider modifying the requirements of the district conference

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider modifying the requirements of the district conference so that the district conference must:

- Be not less than one (1) day and no more than three (3) days in duration;
- Provide a minimum of six (6) hours of plenary sessions and discussion groups of Rotary content;
- Provide the representative of the RI president with the opportunity to address the conference a minimum of one (1) time.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-205*

To revise district financial reporting requirements

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 234 MOP)

Article XV Districts

15.060. District Finances.

15.060.4. Audited Annual Statement and Report of District Finances.

The governor must provide an ~~audited~~ annual statement and report of the district finances that has been independently reviewed by a qualified accountant to each club in the district within three months of the completion of the governor's year in office. This audited annual statement shall also be presented, discussed (if need be) and formally adopted by the following district conference. This annual statement and report shall include but not be limited to details of:

- (a) all sources of the district's funds (RI, The Rotary Foundation, district and club);
- (b) all funds received by or on behalf of the district from fundraising activities;
- (c) grants received from The Rotary Foundation or funds of The Rotary Foundation designated by the district for use;
- (d) all financial transactions of district committees;
- (e) all financial transactions of the governor by or on behalf of the district;
- (f) all expenditures of the district's funds; and
- (g) all funds received by the governor from RI.

The annual statement and report shall be presented for discussion and adoption by the following district conference.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-206

To amend the provisions requiring the adoption of the annual statement of district finances

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 234 MOP)

Article XV Districts

15.060. District Finances.

15.060.4. *Audited Statement of District Finances.*

The governor must provide an audited annual statement of the district finances to each club in the district within three months of the completion of the governor's year in office. This audited annual statement shall also be presented, discussed (if need be) and formally adopted at the next district meeting to which all clubs are entitled to send a representative and for which 30 days notice has been given that the statement of district finances will be presented for adoption or if no such meeting is held by the following district conference.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-214

To request the RI Board to consider sending district governors any RI mailings to Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians

WHEREAS, clubs and Rotarians receive letters from RI of which the district governor is not acquainted, and

WHEREAS, such letters often result in questions to the district governor to which he/she is not prepared to answer, and

WHEREAS, district governors should be acquainted with all the communication from RI with his or her district

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider including the district governors in the mailings to Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-215

To amend the purposes of RI

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the CONSTITUTION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby is amended as follows (page 181 MOP)

Article III Purposes

The purposes of RI are:

- (i) To support the clubs and districts of RI in their pursuit of programs and activities that promote the Object of Rotary;
- ~~(i)~~(ii) To encourage, promote, extend, and supervise Rotary throughout the world;
- ~~(ii)~~(iii) To coordinate and generally direct the activities of RI.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-217

To provide for a strategic planning process for RI

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows

in article V (page 191 MOP)

Article V Board of Directors

5.010. Duties of the Board.

The board is responsible for doing whatever may be necessary for the furtherance of the purposes of RI, the attainment of the Object of Rotary, the study and teaching of its fundamentals, the preservation of its ideals, ethics, and unique features of organization, and its extension throughout the world. In order to fulfill the purposes of Article III of the RI Constitution, the board shall adopt a strategic plan. The board shall report on the progress of the strategic plan at each meeting of the council on legislation.

and in article VI (page 197 MOP)

Article VI Officers

6.140. Duties of Officers.

6.140.1. President.

The president shall be the highest officer of RI. As such, the president:

- (a) shall be the principal person to speak on behalf of RI;
- (b) shall preside at all conventions and meetings of the board;
- (c) shall review the work of and counsel the general secretary;
- (d) shall report to the board at least annually an evaluation of the performance of the general secretary and the secretariat; and
- (e) shall perform such other duties as pertain to the office, consistent with the strategic plan as adopted by the board.

and in article XVI (pages 237-238 MOP)

Article XVI Committees

16.040. Special Committees.

The provisions of sections 16.010. - 16.030. do not apply to any nominating committee or any committee formed under sections 16.100. and 17.075.

16.100. Strategic Planning Committee.

The board shall appoint a strategic planning committee to be composed of six members, each of whom shall serve a single term for a six-year period with two members appointed every other year. No member of the committee shall be a past president or current member of the board or The Rotary Foundation trustees. Membership shall be selected so that qualifications provide a balance in membership with Rotarians experienced in long-term planning, RI programs and activities, and financial management. The committee shall meet once per year at such time and place and upon such notice as may be determined by the president, the board or the chairman of the committee, and if deemed necessary by the president or the board, additional times during the year at such times and places and upon such notice as may be determined by the president or the board. The strategic planning committee shall develop, recommend and update a strategic plan for consideration by the board; survey Rotarians and Rotary clubs not less than every three years in discharge of its duties to review and make recommendations to the board pertaining to the strategic plan; review and counsel the president-elect on the program for the upcoming year to determine whether such program is consistent with the strategic plan; and undertake other duties assigned by the board.

16.100.1. Liaison to Committee.

The president shall consider appointing a liaison from the board to such committee who shall serve for two years.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-219

To endorse the Strategic Plan's Goals and Objectives

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Rotary International determined that a Strategic Plan is essential for Rotary International, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Rotary International has adopted a Strategic Plan with Goals and Objectives

IT IS RESOLVED by the 2004 Council on Legislation to endorse the Goals and Objectives of the RI Strategic Plan, which include:

GOAL 1: Eradicate Polio

OBJECTIVES

1. Advocate for funding and human resources for completion of the eradication effort by The Rotary Foundation and our partners.
2. Participate in global strategic planning to achieve certification by the earliest possible date.

3. Maintain a high level of awareness of Rotary's involvement in the polio eradication effort among Rotarians and the general public.

GOAL 2: Sharpen Program Focus

OBJECTIVES

1. Create a process for identifying, developing, implementing, and evaluating a consistent multi-year program of service, for endorsement by each Council on Legislation, and eliminate the annual change of program focus by the president and/or Board of RI.
2. Create a program focus that unites clubs in their efforts and provides opportunity, flexibility, and encouragement to individual Rotary clubs to respond to the needs of their communities.
3. Pursue opportunities for cooperating with other organizations to better achieve our program objectives.

GOAL 3: Select New Corporate Program Focus

OBJECTIVES

1. Develop the criteria that will be used to select a future corporate program, including a standard measure of success.
2. Develop a process to identify a future corporate program.
3. Develop a plan to build organizational consensus for the selected corporate program.

GOAL 4: Refine Governance/Leadership Structure

OBJECTIVES

1. Develop a plan and process that will more effectively utilize the organization's management resources to achieve greater efficiency in service to Rotary clubs.
2. Prepare legislative proposals that define the authority of the organization's president, Board and leadership in regard to approved organizational focus, plans, programs, and expenditures.
3. Prepare legislative proposals that provide sustained focus over time for the organization's programs and that also provide for the Strategic Planning Committee to prepare a report annually for the Board, which in turn must report to the Council on Legislation (COL) when in session.

4. Identify the core values of RI as they pertain to matters of governance and incorporate such values into the constitutional documents and the *Code of Policies*.
5. Define the respective roles of those involved in governance at all levels.

GOAL 5: Improve Training and Education at all Levels

OBJECTIVES

1. Make an in-depth analysis to determine the knowledge and skills necessary for all club, district, and senior international leadership positions and also assess the effectiveness of the current training program.
2. Develop training programs to provide the knowledge and skills identified.

GOAL 6: Expand and Integrate Membership Globally

OBJECTIVES

1. Create and implement a plan that provides for the recognition and preservation of cultural diversity within the organization.
2. Develop and implement a comprehensive plan for membership development and retention based on assessment of current practices.
3. Develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the extension of Rotary to all countries and communities able to sustain a club.
4. Emphasize the importance of relevant weekly meetings that provide members with opportunities for business and personal development.

GOAL 7: Enhance Public Image

OBJECTIVES

1. Develop a review process to determine the success of the current public image campaign.
2. Optimize the opportunities to enhance the public image of Rotary in conjunction with centennial objectives, with particular emphasis on the Chicago area in 2004-05.
3. Ensure a diversified approach to public relations utilizing all media and recognizing regional differences.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-222

To clarify the duties of the council of past presidents

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 244 MOP)

Article XIX Other Meetings

19.030. Council of Past Presidents.

19.030.3. Duties.

The council of past presidents shall consider, through correspondence, matters referred by the president or board and may give advice and recommendations to the board thereon. The council shall also, upon request of the board, act as mediators in matters involving clubs, districts and officers.

