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Message from Brian Menton, District 7010 Council Representative

Rotary Greetings,

I am writing to bring you up to date on the Council on Legislation. This Council in my opinion made some of the most progressive decisions in the history of Rotary. All the changes came into effect July 01, 2016.

I have posted the following documents on the District website:

- 1 Report of Action
- 2 Constitution of Rotary International
- 3 Bylaws of Rotary International
- 4 Recommended Rotary Club bylaws
- 5 Constitution of the Rotary Club of (Your club's name)

It is important that you read and discuss the proposed changes. Remember this does not mean you have to make changes that do not fit your club's unique character. The legislation is designed to allow clubs the flexibility to meet their member's needs. If it is "not broke then don't fix it".

The updated Rotary Club Constitution is one of the available documents. It is recommended that all clubs adopt the new Constitution by September, 2016. Any changes will also require changes to your club bylaws. Now is the time to start that discussion. If you cannot find your bylaws then I suggest you modify the new standard bylaws. Again there are recommended bylaws available on our District website. Clubs should have their amended bylaws passed by December of this Rotary year.

Clubs can file opposition to the Council decisions before August 15, 2016. There is a form that must be used on page 65 of the " Report of Action". No forms will be considered after August 15.

A key aspect of the Council's decisions was to "keep it local", so clubs could make more decisions for themselves. Every club is different and each has their own unique needs. The hope is that your club's decisions will attract more members and make your club stronger in your community.

Please read the "Report of Action" carefully. Discuss any suggested changes at a special meeting and remember if changes are made your bylaws must be updated. Also remember to vote on the updated constitution as soon as possible.

If you have questions or concerns please feel free to [contact me](#).

Yours in Rotary,

PDG Brian Menton