

Regrettable Incidents in Rotary Leadership History

In this 1-hour online session, the moderator will identify the overall objective, then quickly list some regrettable incidents at the club or district levels, such as—

Shaming Clubs. Several clubs reported that “the DG made us feel that we do not belong in Rotary.”

YE Host Father in a sexual relationship with YEP student. Tries for college scholarship.

Embezzlement of club and district monies

DG giving GSE team leader a **consolation trip** overseas when her GSE was cancelled—without approval of Finance Committee

Electioneering: DG telling AGs: we cannot have a DG from that club; otherwise, they will control this district for five years

DG overspending the district budget by \$23,000, in part, by bringing friends and relatives gratis from around the country to the district conference

YEP chair commenting on girls bathing suits when they come out of the water

Politicizing Rotary Clubs: “This is my friend, Jack Morris, and he’s running for County Supervisor.”

Making **sexist/denigrating remarks** about women

The moderator will be **careful to protect the identity** of the districts, clubs, and perpetrators. Having students from two districts will help the anonymity.

Then, the moderator will identify six principles of effective intervention/mediation. With the benefit of advanced preparation, the moderator will lead a case study with peace-keeping role play, with the students playing roles of mediator, partisans (pro and con), and jury re use of effective application of mediation principles.

Candidates for Case Studies and Role Play

1. RI Board clarifies its policy on **guns**.
2. **Anti-Muslim/Arab Comments from the club podium.**
3. Scheduling a program on Climate Change
4. A program on “The Wall” creates controversy: Culture and property rights of indigenous people vs perceived threat to the U.S.