19.030.4.1. Meeting at Convention and International Assembly.

~~There~~The council of past presidents shall be an informal meeting at the annual convention ~~of members of the council in attendance at such convention~~and/or international assembly.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-232

To request the RI Board to consider recommending to the president-elect that the timing of certain appointments be reviewed

WHEREAS, appointments to RI committees, task forces and program coordinator positions are made in time for the appointee to take up office on the following first of July, and

WHEREAS, a number of these positions, particularly task force members and the coordinator positions, require close liaison and working with district governors, and

WHEREAS, governors-elect often learn of these appointments too late to take advantage of the support offered with their district training meetings and the achieving of their goals. It is considered that it would be desirable for appointments to be made and office assumed by a time that would allow identification of personnel and program objectives at the international assembly, allowing the governors-elect to be fully informed and encouraged to use such personnel at their forthcoming PETS and district assembly. It may even be considered desirable for some appointments to be for the calendar year rather than the Rotary year

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider recommending to the president-elect that appointments to those positions that require close liaison and the building of a working relationship with district governors be made and office assumed by a time that the governors-elect can, at the international assembly, be fully informed and advised of the particular personnel and their availability to assist with district training meetings in the promotion of the programs they represent.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-233

To require a review of zone boundaries every eight years

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 220 MOP)

Article XII Nominations and Elections for Directors

12.010. *Nominations for Directors by Zones.*

12.010.4. *Periodic Review of Zone Boundaries.*

The board shall undertake, no less often than every ~~twelve~~eight years, a comprehensive review of the composition of the zones to maintain an approximately equal number of Rotarians in each zone. The board may also undertake, as necessary, interim reviews for the same purpose.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-235*

To request the RI Board to consider realigning the zones in 2004

WHEREAS, the last realignment of the zones was done in 1995

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider realigning the 34 zones based on the membership of Rotarians in the districts, zones or countries that will come into effect on 1 July 2005.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-238

To request the RI Board to consider adopting Rotary Leadership Institutes as a pilot program of RI

WHEREAS, the Rotary Leadership Institute program has been initiated in zones 31 and 32 (USA) and the same program has been adopted by many districts successfully, and

WHEREAS, this program improves the knowledge of Rotary in Rotarians, and thereby enhances leadership qualities and helps in retention of members

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider adopting Rotary Leadership Institutes as a pilot program of Rotary International.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-244

To request the RI Board to consider implementing electronic transactions between Rotary clubs, Rotary districts and RI utilizing an Internet business solution

WHEREAS, throughout the business world there is the realization that electronic transactions between businesses are needed to improve efficiency and reduce costs, and

WHEREAS, Rotary clubs should be able to maintain their club roster, collect dues, manage their service projects, collect contributions for The Rotary Foundation and provide recognition credit, all locally, and

WHEREAS, Rotary clubs and Rotary districts should have the full capability to conduct their business electronically, and

WHEREAS, Rotarians currently experience inefficiencies when asked for information multiple times or require reentering of information in multiple databases, and

WHEREAS, Rotary International should be a leader in the electronic business-to-business enterprise

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider implementing “eBusiness” solutions for electronic payment transfers and information exchange between clubs, districts and RI (including direct upload and download of club rosters and reports to the RI website).

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-246

To request the RI Board to consider entering into an arrangement with one of the major worldwide web domain registries for a bulk buy of domain names for Rotary clubs

WHEREAS, there is an increasing use of the Internet by Rotary clubs throughout the world which enhances communication and information dissemination, and

WHEREAS, there are more than 30,000 Rotary clubs that could potentially require Internet domain names, which individually may cost typically around US\$25.00 annually, and

WHEREAS, RI should be able to negotiate a bulk purchase of domain names such as www.rotaryclubofxxxxxxx.org for all of the clubs worldwide at an annual cost perhaps as low as US\$4.00 or US\$5.00 each, charged to the participating clubs, and

WHEREAS, the resultant standardization of domain addresses and significant cost savings would be very beneficial to existing clubs with a web page and provide a greater encouragement to clubs considering establishing a web page

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider negotiating a bulk purchase of suitable worldwide web domain names, to be made available to clubs at a cost which will provide the clubs with standard domain names at discounted prices, while being at minimal or no cost to Rotary International.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-255

To request the RI Board to consider increasing its support of local public relations initiatives

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation Trustees consider increasing their level of support and encouragement for major, locally generated, ongoing public relations initiatives which generate significant media exposure, public relations benefit for Rotary International and financial support for The Rotary Foundation at the national and international level.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-256

To request the RI Board to consider continuing to publicize successful club projects

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider continuing its efforts towards public awareness and positive recognition through the Rotary News and a combination of medium: public service announcements, RI targeted advertising, attendance at professional conferences and conventions and continued communication at the local level of successful and effective club projects.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-257

To request the RI Board to consider amending the current policy on disclosing the membership list

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider amending the current policy to prohibit the disclosure of the membership list and members' contact information to any other organization without the explicit permission of individual Rotarians.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-262

To request the RI Board to consider including Mandarin as an official language of RI

WHEREAS, there are about 16,000 Chinese Rotarians in the 7 Rotary districts in Taiwan, which together with the Rotarians of Chinese origin in Hong Kong, Macau, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand totals over 25,000, thereby meeting the criterion of RI for providing official languages, and

WHEREAS, there are over 1.3 billion Chinese in mainland China who use Mandarin to communicate, and

WHEREAS, Mandarin and Chinese Rotary publications will be of great help to future Rotary extension in mainland China when RI approves it

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider making Mandarin one of the official languages of Rotary International.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-271*

To remove gender-specific terminology from the RI secondary motto

WHEREAS, the Rotary mottos “Service Above Self” and “He Profits Most Who Serves Best” were adopted at the 1950 Council on Legislation (50-11), and

WHEREAS, “Service Above Self” was determined to be the principal Rotary motto at the 1989 Council on Legislation (89-145), and

WHEREAS, the 2001 Council on Legislation adopted a resolution (01-678) requesting the Board to consider examining all Rotary mottos and statements with a view to presenting legislation to future Councils to remove gender-specific terminology

IT IS RESOLVED that the 2004 Council on Legislation adopts “They Profit Most Who Serve Best” as the secondary Rotary motto.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-273

To request the RI Board to consider preserving the original language of historically important statements and writings in Rotary

WHEREAS, it is natural to consider avoiding the use of terms that specify gender. However, the application of this rule should not be retroactive to the documents enacted before this rule had been established, and

WHEREAS, regarding the statements or documents that are important in Rotary history, the original should be preserved and shall not be modified easily only for the reason that they include the terms that specify the gender

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider preserving originals of historically important statements and writings in Rotary.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-290

To emphasize the cultivation of a life which exemplifies Rotary’s commitment to ethics in business and to seek out members who exemplify these standards

WHEREAS, one of the founding principles of Rotary International was its concern for and promotion of ethics in business and the professions, and

WHEREAS, this concern for ethics has been expressed as one of the four cornerstones of the “Object of Rotary,” which states that a chief aim of Rotarians is to “encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society,” and

WHEREAS, as early as 1910, Rotary International’s commitment to develop a membership that fosters ethics in business and professions was evidenced by the formation of the “Business Methods Committee,” and

WHEREAS, the charge of such committee was to consider ways and means to promote progressive and honorable business methods, and

WHEREAS, Rotary International’s commitment to ethics in business and professions continued to express itself with the adoption of the “4-Way Test,” which Rotarians have embraced for nearly half a century, and

WHEREAS, the 4-Way Test maintains that:

Of the things we think, say or do

- 1) Is it the TRUTH?
- 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?, and

WHEREAS, the author of the 4-Way Test, Past RI President Herbert Taylor, commented at the time he originally drafted the test for his own business: “We were determined, first, to be very careful in the selection of our personnel and, second, to help them become better men and women as they progressed through our company,” and

