

Rotary International Council on Legislation 2004

Enactments (items which change the constitution and bylaws of Clubs or Rotary International) passed.

Herewith are the items of legislation that were approved by the Council on Legislation with a brief description of the impact of the change. If detailed explanations are required, these are available from your representative.

Attendance

OC 20 04 19 (Page 252 MOP 2001) To allow credit for a meeting of a Rotary Fellowship function.

Self explanatory

OC 26 04 25 (Page 253 MOP 2001) To amend the rule concerning outpost assignments.

Allows an attendance claim for meetings attended regularly at a club where the member is making up, away from the home club.

OC 31 04 27 (Page 253 MOP 2001) To exclude from attendance records any member whose absence is excused.

This relates to specific excused attendance as given by the board of directors of the club. Such non attendance is not added into the club's records for that meeting.

OC 34 04 29 (Page 253 MOP 2001) To exclude from attendance records any member whose absence is excused.

The section refers to the excused attendance of RI Officers, where their non attendance is not included in the records for the meetings missed.

Club Administration.

OC 46 04 35 (Page 258 MOP 2001) To amend the provisions for the change of club name or the locality of the club to require a two-thirds majority of those members present and voting at a regular meeting of the club.

The change is minor requiring a two-thirds majority instead of a simple majority.

OC 48 04 39 (Page 182 MOP 2001) To extend the time limit for Pilot Projects from 5 to 6 years.

This is for new clubs under the abovementioned scheme.

OC 51 04 46 (Page 188 MOP 2001) To provide for the merging of clubs.

This is a new clause to allow for the above.

OC 118 04 49 (Page 254 MOP 2001) To prohibit presidents elect from beginning their terms of office if they have not attended PETS and the district assembly

This change is self explanatory and very important.

OC 119 04 50 (Page 253/4 MOP 2001) To create the title of Incoming President of a club.

The title of President elect is assumed immediately his successor is elected in accordance with the by-laws.

OC 124 04 444 (Page 258 MOP 2001) To provide for mediation guidelines.

Additional legislation to assist with the resolution of disputes on membership issues. It adds to the Arbitration clause presently in the MOP.

Membership

OC 56 04 77 (Page 181/2 MOP 2001) To amend the provisions for continuation/termination of membership of an active member on moving from the locality of the club.

The specific clause is altered to include the provision that the member will remain a member provided all conditions of club membership are maintained.

OC 57 04 92 (Page 182 MOP 2001) To allow clubs to elect into active membership a transferring or former member even if the transferring or former member's classification is filled and to exempt clubs from paying prorated per capita dues for these members.

This change is self explanatory.

OC 135 04 81 (Page 254 MOP 2001) To amend the provisions for rejoining a Rotary club.

The clause is amended to provide for readmission to membership provided the prospective member was in good standing prior to termination.

OC 136 04 82 (Page 255 MOP 2001) To amend the provision for termination of membership for non-payment of dues

A minor change in this clause stating that the former member may not be reinstated if his classification is in conflict with Article VII, section 2 in the constitution.

OC 137 04 88 (Page 190 MOP 2001) To modify the criterion for selecting honorary members.

The addition of the words, “*and those persons considered friends of Rotary for their permanent support of Rotary’s cause*”, is added.

OC 138 04 89 (Page 190 MOP 2001) To prohibit honorary members from proposing new members

This addition is self explanatory.

The Rotary Foundation

OC 68 04 140 (Page 246 MOP 2001) To increase the number of Trustees from 13 to 15 members.

This is self explanatory

OC 141 04 143 (Page 246 MOP 2001) To provide that the Foundation Annual Report show all reimbursed expenses paid and payments made on behalf of the chairman and incoming chairman of the board of Trustees.

This is self explanatory

Districts

OC 73 04 172 (Page 231 MOP 2001) To amend the process for changing District Boundaries.

This change allows for a change of district boundaries if the number of clubs falls below 40 or if there are less than 1000 Rotarians in the district. The changes so proposed are subject to conditions support from the affected clubs, culture, economic conditions language etc.

OC 75 04 190 (Page 232 MOP 2001) This clause allows districts to hold District Conferences outside district boundaries without special permission.

This is self explanatory

OC 78 04 205 (Page 234 MOP 2001) To revise District financial reporting requirements.

The governor must provide each club in the district and the district conference, within 3 months of the completion of their term of office, an audited statement that includes details of:

All sources of district funds including RI, the Rotary Foundation, district and club.
All funds received by or on behalf of the district from fundraising activities.

Grants received from The Rotary Foundation or funds of The Rotary Foundation designated by the district for use.

All financial transactions of district committees

All financial transactions of the district governor by or on behalf of the district

All expenditures of the district funds.

OC 155 04 206 (Page 234 MOP 2001) To amend the provision requiring the adoption of the annual statement of district finances.

The provision requires 30 days notice of the presentation of the district financial statements at a district meeting to which clubs can send representatives.

R I Administration

OC 79 04 316 (Page 181 MOP 2001) To amend the purposes of RI.

An additional clause is inserted to support the clubs and districts of RI in their pursuit of programs and activities that promote the Object of Rotary.

OC 80 04 217 (Page 191 MOP 2001) To provide for a strategic planning process for RI.

The RI Board requested approval of a appointment new strategic planning committee which will which is presently developing a plan to revolutionise the goals and objectives of Rotary. This is a very important step.

