


COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION 2019 OUTCOMES

- 19-18 To amend provisions for membership. "to protect the interests of its members irrespective of gender, race, color, creed, national origin, or sexual orientation,"
- Each club shall endeavor to build a well-balanced membership that celebrates diversity.**
- 19-22 To amend the term of Club 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 nominee shall take the title of president-elect on 1 July in the year prior to taking office as president. The president shall serve a period of one (1) year or until a successor has been duly elected."
-  **In cases where a successor has not been duly elected, the term of the current president shall be extended for one year only.**
- 19-24 Require clubs to present a budget and annual report at the Club's annual "general" meeting.
- 19-26 To lengthen the notice period for changing a club's name or locality..
- Increases period from 10 days to 21 days.**
- 19-29 Amends the satellite club reporting procedure.
- Requires annual audited accounts of the satellite club to have been reviewed (formerly no review required) before presentation to the (host) Club's AGM.**
- 19-30 Provision for allowing changes to flexibility in attendance and meetings.
- Simplifies the wording of the existing provisions – easier to read without referring to multiple sections of the Club Constitution.**
- 19-35 **To amend the provisions for making up an absence:**
- A member shall be counted as attending a regular meeting if the member is present or using an online connection for at least 60 percent of the meeting, or makes up for an absence in any of the following ways:
- (a) ~~14 Days Before or After the Meeting.~~ If, within the same year, the member attends the regular meeting of another club, of a satellite club meeting of another club, or of a provisional club; or attends a regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact club, or attends a convention of RI, a council on legislation, an international assembly, a Rotary institute for past and present officers of RI, a Rotary institute for past, present, and incoming officers of RI, or any other meeting convened with the approval of the board of directors of RI or the president of RI acting on behalf of the

board of directors of RI, a Rotary district conference, a Rotary district training assembly, any district meeting held by direction of the board of directors of RI, any district committee meeting held by direction of the district governor, or a regularly announced intercity meeting of Rotary clubs; or is present at the usual time and place of a regular meeting or satellite club meeting of another club for the purpose of attending such meeting, but that club is not meeting at that time or place; or attends and participates in a club's service project or a club-sponsored community event or meeting authorized by the board; or attends a board meeting or, if authorized by the board, a meeting of a service committee to which the member is assigned; or participates through a club website in an interactive activity requiring an average of 30 minutes of participation.

*This effectively changes the period over which a make-up may be used, from 14 days before and after the meeting missed, to **ONE YEAR before and after the meeting missed**. All make-ups will expire on 30th June annually.*

19-37

Amends provisions regarding membership in clubs.

Removes restrictions on Holders of Public Office, from becoming a member of a Rotary Club (a restriction largely ignored in Australia for many years).

19-39

Amends composition of clubs and removes classification limitations.

club shall have a well-balanced membership in which no one business, profession, occupation, or type of community service, or other classification predominates.

Removes any restriction on number of members who may hold the same classification, (formerly no more than five)

19-40

Amends process for filling vacancy in office of (the R.I.) president-elect:

The proposed enactment would instruct the nominating committee for president at the time of its meeting to select an alternate to serve if there is a vacancy in the office of president-nominee or president-elect. This would allow any vacancy to be filled quickly with an alternate candidate previously chosen by the nominating committee for this purpose.

19-41

Amends process for filling vacancy in office of (the R.I.) president-nominee:

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 regardless of their country of residence. However, the committee shall not nominate candidates from the same country of residence two years consecutively.

19-43 Increase by 15 days, when the nominating committee for (R.I.) Director, may meet.

Was 15 September to 30 September, now 15 September to 15 October.

19-49 Amends provisions for voting for governor-nominee:

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 club invoice preceding the date on which the vote is to be held dated 1 July.

19-52 To revise the challenge date for the nomination and election of district governors:

Candidates will be balloted upon in a ballot-by-mail or alternatively at the district conference if the challenge remains effective up to the date set by the governor for 15 days.

19-53 Requires that, if the governor becomes unable to serve, and there is no vice-governor, only a PDG shall be eligible to serve.
(This is already the case in D9710, and soon to be D9705, where there are no vice-governors)

19-62 **To provide that the general secretary is the chief executive officer of RI.**

Formerly this position was known as the General Secretary of R.I.