WHEREAS, the 1989 Council on Legislation adopted Resolution 89-148 declaring that all Rotarians are expected to be faithful to the letter and spirit of the ethical codes of their vocations, the laws of their countries and the moral standards of their communities; to dignify their professions; to promote the highest ethical standard in their chosen vocations; and to be fair to all those with whom they have a business or professional relationship, and

WHEREAS, in the context of the current business environment, it is especially important that Rotarians, as business leaders around the world, reaffirm their commitment to ethics in business and the professions and serve as role models to others to do the same

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that all Rotarians continue in their dedication to cultivate a life that exemplifies Rotary’s commitment to ethics in business and professions.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by Rotary International that Rotary clubs continue to build upon their significant record of attracting and seeking out individuals who exemplify the high ethical standards of Rotary as we move into the 21st Century and into our second 100 years of service.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-294

To request the RI Board to consider requiring that “Rotary International” be written in capital letters

WHEREAS, association names are more recognizable in publications, newspapers and posters when they are written in capital letters, and

WHEREAS, the public easily identifies the UN, UNICEF, RED CROSS and WHO because they are written in capital letters, and

WHEREAS, we must promote the name ROTARY, and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Wheel is specifically regulated and is easily identifiable

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider immediately regulating the name ROTARY INTERNATIONAL by requiring it to be written in all capital letters.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-295

To request the RI Board to consider arranging visits to heads of state by RI delegations on 23 February 2005 as part of the centennial celebration

WHEREAS, RI is an institution that works in pursuit of tolerance and world understanding and peace, and considering the special significance of 23 February 2005, the day marking the RI centennial

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider the possibility of determining that on 23 February 2005 all heads of state be visited by RI delegations that will carry messages of peace, with the delegates taking into consideration the customs and special circumstances of each country.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-304

To request the RI Board to consider developing mediation guidelines

WHEREAS, an enactment has been proposed for the inclusion of mediation procedures in the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, and

WHEREAS, the nature of interpersonal relations, the interdependence of persons in communities together with the increased diversity of attitudes, beliefs and cultures brought into closer contact in those societies and communities, has made conflicts and disputes an increasing fact of modern communities requiring increased skills and understanding for resolution, and

WHEREAS, the human traits and processes of conflicts at both international and community level have so much in common as to make the development of skills and processes in alternative dispute resolution at the local club and community level, from where national leaders are drawn, a significant contributor to harmony and peace on a wider international or world level, and

WHEREAS, Rotary is not immune from the above, and

WHEREAS, to not provide such provisions in today's increasingly litigious societies when Rotarians such as governors and other leaders are called on to arbitrate on a diverse range of issues and decisions and who may have inadequate knowledge, skill or time to do so, may not only result in less than best outcomes, it could expose members of Rotary International and members of boards of RI and clubs to potential litigious situations, and

WHEREAS, the achievements of Rotary's culture of service and fun and of building peace and goodwill, so much needed in the world today, may well be diminished if time and resources are forced to be diverted into defending positions rather than building the attitudes and skills for members to take responsibility to mediate positions arising from diversity that has potential for adverse consequences

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider developing guidelines in a handbook on alternative dispute resolution or mediation for Rotarians in all appropriate areas of Rotary.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-306

To request the RI Board to consider reducing the cost of organizing the convention with the view of reducing the registration fee

WHEREAS, it is a fact that many Rotarians from less developed countries find it expensive to attend the Rotary International annual conventions

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider reviewing its current procedures on organizing the Rotary International annual convention and find ways and/or take such measures as would reduce the cost involved to reduce the registration fee of the annual convention.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-309*

To request the RI Board to consider investigating whether regional meetings could be consolidated

WHEREAS, regional Rotary meetings are predominantly attended by the same club officers and members

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider investigating whether regional events such as presidents' conferences and RI institutes could be consolidated in order to save expenses.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-312

To request the RI Board to consider increasing information about Intercountry Committees

WHEREAS, Intercountry Committees have helped clubs and districts in zones 10-18 to create a climate of friendship with clubs and districts from different cultures, providing a source of enrichment for Rotary, and

WHEREAS, existing Intercountry Committees provide an important and significant contribution toward this end, establishing long lasting contacts through quality humanitarian projects, and

WHEREAS, Intercountry Committees need to be more publicized

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider examining and providing a sufficient amount of information relating to the objective and operations of Intercountry Committees during zone meetings and particularly at the international assembly where the governors-elect are trained.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-314

To request the RI Board to consider various ways to keep RI meetings accessible to all Rotarians

WHEREAS, for training purposes and for the future of the Rotary movement it is important that RI meetings are as accessible as possible to all Rotarians wishing to attend

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider that

- 1) Every effort is made to keep the costs of meetings low, and if possible to provide a range of accommodation to fit the varying needs of different people attending.
- 2) Every meeting should have a clear and published set of objectives.
- 3) Payment shall normally be made by credit card.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-317*

To amend the rules for selecting the president-nominee

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows

in article VI (page 194 MOP)

Article VI Officers

6.050. Qualifications of Officers.

6.050.2. President.

A candidate for the office of president of RI shall have served a full term as a director of RI prior to being nominated for ~~proposed as such~~ office candidate except where service for less than a full term may be determined by the board to satisfy the intent of this provision.

and in article XI (pages 216-217 MOP)

Article XI Nominations and Elections for President

11.040. Procedure for Functioning of Committee.

11.040.3. Forwarding Nominations to Committee.

The general secretary shall, between 1 July and 15 July in each year, mail a letter to all past directors eligible to serve as president. The letter will ask if the past directors are willing to be considered for nomination for president and will advise the past directors to

notify the general secretary prior to 31 August whether they wish to have their names listed as being willing and able to serve. Past directors not responding to the general secretary by 31 August will not be considered by the nominating committee. The general secretary shall forward the list of past directors willing to serve to the nominating committee when the committee convenes. The general secretary shall, on behalf of the committee, invite any club to submit its suggestion for nomination for president. The suggestion shall be submitted to the committee through the general secretary no later than 1 September on a form prescribed by the board. The form shall be obtained from the general secretary or governor, upon request of a club, under such procedures and arrangements as the board may prescribe.

11.050. *Nomination by the Committee.*

11.050.1. *Best Qualified Rotarian.*

The committee shall meet and nominate from among the list of past directors who have indicated they are willing to serve as president the best qualified Rotarian available to perform the functions of the office and shall ascertain whether the nominee has accepted the nomination and is willing and able to serve.

11.060. *Report of Committee.*

~~11.060.2. *List of Candidates.*~~

~~Upon the adjournment of its meeting, the committee shall certify to the general secretary a list of all candidates duly suggested by clubs under subsection 11.040.3.~~

11.070. *Additional Nomination by Clubs.*

In addition to the nomination made by the committee, challenges may be made in the following manner.

11.070.1. *Candidate Previously Considered and Concurrence.*

Any club may suggest as a challenging candidate the name of a qualified Rotarian who was duly notified the general secretary pursuant to subsections 11.040.3 of his or her willingness to be considered for nomination for president suggested to the nominating committee as a challenging candidate. The name of the challenging candidate shall be submitted pursuant to a duly adopted resolution by the club at a regular meeting. The resolution must be supported by a concurrence of at least a majority of the clubs in the district obtained at a district conference or through a ballot-by-mail. The concurrence must be certified to the general secretary by the district's governor. The resolution must be accompanied by a written statement from the challenging candidate that such candidate is willing to have such candidacy submitted to the clubs for endorsement. The foregoing requirements must be completed by 1 December of the relevant year.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-328

To amend the provisions relating to vacancies in RI Board membership

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 193 MOP)

Article V Board of Directors

5.070. Vacancies in Board Membership Between Election and End of First Year of Term.

5.070.1. Selection of a Nominee by Clubs ~~Alternates.~~

~~Where the office of director becomes vacant between the time of the election of a director and the time that such director would have completed the first year of the term of office, the clubs in the zone from which such director was nominated shall select a nominee for election by the board to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. Such selection shall, to the extent feasible, be in accordance with the procedure for the selection of director-nominee. The procedure for such selection shall be determined by the president.~~ At any time if the office of a director becomes vacant, due to whatever reason, the board shall elect the alternate selected at the time the director was elected from the same zone (or section in the zone) to serve as director for the rest of the term.

