

## **Proposed Enactment**

**Proposer(s):** District 2310, Norway

**Endorsed by:** District 2310 through Annual meeting 26.11.2020

*To amend the **Constitution** of Rotary International as follows:*

### **Article 6 Board of Directors**

**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 Corporations 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 RI reserve as may be necessary to accomplish the purpose of RI. The board shall report to the next convention and the members of the council on legislation as to the special conditions under which expenditure have been made from the reserve. The board shall at no time incur an indebtedness in excess of the net assets of RI.

(End of Text)

### PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The RI Board' enactment proposal to the 2019 Council on Legislation, to reduce using the Convention for any deliberations and any voting. As a consequence of the decision at the CoL the Convention should not be used as the sole forum for reports and vital information in general, and in particular not for any fiscal matters.

RI does not have any forum for exchange of views regarding the development of the organization, neither as response related to Board decisions nor explicit financial issues

Thus, it is proposed to move reports etc. mention in the MoP to be reported to the Convention as well as the members of the Council on Legislation for deliberations as well as open for comments.

If this enactment is approved, it will provide RI with a forum for direct feedback to the Board from all over the world, as well as in general increase the overall interest and knowledge about the Board activities in the clubs and districts.

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*To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows:*

### **Article 5 Board of Directors**

#### **5.010. Duties of the Board**

##### 5.010.4. Review of Governance Structure

The board shall retain, no less often than every 12 years, an outside professional consulting firm or firms to undertake a comprehensive review of the corporate governance structure of RI and report the findings and recommendations to the next Council on Legislation.

(End of Text)

#### **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

The corporate governance structure of RI has remained unchanged for many years and needs modification. New strategies have been developed to meet a fast-changing world. The governance structure needs a similar attention. To always be relevant, the organizational structure must be reviewed at regular intervals. The organizational structure must continually be adjusted so that it does not act dismissively on new young members and new leaders while at the same time ensuring that it promotes Rotary's goals.

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To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows:

### **5.080. Terms and Qualifications of Directors.**

#### **5.080.1. Terms.**

Directors serve a term of two years, beginning 1 July in the year next following their election, or until their successors are elected.

#### **5.080.2. Qualifications.**

A candidate shall have served a full term as governor before being proposed for director (unless the board determines that shorter service suffices), ~~and at least three years must have elapsed since the candidate's service as governor.~~ The candidate shall have attended at least two Rotary institutes and one convention in the 36-month period before being proposed. No person who served a full term as director, as defined in the bylaws or as determined by the board, may again be a director except as president or president-elect.

(End of Text)

## PURPOSE AND EFFECT

With the current election criteria as regards the zone sectioning, and timeline for becoming a leader within Rotary, Rotary senior leaders may not reflect Rotary membership in age or gender. The current tenure qualifications for no qualification- or skills-based reasons, may exclude engaged, qualified Rotarians to take on leadership positions, because they may have to wait for many years for no obvious reasons. Rotarians have repeatedly expressed the need for engaged, younger and more diverse leadership at the zone level and Rotary International Board, to ensure the strong future of the organisation and to help attract engaged, younger and more diverse members.

Removing the requirement that at least three years must have elapsed, will expand the range of qualified Rotarians, enable younger members to serve as leaders in Rotary International, and inspire engaged, qualified members to seek out leadership roles at senior level of Rotary International.

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To amend the **BYLAWS** of Rotary International as follows:

### **Article 16 Districts**

#### **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.

(End of Text)

#### PURPOSE AND EFFECT

Due to the timeline for becoming a leader within Rotary, Rotary senior leaders may not reflect Rotary membership in age. The current tenure qualifications for no qualifications-, or skills-based reasons, may exclude engaged and in other ways qualified Rotarians to take on leadership positions, because they may have to wait for many years for no obvious reasons. Rotarians have repeatedly expressed the need for engaged, younger and more diverse leadership at the district and zone level, to ensure the strong future of the organisation and to help attract engaged, younger and more diverse members.

Removing the requirement that a candidate must have been a Rotarian for at least seven years, will expand the range of qualified Rotarians, enable younger members to serve as leaders in Rotary International, and inspire engaged, and in other ways qualified members to seek out leadership roles.