19-63 To remove the delay before a change to district boundaries takes effect:

The board shall take into account geographical boundaries, potential for district growth, and cultural, economic, language, and other relevant factors. **Any decision by the board to eliminate or change district boundaries shall not be effective for at least two years.**

Our current process of joining Districts 9710 and 9700 falls into the now redundant process – but, I think we needed two years to complete all necessary administrative and practical processes to achieve the change.

19-66 To remove the name of the official magazine from the RI Bylaws:

This proposal removes the requirement from the RI Bylaws that the official magazine of RI will be named *The Rotarian*. Globally, 29 out of the 33 Rotary-licensed magazines have already made the transition to using *Rotary* in their titles, with the localized name below the title (i.e., *Rotary Down Under*, *Rotary No Tomo*, *Rotary Brasil*).

19-70 To amend the provisions for terminating the membership of a club:

The board may terminate a club upon the request of the governor if its membership falls below six members.

19-72 To **permit Rotaract clubs to apply for RI membership:**

The purpose of this enactment is to clarify that **Rotaract clubs can seek admission to RI**. Whether to seek admission to RI would be left to the discretion of the individual Rotaract clubs. If a **Rotaract club** sought admission, they could choose to be both a **Rotaract club and a Rotary club** or only a **Rotary club**. For those **Rotaract clubs that became Rotary clubs, they would be subject to the same rights and responsibilities of all other Rotary clubs.**

19-82 **To increase per capita dues**

Each club shall pay to RI per capita dues for each of its members as follows:
US\$32.00 per half year in 2018 - 2019, US\$34.00 per half year in 2019 - 2020,
US\$34.50 per half year in 2020-2021, US\$35.00 per half year in 2021- 2022, and
US\$35.50 per half year in 2022-2023 and thereafter.
Such dues shall remain constant until changed by the council on legislation.

This enactment would amend the RI Bylaws to provide for a dues increase of US\$1.00 per year beginning in 2020-2021 and continuing through 2022-2023. This enactment aligns per capita dues revenues at levels necessary to sustain RI's current operations and programs, and to support RI's financial sustainability for the future.

NB: India had proposed a US\$2 per annum increase per Rotarian for R.I. dues, but withdrew when the above was passed 333 vs 174.

19-97 To **streamline and modernize any extraordinary meeting of the Council on Legislation**

This proposed legislation would streamline and modernize an extraordinary meeting by shortening the notice periods, allowing the option of an electronic meeting, and recognizing that representatives now serve for a term of three years.

19-102 To authorize consideration of legislation before the in-person meeting of the Council:

Before any in-person meeting of the council on legislation, the representatives may vote electronically on duly proposed legislation presented for consideration by the council operations committee, after notice and opportunity for comment. This vote may be part of the council on resolutions. If less than 20 percent of the representatives entitled to vote for an enactment, it shall not be considered at the next in-person meeting of the council on legislation.

In Rotary Year 2017-2018, the Council on Legislation Review Committee met to review the possibility of conducting some of the Council online. One topic discussed was to consider items before the Council on Legislation's in-person meeting. This is the outcome of that review committee recommendation to the R.I. Board.

19-112 To amend who is a member of a Council

The council on legislation and the council on resolutions shall be composed of the following voting and non-voting members: *President, President-elect, Directors, and General Secretary.*

The president, president-elect, other members of the board one member of the board elected by the board, and general secretary shall be non-voting members of the councils.

The Council on Legislation is the parliament of Rotary International and, like all democratic parliaments, should be composed of elected members and current officials. By eliminating past RI presidents as non-voting members and reducing the number of RI Board members using rules equally applicable to the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, there should be substantial reduction in travel and accommodation cost.

19-115 To modernize and streamline the Bylaws of Rotary International without making any substantive changes; and

19-116 To modernize and streamline the Standard Rotary Club Constitution without making any substantive changes.

Overall, the purpose of these changes is to simplify the Bylaws of Rotary International and the Standard Club Constitution and enable them to be better understood by all Rotarians.