5.070.2. Selection by Existing Nominating Committee ~~Alternate Unable to Serve.~~

~~Where a nominating committee for director has been constituted to function in the zone concerned during the year in which the vacancy occurs, that committee shall function in connection with the selection of a nominee for director to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term in addition to its other duties.~~ If the alternate is unable to serve for any reason, the remaining members of the board shall elect a director from the same zone (or section of the zone) in which the vacancy occurs. Such vote shall take place at its next meeting or through voting by communication, as determined by the president.

5.070.3. Selection by Former Nominating Committee.

~~Where a nominating committee has not been constituted, the nominating committee which functioned in connection with the selection of the director whose office became vacant shall be reconvened by the president for the sole purpose of selecting a nominee for director to fill the vacancy.~~

5.070.4. Election by Board.

~~Following selection of a nominee for director to fill a vacancy in the office of director, the board shall elect such nominee at its next meeting or through voting by communication, as determined by the president.~~

5.080. Vacancies in Board Membership Following First Year of Term.

~~Where there is a vacancy in the office of director following the director's first year in office, the remaining members of the board shall elect a director from the same zone (or~~

~~section in a zone) in which the vacancy occurs. Such vote shall take place at its next meeting or through voting by communication, as determined by the president.~~

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-331

To revise the qualifications for governors-nominee to include serving as a charter president

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 235 MOP)

Article XV Districts

15.070. *Qualifications of a Governor-nominee.*

15.070.4. *Rotarian's Qualification as Past President of Club.*

The Rotarian must have served as president of a club for a full term or be a charter president of a club having served the full term from the date of charter to 30 June, provided that this period is for at least six months.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-333*

To change the date by which the district must select the governor-nominee

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 226 MOP)

Article XIII Nominations and Elections for Governors

13.010. *Selection of a Governor-nominee.*

The district shall select a nominee for governor not ~~later than January of the year in which~~ more than 30 months, but not less than 24 months prior to the day of taking office. ~~€~~The nominee will be elected at the RI convention held immediately preceding the year in which such nominee is to be trained at the international assembly. Nominees so elected shall serve a one-year term as governor-elect and assume office on 1 July in the calendar year following election.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-336

To amend the provisions regarding concurrences to challenges

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 227 MOP)

Article XIII Nominations and Elections for Governors

13.020. *Nominating Procedure for Governor.*

13.020.8. *Concurrence to Challenges.*

The governor shall inform all clubs through a form prescribed by RI of the name of any challenging candidate who has been proposed as specified above. The governor shall also inquire whether any club wishes to concur with the challenge. A club must file a resolution of the club adopted at a regular meeting to concur with ~~any~~ challenge. Such resolutions must be filed with the governor by the date determined by the governor. Only challenges that have been concurred to by at least five other clubs or 10 percent of the total number of clubs as at the beginning of the year in the district, whichever is higher, shall be considered valid.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-337

To amend the provisions for nominating governors

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows

in article XIII (page 228 MOP)

Article XIII Nominations and Elections for Governors

13.020. *Nominating Procedure for Governor.*

13.020.12. *Ballot at District Conference for Election of Governor-nominee.*

The ballot at the district conference will follow as closely as possible the provisions for a ballot-by-mail. ~~Electors~~All votes from a club with more than one ~~elector~~vote shall be cast ~~all votes~~ for the same candidate ~~failing which the votes from such club shall be deemed to be spoiled votes.~~

and in article XIII (pages 228-229 MOP)

13.040. *Ballot-by-Mail Specifications.*

13.040.1. *Club Voting.*

Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members. Such membership shall be determined by the number of members in the club as of the date of the most recent semiannual payment preceding the date on which the vote is to be held. However, any club whose membership in RI has been suspended by the board shall not be entitled to participate in the voting. If a club is entitled to cast more than one vote, the club shall cast all votes for the same candidate. The name of the candidate for whom the club has cast its vote(s) shall be verified by the secretary and president of the club and forwarded to the governor in a sealed envelope provided therefore.

13.040.2. *Balloting Committee.*

The governor shall determine and announce the place, date, and time for counting of ballots and shall appoint a committee of three members to arrange a place and otherwise take charge of validating and counting the ballots. Validation of ballots shall be undertaken separately from the counting of the ballots. The committee shall make other arrangements to safeguard the secrecy of the ballots as necessary. Arrangements shall be made so that candidates or a representative of each of them may be present to observe the counting of the ballots. All sealed envelopes containing the ballots from each club shall be opened in the presence of the candidates or their representatives.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-340

To amend the provisions for the selection of governor

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows

in article XIII (page 226 MOP)

Article XIII Nominations and Elections for Governors

13.010. Selection of a Governor-nominee.

The district shall select a nominee for governor not later than January of the year in which the nominee will be elected at the RI convention held immediately preceding the year in which such nominee is to be trained at the international assembly. The board shall have the authority to extend the date under this section for good and sufficient reason. Nominees so elected shall serve a one-year term as governor-elect and assume office on 1 July in the calendar year following election.

and in article XIII (page 229 MOP)

13.040. Ballot-by-Mail Specifications.

13.040.5. Less Than Majority Vote.

If no candidate receives a majority of the votes in an election, a runoff election shall be held between the two candidates who received the highest number of votes. If there is a tie for second place, the runoff election shall include all candidates who are tied for second place. If the first runoff election does not provide a candidate with a majority, one or more additional runoff elections shall be conducted until a candidate receives a majority of the votes. If two candidates each receive 50% of the votes in an election or a runoff election and one of the candidates is the nominee of the nominating committee, the nominee of the nominating committee shall be declared the successful candidate. If neither of such candidates is the nominee of the nominating committee, the governor shall select one of such candidates as the successful candidate.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-345

To require that the RI annual report show all reimbursed expenses paid to and payments made on behalf of the president, president-elect and president-nominee and the office of the president

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 242 MOP)

Article XVII Fiscal Matters

17.080. Report.

The general secretary shall publish the audited annual report of RI no later than the end of December following the fiscal year end. Such report shall, by individual office, clearly show all reimbursed expenses paid to, and all payments made on behalf of, the president, president-elect and president-nominee. In addition such report shall clearly show all reimbursed expenses paid to, and all payments made on behalf of, the office of the president. The report shall further contain the expenditures of the office of the president, the board, the annual convention, and each major division of the administration and the operations of the secretariat, and be accompanied by a statement comparing each of these items with the budget adopted in accordance with subsection 17.050.1. and, if necessary, as revised in accordance with subsection 17.050.2. The report shall contain full details of any expenditures that vary from the approved budget by more than 10 percent in each category. The report shall be distributed to each current and past officer of RI and shall be made available to any club upon request. The report for the year immediately preceding a council shall be mailed by the general secretary to all members of that council at least 30 days prior to the opening of that council.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-360

To require that Council on Legislation representatives and members of the nominating committee for director be elected by a majority vote

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows

in article VIII (page 204 MOP)

Article VIII Council on Legislation

8.050. *Election of Representatives by Electors.*

8.050.4. *Representatives and Alternates.*

The candidate receiving ~~the highest number of votes~~ a majority of the votes cast shall be the representative to the council. The candidate receiving the second highest number of votes shall be declared the alternate representative, to serve only in the event the representative is unable to serve.

and in article XII (page 221 MOP)

Article XII Nominations and Elections for Directors

12.020. *Selection of Director-nominee and Alternate by Nominating Committee Procedure.*

12.020.5. ~~*Representatives*~~ *Members* *and Alternates.*

The candidate receiving ~~the highest number of votes~~ a majority of the votes cast shall be the member of the nominating committee. The candidate receiving the second highest number of votes shall be declared the alternate member, to serve only in the event the member is unable to serve.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-362

To amend the duties of the president, executive committee and general secretary

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows

in article V (page 193 MOP)

Article V Board of Directors

5.060. Executive Committee.

The board may appoint an executive committee to be composed of at least five but no more than seven of its members, including any *ex officio* members. The executive committee shall evaluate the performance of the general secretary at least annually and report its findings to the board. The board may delegate to such executive committee authority to make decisions on behalf of the board between meetings of the board. Such authority is limited to matters where the policy of RI has been established. The executive committee shall function under such terms of reference not in conflict with the provisions of this section, as may be prescribed by the board.

and in article VI (page 197 MOP)

Article VI Officers

6.140. Duties of Officers.

6.140.1. President.

The president shall be the highest officer of RI. As such, the president:

- (a) shall be the principal person to speak on behalf of RI;
- (b) shall preside at all conventions and meetings of the board;
- (c) shall ~~review the work of and~~ counsel the general secretary; and
- ~~(d) shall report to the board at least annually an evaluation of the performance of the general secretary and the secretariat; and~~
- ~~(e)~~(d) shall perform such other duties as pertain to the office.

