**Pertinent Excerpts from RI Bylaws**

**Article 12 Nominations and Elections for Governors**

**12.010.** Selection of a Governor-nominee.

**12.020.** Procedure to Select Governor.

**12.030.** Nominating Committee Process.

**12.010.** *Selection of a Governor-nominee.*

The district shall select a nominee for governor between 24 and 36 months before taking

office. The nominee shall become the governor-nominee-designate upon selection and

the governor-nominee on 1 July two years before taking office as governor. The board

shall have the authority to extend the date under this section for good and sufficient

reason. The nominee will be elected at the RI convention in the year before the nominee

will attend the international assembly, if such an election is needed under the provisions

of section 6.010. of these bylaws.

**12.020.** *Procedure to Select Governor.*

Except for those districts in RIBI, a district shall adopt, by a resolution at a district

conference by a majority vote of the electors present and voting, one of three processes

to select the governor-nominee-designate in future years:

(a) nominating committee;

(b) club ballot; or

(c) district conference.

If the district has not adopted a process by 1 July, the district shall use the nominating

committee process. The district must follow all procedures for its chosen selection

method as provided in the remainder of this article. To participate in district voting for

the election of governors-nominee, a club shall have paid the required district levy for

the Rotary year in which the voting is taking place and shall not be indebted to the

district. The financial status of the club is determined by the governor.

**12.030.** *Nominating Committee Process.*

12.030.1. *Nominating Committee for Governor.*

In districts adopting a nominating committee procedure, the committee shall seek out

and propose the best qualified candidate for governor-nominee. The terms of reference

of the committee, including the method for selecting members, shall be determined in a

resolution adopted by the electors present and voting at a district conference. The terms

of reference must not be inconsistent with the bylaws.

12.030.2. *Failure to Select Members of the Nominating Committee.*

Any district that has adopted the nominating committee procedure but fails to select the

members of the committee shall select the five most recent past governors who are still

members of a club in that district as its nominating committee. The committee shall

function in accordance with section 12.030. If five past governors are not available, the

RI president shall appoint additional members from that district so that the committee

has five members.

12.030.3. *Club Suggestions for Governor.*

The governor shall invite clubs to submit their suggestions for nominations for

governor. The deadline for suggestions is at least two months before the nominating

committee meeting. The suggestions shall be submitted by a resolution naming the

suggested candidate adopted at a regular club meeting and certified by the secretary. A

club shall only suggest one of its own members.

12.030.4. *Nomination by Committee of Best Qualified Rotarian.*

The committee shall nominate the best qualified Rotarian who is available to serve as

governor and not be limited to those names submitted by clubs in the district.

12.030.5. *Notification of Nomination.*

The chair of the nominating committee shall notify the governor of the candidate

selected within 24 hours of the adjournment of the nominating committee. Within three

days of the receipt of the notice, the governor shall notify the clubs in writing of the

name and club of the nominee.

12.030.6. *Committee Inability to Select Nominee.*

If the nominating committee cannot agree upon a candidate, the governor-nominee

shall be elected in a club ballot as provided in section 12.050. or at the district

conference in accordance with section 15.050. In either case, only those candidates

suggested to the nominating committee may participate.

12.030.7. *Challenging Candidates.*

Any club in the district in existence for at least one year as of the beginning of that year

may also propose a challenging candidate for governor-nominee, but only if it previously

suggested the candidate to the nominating committee. A club in existence for less than

one year as of the beginning of that year may propose a challenging candidate if the

candidate is a member of that club and was already suggested to the nominating

committee. The name of the challenging candidate shall be submitted by a resolution of

the club adopted at a regular meeting and filed with the governor by the date set by the

governor, which shall be within 14 days of notification of the selection for governor nominee.

12.030.8. *Concurrence to Challenges.*

The governor shall inform all clubs through a form prescribed by RI of any challenging

candidate and ask whether any club concurs with the challenge. In order to concur, a

club must adopt a resolution at a regular meeting and file it with the governor by the

date set by the governor. A valid challenge requires concurrences by either:

(a) 10 other clubs; or

(b) 20 percent of the total number of clubs

which have been in existence for at least one year as of the beginning of that year in that

district, whichever is higher. A club shall concur with only one challenging candidate.

12.030.9. *Challenging Nominations.*

Within seven days after the deadline, the governor shall notify clubs that there is a valid

challenging candidate. The notice shall include the name and qualifications of each

challenging candidate, the names of the challenging and concurring clubs, and state that

the candidates will be voted on in a club ballot or at the district conference, if the

challenge remains valid for 30 days after the notice by the governor.

12.030.10. *Lack of Valid Challenging Candidate.*

If there is no valid challenging candidate, the governor shall declare the committee’s

candidate as the governor-nominee. The governor shall notify all clubs in the district of

the nominee within 15 days.

**Article 16 Governors**

**16.010.** Qualifications of a Governor-nominee.

**16.020.** Qualifications of a Governor.

**16.030.** Duties of a Governor.

**16.010.** *Qualifications of a Governor-nominee.*

Unless excused by the board, the person selected as a governor-nominee shall at the

time of selection:

(a) be a member in good standing of a functioning club in the district;

(b) have served as club president for a full term or as charter president for at least six

months;

(c) demonstrate willingness, commitment, and ability to fulfill the duties and

responsibilities of a governor in section 16.030.;

(d) demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of

governor as prescribed in the bylaws; and

(e) submit to RI a statement that the Rotarian understands those qualifications,

duties, and responsibilities, is qualified for the office of governor, and is willing

and able to assume and faithfully perform those duties and responsibilities.

**16.020.** *Qualifications of a Governor.*

Unless excused by the board, a governor, when taking office, must have attended the

international assembly for its full duration, have been a Rotarian for at least seven years,

and continue to possess the qualifications in section 16.010.

**16.030.** *Duties of a Governor.*

The governor is the officer of RI in the district, functioning under the general control

and supervision of the board. The governor shall inspire and motivate the clubs in the

district. The governor shall ensure continuity within the district by working with past,

current, and incoming district leaders. The governor is responsible for:

(a) organizing new clubs;

(b) strengthening existing clubs;

(c) promoting membership growth;

(d) working with district and club leaders to encourage participation in a district

leadership plan as developed by the board;

(e) furthering the Object of Rotary by providing leadership and supervision of the

clubs in the district;

(f) supporting TRF;

(g) promoting cordial relations among the clubs and Rotaract clubs and between the

clubs, Rotaract clubs, and RI;

(h) planning for and presiding at the district conference and assisting the governorelect

in planning and preparing the PETS and the district training assembly;

(i) conducting an official visit to each club, individually or in multi-club meetings,

that maximizes the governor’s presence to:

1. focus attention on important Rotary issues;

2. provide special attention to weak and struggling clubs;

3. motivate Rotarians to participate in service activities;

4. ensure that the club constitution and bylaws comply with the constitutional

documents, especially following councils on legislation; and

5. personally recognize the outstanding contributions of Rotarians in the

district;

(j) issuing a monthly communication to each club;

(k) reporting promptly to RI as required by the president or the board;

(l) providing the governor-elect, before the international assembly, full information

about the condition of clubs and recommended action to strengthen them;

(m) assuring that district nominations and elections comply with the constitutional

documents and RI’s established policies;

(n) inquiring regularly about the activities of Rotarian organizations in the district;

(o) transferring district files to the governor-elect; and

(p) performing any other duties as are inherent of an RI officer.