



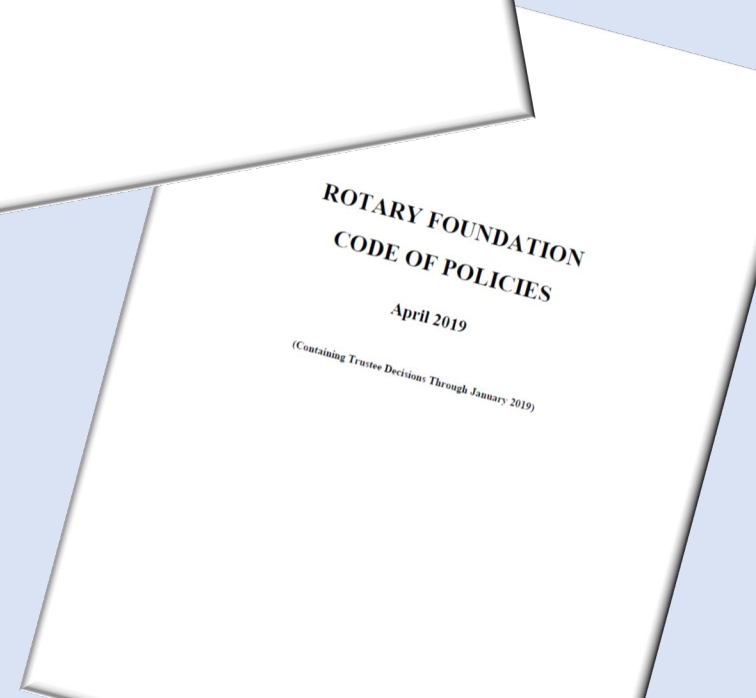
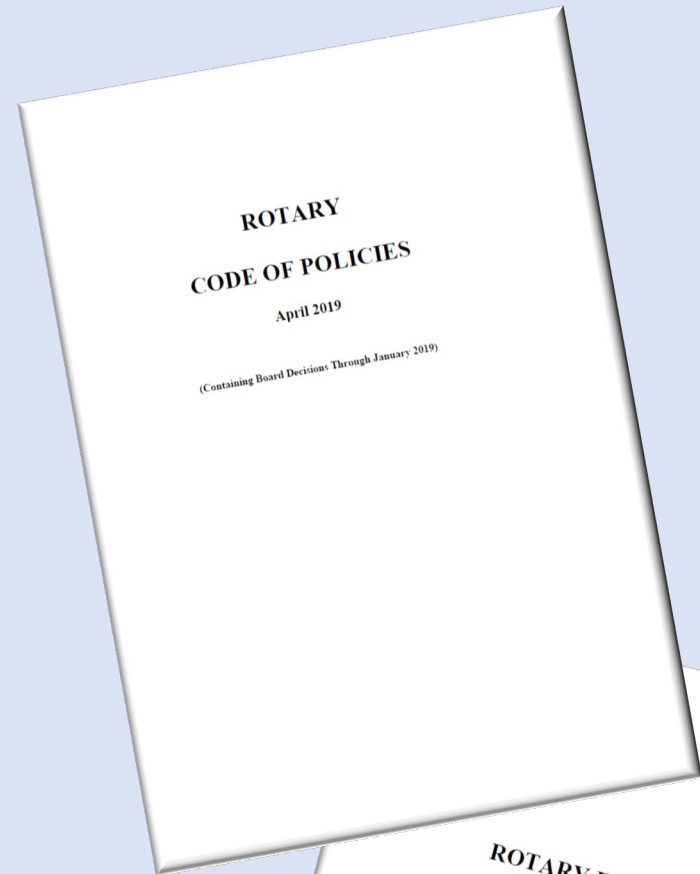
THE 2019 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOUR CLUB



District Training Assembly, 26 May 2019

Rotary Rules are prescribed





Rotary International's
Legislative Body
(Parliament since 1974 -
Advisory body from 1934)

What happens at Council on Legislation?

Meets every 3 years in Chicago

- Able to amend RI Constitution
- Every Club and District may propose legislation
- Council has authority to adopt its own rules of procedure



What happens before the Council Meets

- Proposed legislation had to be properly submitted by 31 December 2017
- RI Staff check
- Constitution and Bylaws Committee review
- Purpose and Effect Statements and Financial Impact Statements
- Any further redrafting is undertaken
- Final determinations are done

Types of legislation

Enactments seek to change RI's Constitutional documents:

RI Constitution

RI Bylaws

*Standard Rotary Club
Constitution*



Who are the Council members?

Voting members:

One elected Rotarian from each Rotary District

- Must have served a full term as an RI Officer (*Past District Governor*)
- Must be a member of a Rotary Club in that District



Recent Past CoL Representatives from D9800

2016, 2019: Dennis Shore

2013, 2010: Don Jago

2007, 2004: Ian Knight

2001, 1998, 1995: Gordon McKern



Non-voting members?