6.140.3. General Secretary.

The general secretary shall be the chief ~~administrative~~operating officer of RI. As chief operating officer, the general secretary shall be responsible for the day-to-day management of RI under the direction and control of the board. The general secretary shall be responsible to the president and board for the implementation of its policies and for the ~~management~~operations and administration, including the financial operation, of RI. The general secretary also shall communicate with Rotarians and Rotary clubs the policies established by the board. The general secretary shall be solely responsible for the supervision of the secretariat staff. The general secretary shall make an annual report to the board. Upon approval by the board, the annual report shall be submitted to the convention. The general secretary shall give bond for the faithful discharge of those duties in a sum and with sureties as required by the board.

and in article XVII (page 240 MOP)

Article XVII Fiscal Matters

17.050. Budget.

17.050.3. *General Secretary's Authorization to Make Payments*~~Budgeted Expenditures.~~
~~The general secretary shall authorize the payment of expenditures only to the extent such expenses are within the budget approved by the board. No expenditure of RI funds shall be made unless such expenditure is within the budget approved by the board. The general secretary shall have the duty and authority to enforce compliance with this subsection.~~

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-370

To increase per capita dues

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (pages 238-240 MOP)

Article XVII Fiscal Matters

17.030. Dues.

17.030.1. *Per Capita Dues.*

Each club shall pay RI per capita dues for each of its members as follows: US\$19.50 per half year in 2004-2005, US\$21.50 per half year in 2005-2006 and US\$23.50 per half year in 2006-2007 and thereafter~~per capita dues to RI for each member as follows: US\$17.50 per half year in 1995-96.~~ Such dues shall remain constant until changed by the council on legislation.

17.040. Date of Payment

17.040.2 *Prorated Dues*

The following per capita dues in prorated amounts shall be payable by each club for each member who has been elected to membership in the club subsequent to the July or January semiannual period for which dues are payable: US\$9.75 in 2004-2005, US\$10.75 in 2005-2006 and US\$11.75 in 2006-2007 and thereafter~~US\$8.75 in 1995-96.~~ The prorated per capita dues are due and payable on 1 October and 1 April. Such amounts shall be changed only by the council on legislation.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-387

To require that clubs pay per capita dues for a minimum of ten members

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (pages 238-239 MOP)

Article XVII Fiscal Matters

17.030. Dues.

17.030.1. *Per Capita Dues.*

Effective 1 July 2005, Each club shall pay per capita dues to RI for each member as follows: US\$17.50 per half year in 1995-96, provided that each club shall pay semiannually to RI a minimum of US\$175. Such dues shall remain constant until changed by the council on legislation.

17.030.2. *Additional Dues.*

Each club shall pay each year to RI for each of its members additional per capita dues of US\$1.00 or such other amount, as determined by the board, sufficient to pay for the projected expenses of the next scheduled council on legislation. Effective 1 July 2005, if a club has fewer than ten members, it shall pay additional per capita dues of an amount equal to the amount it would have paid if it had ten members. In the event an extraordinary meeting of the council is convened, additional per capita dues to pay for its expenses shall be paid as soon as practicable following the meeting. Such additional dues shall be held as a separate fund restricted to provide for the expenses of representatives in attending the council, as well as other administrative expenses of the council, in a manner to be determined by the board. The board shall furnish the clubs an accounting of receipts and expenditures.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-392

To require presentation of the five-year forecast at zone institutes

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 241 MOP)

Article XVII Fiscal Matters

17.060. *Five-Year Financial Forecast.*

17.060.4. Presentation of Five-Year Forecast at Zone Institutes.

The five-year forecast shall be presented by a director to the zone institutes for discussion.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-396

To request the RI Board to consider amending the RI travel policy

WHEREAS, the RI president, the RI president-elect, the chairman of The Rotary Foundation trustees, past RI presidents and their spouses are currently allowed to use first class air travel when traveling on official Rotary business, and

WHEREAS, board members, trustees present and past and their spouses are allowed to travel in business class on official Rotary business

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider amending the Rotary International travel policy to allow the president, president-elect, the chairperson of The Rotary Foundation, trustees and their spouses to travel first class during their years of office, and thereafter to travel in business class on official Rotary business, and in the case of board members, trustees and their spouses to continue to allow them to travel in business class during their years of office and thereafter, to travel in economy class, like any ordinary Rotarians on official Rotary business.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-401

To request the RI Board to consider revising the *Manual of Procedure* and proposing legislation to the next Council on Legislation to simplify the constitutional documents and revise the Council on Legislation process

WHEREAS, the Council on Legislation meets every three years at a cost of approximately US\$5 million, and

WHEREAS, delegates representing all the districts in Rotary International are invited to send a representative to this meeting at great cost to the organization, and

WHEREAS, this club considers that there must be a more cost effective way using modern technology to undertake such business, and

WHEREAS, this club considers that the present rules of Rotary International are too complicated and verbose

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider taking note of the above and appoint a special committee to consider:

- 1) the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the present format of the Council on Legislation
- 2) the simplification of the *Manual of Procedure* and the constitutional documents to remove verbiage
- 3) submitting proposals through the RI Board to the 2007 Council to give effect to 1) and 2) above.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-406*

To request the RI Board to consider investigating whether to conduct the Council on Legislation by video conferencing

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider investigating and reporting upon the possible use of modern technology such as video conferencing to reduce the time and costs of representatives attending the Council on Legislation. There may well be an expenditure needed to provide a worldwide technology structure, but this would be offset by a reduction in the expenses of representatives attending a Council on Legislation for several days. The chosen technology should be used to eliminate from plenary discussion, by a pre-voting procedure, all the proposed legislation that does not receive support for discussion from more than 30% of the delegates to the Council on Legislation.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-412

To require district endorsement of club legislation

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 198 MOP)

Article VII Legislative Procedure

7.030. *District Review Endorsement of Club Legislation.*

Legislation from a club must be submitted to the district conference or RIBI district council for a vote on whether it is to be endorsed. Where time does not allow legislation to be submitted to the district conference or RIBI district council, the legislation may be submitted to the clubs of the district through a ballot-by-mail conducted by the governor. Such ballot-by-mail shall follow the procedures in section 13.040. as closely as possible. All legislation delivered to the general secretary shall be accompanied by a certificate from the governor stating that it has been considered by the district conference or RIBI

district council and ~~whether it has been endorsed. A club may transmit to the general secretary legislation so considered, irrespective of whether it has been endorsed.~~

7.037. Duly Proposed Legislation; Deficient and Defective Proposed Legislation.

7.037.1. Duly Proposed Legislation.

Legislation is duly proposed if:

- (i) it is delivered to the general secretary under the deadlines contained in section 7.035. of the bylaws or article XVI, section 3 of the constitution, as applicable;
- (ii) it complies with the requirements of section 7.020. of the bylaws regarding who may propose legislation; and
- (iii) when it is proposed by a club, the requirements of section 7.030. of the bylaws regarding district review and endorsement have been met.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-415

To clarify procedures related to district consideration of club-proposed legislation

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 198 MOP)

Article VII Legislative Procedure

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(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-416

To allow the RI Board to not transmit deficient legislation to the Council on Legislation

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (pages 199-200 MOP)

Article VII Legislative Procedure

7.040. Review of Proposed Legislation.

The constitution and bylaws committee shall review all legislation submitted to the general secretary for transmittal to the council and may:

7.040.4. recommend to the board that the general secretary not transmit to the council legislation determined by the committee to be

- (i) not duly proposed, or
- (ii) defective or deficient, including where the proposer has not accepted recommendations for suitable changes to correct such defects or deficiencies; and where the proposer has been notified but has not made necessary changes by 90 days before the opening of the council and

7.050. Board Examination of Proposed Legislation.

The board (by the constitution and bylaws committee acting on its behalf) shall examine the text of all proposed legislation and shall advise the proposers of any deficiencies or defects in the proposed legislation and recommend, where feasible, corrective action.