OC 159 04 222 (Page 244 MOP 2001) To clarify the duties of the council of past presidents.

In addition to advising the president of Rotary International, the council of past presidents will now act as mediators in matters involving clubs, districts and officers.

OC 162 04 233 (Page 220 MOP 2001) To require a review of zone boundaries every eight years.

This is self explanatory

OC 171 04 270 (Page 181 MOP 2001) To include the RI motto and emblem in the RI Constitution.

This is self explanatory

R I Officers

OC 98 04 340 (Page 226 MOP 2001) To amend the provisions for the selection of governor.

This clause has two effects. In the first case time for selection of governor may be extended with authority. In the second provision is made for a process of voting where a candidate receives less than a majority vote.

OC 99 04 467 (Page 192 MOP 2001) To provide that the general secretary shall be the only officer to receive compensation.

The effect of this enactment is that neither the president nor the president elect will receive compensation other than the reimbursement of expenses in future. This is a very far reaching enactment as these two officers have received a handsome gratuity in the past.

OC 101 04 345 (Page 242 MOP 2001) To require that the R I annual report show all reimbursed expenses paid to and payments made on behalf of the president, the president elect and the president nominee and the office of the president.

Events over the recent past have caused a demand for transparency regarding these payments and the clause is self explanatory.

OC 102 04 360 (Page 204 MOP 2001) To require that council on Legislation members and members of the nominating committee for director be elected by a majority vote.

The effect of this enactment is to change the clause from "*the highest number of votes*" to "*a majority of the votes cast.*"

OC 104 04 362 (Page 193 MOP 2001) To amend the duties of the president, executive committee and the general secretary.

This change brings into line the duties of the persons mentioned in accordance with the provisions of the strategic plan. The general secretary now taking on the role of chief operating officer.

OC 187 04 328 (Page 193 MOP 2001) To amend the provisions relating to vacancies in the R I Board membership.

This enactment provides for the selection of the alternate director originally selected from the relevant zone from which the vacancy has occurred.

OC 192 04 331 (Page 235 MOP 2001) To revise the qualifications for governors-nominee to include serving as a charter president.

The enactment allows for a charter president to be selected as a candidate for governorship, something that was previously denied because normally a charter president does not serve a full term as president.

OC 194 04 333 (Page 226 MOP 2001) To change the date by which the district must select the governor nominee.

An early selection give more time for the governor nominee to prepare for their term of office.

OC 197 04 336 (Page 227 MOP 2001) To amend the provisions regarding concurrences to challenges.

A slight amendment to current legislation in which a challenge to the election of a governor nominee may be made.

OC 198 04 337 (Page 228 MOP 2001) To amend the provisions for nominating governors.

This enactment deals with the “vote by ballot” process, requiring all votes cast by clubs having more than one vote, to be cast for the same candidate.

R I Finances

OC 106 04 370 (Page 238/240 MOP 2001) To increase per capita dues.

The per capita dues are to be increased to \$19.50 per half year for 2004/5, to \$21.50 per half year for 2005/6 and \$23.50 per half year for 2006/7. The effect will be an increase of \$4.00 per year for the next 3 years.

OC 223 04 392 (Page 241 MOP 2001) To require the Bosard of RI to p[resent a 5 year forecast at zone institutes.

This is self explanatory

Legislative Procedures

OC 114 04 412 (Page 184 MOP 2001) To hold Council on Legislation in February.

This is self explanatory

OC 115 04 420 (Page 203 MOP 2001) To allow a candidate for council on legislation representative to be nominated by any club in the district.

This is self explanatory

OC 231 04 416 (Page 199/200 MOP 2001) To allow the R I Board to not transmit deficient legislation to the Council on Legislation.

Legislation is ruled deficient when it does not comply with the constitution or does not rectify all applicable clauses. It is then returned to the proposer for rectification. If this is not done then it is deemed to be deficient and wastes the time of the Council.

OC 238 04 423 (Page 198 MOP 2001) To require district endorsement of club legislation.

Some proposed legislation is not endorsed by the relevant district and in the past was allowed to be presented. Representatives now feel that all legislation presented to the Council should have district approval.

Technical Legislation

OC 40 04 415 (Page 198 MOP 2001) To clarify procedures related to district consideration of club proposed legislation.

At present club proposed legislation can be endorsed by district conference. A “ballot by mail” system has now been added.

OC 41 04 417 (Page 207 MOP 2001) To clarify the provisions for the suspension or nullification of Council action.

There is a provision for the nullification of Council action by a certain number of clubs. This enactment specifies how the membership and therefore the voting rights of clubs is determined.

OC 42 04 424 (Page 181/185 MOP 2001) To revise the numbering system of the R I Constitution to make it internally consistent and to replace Roman numerals with Arabic numbers in all of the constitutional documents.

This is self explanatory

OC 44 04 426 (Page 195/6 MOP 2001) To make technical amendments to the provisions regarding filling a vacancy in the office of president elect by nominating procedure.

Section 11.050 is added and section 11.070 deleted.

OC 45 04 427 (Page 185 MOP 2001) To clarify the interpretation of the constitutional documents.

Addition of rules of construction to apply. The words “shall,” “is,” and “are” are mandatory and the words “may” and “should” are permissive.