- The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and a Parliamentarian (*appointed by the RI President*)
- RI Constitution and Bylaws Committee
- As many as 3 Members-at-large (*appointed by the RI President*)
- RI General Secretary
- RI Board and Past Presidents



Enactments at 2019 Council

117 listed for consideration

Avenues of Service, Object of Rotary, & Core Values

Club Administration

Meetings and Attendance

Membership

RI President elections

Governor Elections

Elections – miscellaneous

District Administration

RI – general, membership, committees, conventions

RI Finances and Per Capita Dues

Councils – pre-meeting procedures, meetings, representatives, miscellaneous

Technical Legislation

15 Withdrawn

47 Approved

7 Approved

(as amended)

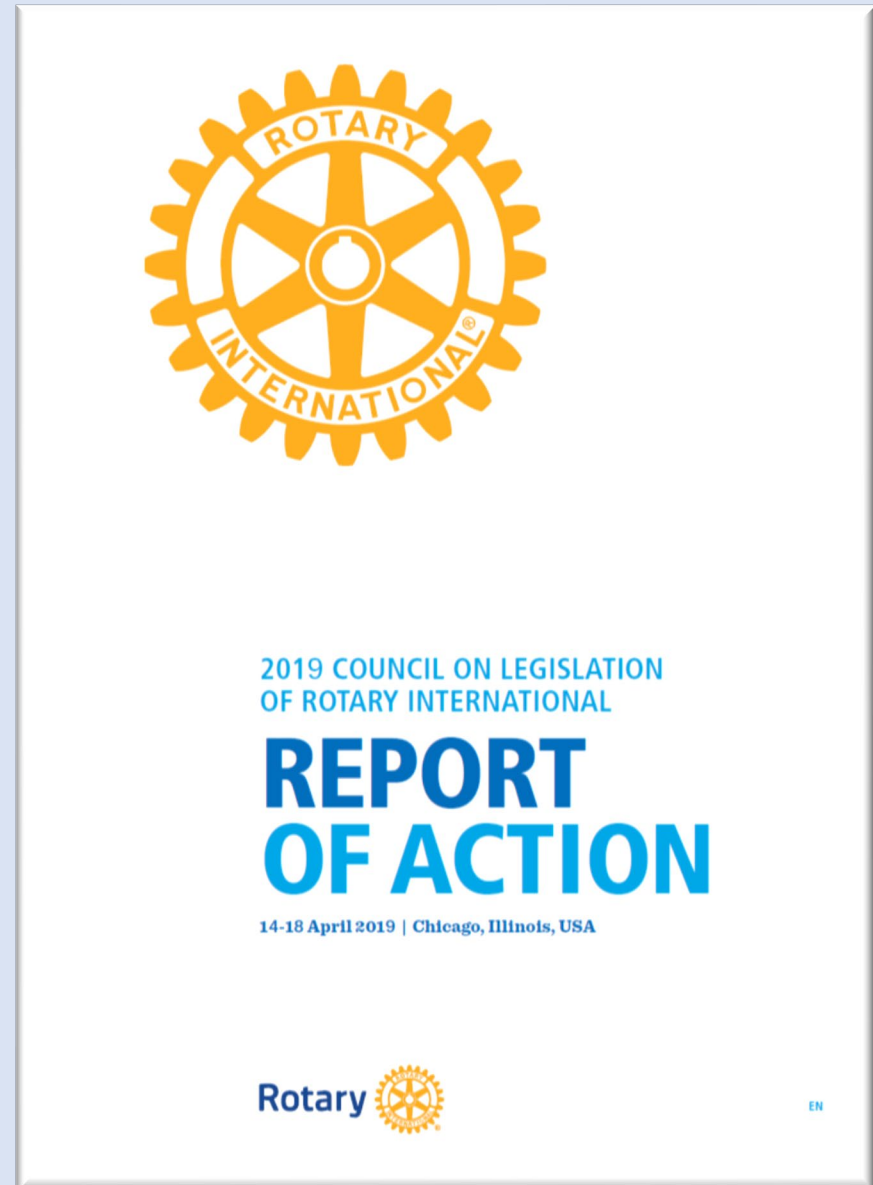
55 Rejected



After the event?

Following the Council on Legislation a summary of outcomes has been circulated to all clubs

Action on any piece of legislation is suspended if 5% of clubs oppose it



So - What did we decide?

There were a number of matters that may impact Rotary in the years to come

Admission to Rotaract to RI

Establishment of RI as a charity for tax purposes



What will it mean for clubs?

19-22 Prohibits club President from serving more than 2 terms consecutively

19-24 Requirement to clarify club reporting at club annual meetings

19-29 Aligns financial reporting requirements for satellite clubs with those of clubs

19-28 Clarifies that new clubs may be started in localities with other clubs

19-30 Improves the language of the standard club constitution to clarify flexibility options

19-35 Removes the restriction of being credited for an attendance make-up with 14 days either side of the regular meeting date.

Credits are available now for any make up within the Rotary year

19-37 Removes language about holders of public office being unable to have membership under the classification of said office, as they can already hold membership under their existing classification

19-39 Removes numerical restrictions on classifications, requiring clubs to have a well-balanced membership in which no one business, profession, occupation, type of community service, or other classification predominates. This recognises the current reality

19-52 Extends the challenge period for Governor Nominee Elect from 15 to 30 days

19-57 Extends the period for providing an independently reviewed annual statement of district finances from 3 months to one year. This would probably not be consistent with our requirements as an incorporated entity

19-58 Provides a mechanism to call for a district legislation meeting if a majority of club Presidents request it

19-70 Permits the RI Board to terminate a club on request of the DG if its membership falls below 6 member

19-100 To clarify district endorsement of club resolutions through a ballot-by-mail process

19-82 Approves dues increases by US \$1 per year for 3 years commencing from 2020 - 2021

19-115 To modernise and streamline RI Bylaws without making substantive changes


19-116 Modernises and streamlines standard club constitution without making substantive changes

What now?


- Discuss with your club
- Decide if you want to oppose legislation
- You will need to have your club incorporation documents updated to incorporate changes
- District will advise on options for doing this
 - Do your own
 - Use a lawyer such as McKeanPark
 - Consider other options that District is evaluating

VOTING DEVICE

When the vote is open, the device will display the 2 options, 1 for "Yes" and 2 for "No." You can simply press the number that corresponds with your choice.



Once you have selected an option, the device will confirm your choice with the words "You Submitted" with the number and option you chose. To change your vote, simply press the alternate number or press the **RED** button to cancel and enter a new choice. To abstain simply do not vote.



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