7.050.2. Legislation Not Transmitted to the Council.

Where the board, on the advice of the constitution and bylaws committee, acting in accordance with section 7.040.4., determines that proposed legislation is (i) not duly proposed or (ii) defective or deficient and, where feasible, suitable changes have been recommended to the proposer but not accepted, the board may direct that the proposed legislation not be transmitted to the council for consideration. In the event of such action by the board, the proposer shall thereupon be notified by the general secretary. In such instance, the proposer must secure the consent of two-thirds of the members of the council to have the proposed legislation considered by the council.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-417

To clarify the provisions for the suspension and nullification of Council action

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (pages 206-207 MOP)

Article VIII Council on Legislation

8.140. Action of the Council.

8.140.4. *Suspension of Council Action.*

The action of the council on such legislation shall be suspended where clubs representing at least 10 percent of the votes entitled to be cast by the clubs file forms recording their opposition.

8.140.5. *Vote by Clubs Through Ballot-by-Mail.*

If one or more items of approved legislation are suspended due to opposition by clubs, the general secretary shall prepare and distribute a ballot to the secretary of each club within one month following such suspension. The ballot shall submit the question of whether the action of the council should be sustained in regard to the suspended item of legislation. Each club shall be entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members. Such membership shall be determined by the number of members in the club as of the date of the most recent semiannual payment preceding the ~~date on which the vote is to be held~~ adjournment of the council. However, any club whose membership in RI has been suspended by the board shall not be entitled to participate in the voting. The ballots by clubs must be certified by the club presidents and received by the general secretary no later than the date stated on the ballots, which shall be at least two months after the mailing of such ballots.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-420

To allow a candidate for council representative to be nominated by any club in the district

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 203 MOP)

Article VIII Council on Legislation

8.050. Election of Representatives by Electors.

8.050.3. *Nominations.*

Any club in a district may nominate a qualified member of ~~the~~ any club in the district for representative where such member has indicated a willingness and ability to serve. The club shall certify such nomination in writing. Such certification must include the signatures of the club president and secretary. Such nomination shall be forwarded to the governor for presentation to the electors of the clubs at the district conference. Each elector at the district conference shall be entitled to cast one vote in the election of the representative.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-423

To remove the provision for certain past general secretaries to be members of the Council on Legislation

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 202 MOP)

Article VIII Council on Legislation

8.010. *Members of the Council.*

8.010.5. *Past Presidents and Past General Secretaries.*

All past presidents of RI ~~and any past general secretaries who served as such for a period of at least ten years~~ shall be non-voting members of the council.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-424

To revise the numbering system of the RI Constitution to make it internally consistent and to replace Roman numerals with Arabic numbers in all of the constitutional documents

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the CONSTITUTION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby is amended as follows (pages 181-185 MOP)

Article ~~II~~ I Definitions

As used in the constitution and bylaws of Rotary International, unless the context otherwise clearly requires, the words in this article shall have the following meanings:

1. Board: The Board of Directors of Rotary International.
2. Club: A Rotary club.
3. Member: A member, other than an honorary member, of a Rotary club.
4. Year: The twelve-month period which begins on the first day of July.
5. RI: Rotary International.
6. Governor: A governor of a Rotary district.

Article ~~II~~ 2 Name and Description

The name of this organization shall be Rotary International. RI is the association of clubs throughout the world.

Article ~~III~~ 3 Purposes

The purposes of RI are:

- ~~(i)~~(a) To encourage, promote, extend, and supervise Rotary throughout the world;
- ~~(ii)~~(b) To coordinate and generally direct the activities of RI.

Article IV~~4~~ Object

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

First. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

Second. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

Third. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

Fourth. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Article V~~5~~ Membership

Section 1 — *How Constituted.* The membership of RI shall consist of clubs which continue to perform the obligations as set forth in this constitution and the bylaws.

Section 2 — *Composition of Clubs.*

- (a) A club shall be composed of active members who are adult persons of good character and good business and professional reputation,
- (~~i~~)(1) engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession; or
 - (~~ii~~)(2) hold an important position in any worthy and recognized business or profession or any branch or agency thereof and have executive capacity with discretionary authority; or
 - (~~iii~~)(3) having retired from any position listed in sub-subsection (~~i~~)(1) or (~~ii~~)(2) of this subsection

and

having their places of business or residence located in the locality of the club or the surrounding area. An active member moving from the locality of the club or the surrounding area may retain membership in the club where the member's board grants such permission and said active member continues to stay active in the same classification. If a member retires, or a member with three or more years of service changes residence or place of business so that the member no longer meets the foregoing locality requirements, the club may continue the member's membership without change of classification.

- (b) Each club shall have a well-balanced membership in which no one business or profession predominates. The club shall not elect a person to active membership from a classification if the club already has five or more members from that classification, unless the club has more than 50 members, in which case the club may elect a person to active membership in a classification so long as it will not result in the classification making up more than 10 percent of the club's active membership. Members who are retired shall not be included in the total number of members from a classification. If a member changes classification, the club may continue the member's membership under the new classification notwithstanding these limitations.*
- (c) The bylaws of RI may provide for active membership and honorary membership

in clubs and shall prescribe the qualifications for each.

- (d) In countries where the word “club” has an inappropriate connotation, Rotary clubs, with the approval of the board, will not be obliged to use it in their names.

Section 3 — *Ratification of Constitution and Bylaws.* Every club granted a certificate of membership in RI and accepting the same thereby accepts, ratifies, and agrees to be bound in all things, not contrary to law, by this constitution and the bylaws of RI, and amendments thereto, and to faithfully observe the provisions thereof.

Section 4 — *Exceptions.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution or of the bylaws of RI or the standard club constitution, the board, as a pilot project, may admit into membership or permit the reorganization of up to 200 clubs with provisions in their constitutions not in accordance with this constitution and bylaws of RI. Such pilot project may extend for a period not exceeding five years. Upon the conclusion of any such pilot project, the constitutions of all clubs admitted into membership or permitted to reorganize shall be the standard club constitution as in effect at that time.

Article ~~VI~~6 Board of Directors

Section 1 — *How Constituted.* The board of directors shall be nineteen in number.

The president of RI shall be a member and chairman of the board. The president-elect of RI shall be a member of the board. Seventeen directors shall be nominated and elected in accordance with the provisions of the bylaws.

Section 2 — *Powers.* The affairs and funds of RI shall be under the direction and control of the board in conformity with this constitution and the bylaws and the Illinois General Not-for-Profit Corporation Act of 1986, and any amendments thereto. In exercising such direction and control over the funds of RI, the board may, as fixed by the budget or budgets provided for in the bylaws, expend in any fiscal year the current income and such amount from the general surplus fund as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of RI. The board shall report to the next convention as to the special conditions under which expenditures have been made from the surplus. The board shall at no time incur an indebtedness in excess of the then net assets of RI.

Section 3 — *Secretary.* The general secretary of RI shall be secretary of the board and shall have no vote in the proceedings thereof.

Article ~~VII~~7 Officers

Section 1 — *Titles.* The officers of RI shall be president, president-elect, vice-president, treasurer, other directors, general secretary, district governors, and the president, immediate past president, vice-president and honorary treasurer of RI in Great Britain and Ireland.

Section 2 — *How Elected.* The officers of RI shall be nominated and elected as provided in the bylaws.

Article ~~VIII~~8 Administration

Section 2 – The administration of clubs shall be under general supervision of the board to together with one or other of the following forms of direct supervision, which shall be

at all times in conformity with the provision of this constitution and the bylaws:

- ~~(i)~~(a) Supervision of a club by the board.
- ~~(ii)~~(b) Supervision of clubs by a governor in a constituted district.
- ~~(iii)~~(c) Such supervision, as may be deemed advisable by the board and approved by the council on legislation.
- ~~(iv)~~(d) Supervision of clubs in Great Britain, Ireland, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man by RI in Great Britain and Ireland.

Article ~~IX~~9 Convention

Section 1 — *Time and Place*. A convention of RI shall be held annually within the last three months of the fiscal year, at a time and place to be determined by the board, subject to change by the board for good cause.

Section 2 — *Special Conventions*. In case of emergency, special conventions may be called by the president with the approval of a majority of the members of the board.

Section 3 — *Representation*.

- (a) In any convention, each club shall be entitled to be represented by at least one delegate. Any club with a membership of more than fifty (50) shall be entitled to be represented by an additional delegate for each additional fifty of its members or major fraction thereof. For this purpose, representation shall be determined on the basis of membership in the club on 31 December immediately preceding the convention. A club may authorize a delegate to cast one or more of the votes to which the club is entitled.
- (b) It shall be the duty of each club to be represented at each convention of RI either by one of its own members as a delegate or by proxy and to vote on each proposal submitted for determination.

Section 4 — *Delegates-at-Large*. Each officer and each past president of RI, still holding membership in a club, shall be a delegate-at-large.

Section 5 — *Electors and Voting*. The duly accredited delegates, proxy holders, and delegates-at-large shall constitute the voting body of the convention and shall be known as electors. Voting shall be as provided in the bylaws.

Article ~~X~~10 Council on Legislation

Section 1 — *Purpose*. The council on legislation shall constitute the legislative body of RI.

Section 2 — *Time and Place*. The council on legislation shall convene triennially in April, May, or June, but preferably in April. The board will determine the date and place of the meeting, provided that, except for compelling financial or other reasons as determined by a two-thirds vote of the entire board, the meeting shall be held in the vicinity of the RI world headquarters.

Section 3 — *Procedures*. The council shall consider and act upon proposals which are duly submitted to it, and its action shall be subject only to action by clubs as provided in the bylaws of RI.

Section 4 — *Membership*. The membership of the council shall be as provided in the bylaws.

Section 5 — *Extraordinary Meeting to Adopt Enactments and Resolutions*. The board, by a 90 percent vote of the entire board, may determine that an emergency exists,

such that an extraordinary meeting of the council on legislation is required in order to adopt legislation. The board will determine the time and place for such a meeting and specify its purpose. Such a meeting may consider and act only upon legislation proposed by the board related to the emergency for which the meeting is called. Legislation to be considered at such meetings is not subject to the submission deadlines and procedures specified elsewhere in the constitutional documents of RI, except that those procedures shall be followed to the extent that time permits. Any action of such a meeting of the council shall be subject thereafter to action by the clubs as provided in section 3 of this article.

Article ~~XI~~11 Dues

Every club shall pay semiannually to RI, per capita dues as provided in the bylaws.

Article ~~XII~~12 Foundation

Section 1 — There shall be a Foundation of RI to be established and operated in accordance with the provisions of the bylaws of RI.

Section 2 — All gifts, devises, or bequests of money or property or income therefrom received by RI and any surplus funds of RI as may be authorized by the convention shall become the property of the Foundation.

Article ~~XIII~~13 Membership Title and Insignia

Every member of a club shall be known as a Rotarian, and shall be entitled to wear the emblem, badge, or other insignia of RI.

Article ~~XIV~~14 Bylaws

Bylaws not inconsistent with this constitution embodying additional provisions for the government of RI, shall be adopted, and may be amended by the council on legislation.

Article ~~XV~~15 Interpretation

Throughout this constitution and the bylaws of RI, and the standard club constitution, pronouns of either the masculine or feminine gender shall include the other gender. The terminology “mail,” “mailing,” and “ballot-by-mail” will include utilization of electronic mail (e-mail) and internet technology to reduce costs and increase responsiveness.

Article ~~XVI~~16 Amendments

Section 3 – *Procedure.*

- ~~1~~(a) Any proposal to amend this constitution shall be delivered to the general secretary not later than 30 June in the year preceding that in which the council on legislation is to meet.
- ~~2~~(b) The general secretary of RI shall mail ten copies of all duly proposed amendments to each governor, one copy to all members of the council on legislation, and one copy to the secretary of any club that requests it, not later than 31 December in the year the council shall be convened. The

proposed amendments also will be made available via the Rotary worldwide web home page.

- (c) The council shall consider and act upon each duly proposed amendment transmitted to the council and any amendment thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL and the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby are amended by removing all Roman numerals wherever they appear and replacing them with equivalent Arabic numbers.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-425

To remove expired interim provisions from the RI constitutional documents

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows

in article VIII (page 208 MOP)

Article VIII Council on Legislation

8.170. Interim Provisions.

Interim provisions shall expire when they are no longer applicable.

and in article XIX (pages 242-243 MOP)

Article XIX Other Meetings

19.010. International Assembly.

19.010.2. Time and Place.

The board shall determine the time and place of the international assembly. The president-elect shall be responsible for its program and shall be the chairman of any committee appointed to supervise assembly arrangements. The assembly shall be held prior to 15 February. The board shall make every effort to ensure that no Rotarian will be excluded solely on the basis of national citizenship when selecting a site for an international assembly.

~~Interim Provision Relating to Section 19.010.2.~~

~~Any contracts of RI existing on 1 July 1998 may be honored, notwithstanding the provisions of this section.~~

and in article XXII (page 246 MOP)

Article XXII The Rotary Foundation

22.020. Trustees.

There shall be 13 trustees appointed by the president with the approval of the board. Four of the trustees shall be past presidents of RI. All trustees shall satisfy the qualifications listed in the Foundation's bylaws.

22.030. Terms of Trustees.

The terms of the trustees shall be four years. Trustees may be reappointed.

~~22.040. Interim Provision Relating to Sections 22.020. and 22.030.~~

~~22.040.1. Trustees Serving as of 1 July 1994.~~

~~Notwithstanding section 22.020., trustees serving as of 1 July 1994 shall serve the terms for which they were appointed.~~

~~22.040.2. Past Presidents Serving During Interim Period.~~

~~The board is authorized to implement sections 22.020. and 22.030. as soon as feasible in as fair a manner as possible, even if the number of past presidents on the trustees temporarily exceeds four during the interim period.~~

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

in article VI (page 250 MOP)

Article VI Membership

Section 2 – Kinds. This club shall have two kinds of membership, namely: active and honorary.

~~Interim Provision Relating to Section 2 – Notwithstanding the provisions of article VI, section 2, no one who was a member of a Rotary club as of 1 July 2001 shall lose membership by reason of enactment 01-148 adopted by the 2001 Council on Legislation.~~

and in article VII (page 251 MOP)

Article VII Classifications

Section 2 – Limitations. This club shall not elect a person to active membership from a classification if the club already has five or more members from that classification, unless the club has more than 50 members, in which case, the club may elect a person to active membership in a classification so long as it will not result in the classification making up more than 10 percent of the club's active membership. Members who are retired shall not be included in the total number of members from a classification. If a member changes

classification, the club may continue the member's membership under the new classification notwithstanding these limitations.

~~*Interim Provision Relating to Section 2* — Notwithstanding the provisions of article VII, section 2, no one who was a member of a Rotary club as of 1 July 2001 shall lose membership by reason of enactment 01-148 adopted by the 2001 Council on Legislation. (See footnote for Interim Provision to article VI, section 2 of this constitution.)~~

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-426

To make technical amendments to the provisions regarding filling a vacancy in the office of president-elect by nominating committee procedure

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (pages 195-196 MOP)

Article VI Officers

6.080. *Vacancy in the Office of President-elect.*

6.080.1. *Vacancy Prior to Next Convention.*

Where the position of president-elect becomes vacant prior to the adjournment of the next convention, the nominating committee for president shall select a new nominee for president for the year during which such president-elect would have served as president. Such selection shall be made as soon as practicable at its regularly scheduled meeting or in an emergency meeting of the committee. If such meeting is not practicable, the selection may be made in a ballot-by-mail or by other rapid means of communication.

6.080.2. *Filling Vacancy by Nominating Committee Procedure.*

A nominee for president selected pursuant to sections 11.050. and 11.060. ~~and 11.070.~~ may be named by the committee to be the new nominee for president. In such cases, the committee shall select a new nominee for the position of president-elect.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-427

Technical legislation to clarify interpretation of the constitutional documents

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

Article XV Interpretation

Throughout this constitution and the bylaws of RI, and the standard club constitution the following rules of construction shall apply: - The words "shall," "is," and "are" are mandatory, and the words "may" and "should" are permissive. Pronouns of either the masculine or feminine gender shall include the other gender. The terminology "mail," "mailing," and "ballot-by-mail" will include utilization of electronic mail (e-mail) and internet technology to reduce costs and increase responsiveness.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-444

To provide mediation guidelines

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

in article XI (pages 255-256 MOP)

Article XI Duration of Membership

Section 6 – *Right to Appeal, Mediate or Arbitrate Termination.*

- (a) *Notice.* Within seven (7) days after the date of the board's decision to terminate membership, the secretary shall give written notice of the decision to the member. Within fourteen (14) days after the date of the notice, the member may give written notice to the secretary of the intention either to appeal to the club, request mediation, or to arbitrate as provided in article XV.
- (b) *Date for Hearing of Appeal.* In the event of an appeal, the board shall set a date for the hearing of the appeal at a regular club meeting to be held within twenty-one (21) days after receipt of the notice of appeal. At least five (5) days' written notice of the meeting and its special business shall be given to every member. Only members shall be present when the appeal is heard.
- (c) *Mediation or Arbitration.* ~~In the event of a request for arbitration, each party shall appoint an arbitrator and the arbitrators shall appoint an umpire. Only a member of a Rotary club may be appointed as umpire or as arbitrator.~~ The procedure utilized for mediation or arbitration shall be as provided in article XV.
- (d) *Appeal.* If an appeal is taken, the action of the club shall be final and binding on all parties and shall not be subject to arbitration.
- (e) *Decision of Arbitrators or Umpire.* If arbitration is requested, the decision reached by the arbitrators or, if they disagree, by the umpire shall be final and binding on all parties and shall not be subject to appeal.
- (f) *Unsuccessful Mediation.* If mediation is requested but is unsuccessful, the member may appeal to the club or arbitrate as provided in subsection (a) of this section.

and in article XV (page 257 MOP)

Article XV Arbitration and Mediation

- (a) Disputes. Should any dispute, other than as to a decision of the board, arise between any current or former member(s) and this club, any club officer or the board, on any account whatsoever which cannot be settled under the procedure already provided for such purpose, the dispute shall be settled, upon a request to the secretary by any of the disputants, either be resolved by mediation or settled by arbitration. The procedure utilized for such arbitration shall be as provided in article XI, section 6, subsections (c) and (e).
- (b) Date for Mediation or Arbitration. In the event of mediation or arbitration, the board shall set a date for the mediation or arbitration, in consultation with disputants, to be held within twenty-one (21) days after receipt of the request for mediation or arbitration.
- (c) Mediation. The procedure for such mediation shall be that recognized by an appropriate authority with national or state jurisdiction or be that recommended by a competent professional body whose recognized expertise covers alternative dispute resolution or be that recommended by way of documented guidelines determined by the board of Rotary International or the trustees of The Rotary Foundation. Only a member of a Rotary club may be appointed as mediator(s). The club may request the district governor or the governor's nominee to appoint a mediator who is a member of a Rotary club and who has appropriate mediation skills and experience.
- (d) Mediation Outcomes. The outcomes or decisions agreed between the parties as a result of mediation shall be recorded and copies held by each party, the mediator(s) and one copy given to the board and to be held by the secretary. A summary statement of outcomes acceptable to the parties involved shall be prepared for the information of the club. Either party through the president or secretary may call for further mediation if it is considered either party has retracted significantly from the mediated position.
- (e) Arbitration. In the event of a request for arbitration, each party shall appoint an arbitrator and the arbitrators shall appoint an umpire. Only a member of a Rotary club may be appointed as umpire or as arbitrator.
- (f) Decision of Arbitrators or Umpire. If arbitration is requested, the decision reached by the arbitrators or, if they disagree, by the umpire shall be final and binding on all parties and shall not be subject to appeal.
- (g) Unsuccessful Mediation. If mediation is requested but is unsuccessful, any disputant may request arbitration as provided in subsection (a) of this section.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-460

To request the RI Board to consider refraining from publishing the names of members of the nominating committee for RI president until after the committee has met

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary International, recognizing the need to regularize the procedures of the organization, and

to comply more closely to Article X, 10.050.1. of the RI Bylaws, consider proposing legislation to the 2007 Council on Legislation amending section 11.040.1. of the RI Bylaws to read:

The general secretary shall be notified of the names of Rotarians elected by the zones to serve on the nominating committee for president, but he shall not notify the board and clubs of these names until after the nominating committee has been duly convened.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by Rotary International that the General Secretary be authorized to publish the names of Rotarians serving on the Nominating Committee for the RI President in the Official Directory (including electronic versions) immediately following the committee meeting.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-467

To provide that the general secretary shall be the only officer to receive compensation

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows

in article V (page 192 MOP)

Article V Board of Directors

5.030. Powers of the Board.

5.030.3. Annual Expression of Appreciation.

~~The board, in its discretion, may authorize an annual expression of appreciation to the office of the president for the consideration of time, effort, and personal sacrifice of the president and president-elect. Any payments to the president or the president-elect other than reasonable, documented expenditures reimbursable as authorized pursuant to the expense reimbursement policy established by the board, must be fully disclosed each year in the annual report of RI, THE ROTARIAN magazine, or some other readily visible means available to the Rotarians of the world.~~

and in article VI (page 197 MOP)

Article VI Officers

6.130. Compensation of Officers.

The general secretary shall be the only officer to receive compensation. The board shall fix such compensation. There shall be no payments, including any expressions of appreciation, honoraria or similar payments, to any other officer or the president-

nominee, other than reimbursement of reasonable, documented expenditures as authorized pursuant to the expense reimbursement policy established by the board.

(End of Text)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04-525

To urge clubs to continue their efforts to meet critical human needs but not to adopt new corporate programs until recommended by the Strategic Plan

WHEREAS, numerous Resolutions brought before this Council, which proposed the adoption of new corporate programs or special worldwide emphases, have been rejected or set aside, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Council wish to express and acknowledge their deep concern about critical worldwide issues, including, but not limited to, poverty, malaria, tuberculosis, population control, clean water, literacy, AIDS, land mines, children at risk and other humanitarian needs, and

WHEREAS, these critical worldwide issues have received the attention and will continue to engage the attention of the RI Board and Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, and

WHEREAS, Rotarians and Rotary clubs represented at this Council are totally committed to a wide variety of activities to meet human needs

IT IS RESOLVED that Rotary International urges and encourages all clubs to continue their efforts to meet critical human needs as noted at this Council; but, that it is not the intention of Rotary International to adopt new corporate programs at this time, until such program, or programs, are recommended by the Strategic Plan, adopted at this Council, and the goal of the PolioPlus program is fulfilled.

(End of Text)

OPPOSITION TO LEGISLATION REPORT FORM

*This form may be duplicated if your club wishes to record its opposition to more than one item of adopted legislation. Please prepare one form for each item of opposed legislation. **Forms are due in Evanston no later than 18 October 2004.***

Each club is entitled to at least one vote. Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional vote for each additional 25 members, or major fraction thereof, as follows:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Votes</u>
1-37	1
38-62	2
63-87	3
88-112	4
etc.	

I hereby certify that

1. at a regular meeting, this club agreed to record its opposition to the following action of the 2004 Council on Legislation:

04-_____

2. the membership of this club on 1 January 2004 (honorary members excepted) entitles it to this number of votes (see above):

Date: _____

President: _____
signature

please print

Rotary Club of _____

District _____

Send to:

General Secretary
c/o Council Services Section
Rotary International
One Rotary Center
1560 Sherman Avenue
Evanston, Illinois 60201 USA

**FORMS ARE DUE IN EVANSTON NO
LATER THAN 18 OCTOBER 2004.**