



2016 District 7030 Conference

Subject	Council on Legislation 2016 held in Chicago 10-15 April, 2016
Presenter	PDG Tony Watkins
Date	23 April, 2016



Legislation considered

Enactments

- 117 Proposed
- 32 Withdrawn
- 5 Postponed
- 3 Referred to Board
- 30 Rejected
- 47 Accepted

NOTE: Any enactment accepted becomes effective on July 1, 2016.

Resolutions

- 64 Proposed
- 27 Withdrawn
- 23 Rejected
- 14 Accepted

NOTE: Any resolution accepted is referred to the Board for consideration.

Important Legislation Passed

- Per Capita Dues
- Club Flexibility
- E-clubs & regular Clubs
- Admission Fees
- Flexibility in Membership & Classification
- Rotaractor & Rotarian
- Council on Resolutions
- RI Board can change District boundaries

E16-99 To increase per capita dues

- Each club shall pay to RI per capita dues for each of its members as follows:
- US\$28.00per half year in 2016-2017,
- US\$30.00per half year in 2017-2018,
- US\$32.00per half year in 2018-2019,
- andUS\$34.00per half year in 2019-2020 and thereafter. Such dues shall remain constant until changed by the council on legislation.

Rotary has taken measures to reduce the amount and rate of growth of expenses

- Nearly \$3 million savings per year by moving our data processing and software development to India.
- \$400,000 savings per year by outsourcing the printing, storage and mailing of publications.
- \$250,000 savings per year through the new club invoicing system.
- \$100,000 savings per year through Rotary's continued move to digital publications and reduction in printed materials.

The \$4 dues increase was needed because:

- 9 out of 10 Rotarians have asked Rotary to provide more services, but it was clear to the Council that without the dues increase, service to clubs and districts would have to be decreased.
- World financial markets have been very volatile and Rotary, like other organizations, has experienced investment losses.
- A \$4 increase will result in sufficient funding to maintain existing services and will provide a small surplus of revenues, over and above basic operating expenses and reserve targets. This additional funding can be invested in Rotary's future.

E16-21 To allow for flexibility in club meetings and attendance

- Clubs will have the option to:
- Determine when and how often the club meets
- Set applicable attendance requirements
- Modify or eliminate termination policies for non-attendance
- This enactment should be coupled with 16-30

E16-30 To revise attendance provisions to allow in-person and online meeting

- The club shall hold a regular in-person meeting twice per month and at time specified in the by-laws
- Club may also arrange an online meeting or provide for online connection for members whose attendance otherwise would be precluded.

E16-82 to remove the distinction between traditional clubs and e-clubs

- This enactment allows traditional clubs to have weekly meetings online occasionally and e-clubs to have weekly meetings in person as well as online
- This amendment eliminates the distinction between traditional clubs and e-clubs. All references to e-clubs to be removed from RI Bylaws and standard Rotary Club Constitution.

E16-07 To remove admission fees for club members

- Article 11 will be changed to read Dues
- Every member shall pay annual dues as prescribed in the By-laws
- Similarly for Article 15, admission fee removed.

E16-38 To revise the provisions for membership

- Article 5 Section 2 has been drastically changed in RI Constitution.
- Sub sections 1 thru 6 have been removed and it basically states that “ a club shall be composed of adult persons who demonstrate good character, integrity, and leadership; possess good reputation within their business, profession and are willing to serve in their community and/or around the world.

E40 to allow Rotaractors to be active members

- This enactment explicitly qualifies Rotaractors for membership in a Rotary club and provides a pathway to membership for Rotaractors who wish to join RI.
- Program participants will be able to have simultaneous affiliations with a Rotary club and a Rotaract club.

E16-113 to provide for a Council on Resolutions

- There shall be a Council on Resolutions conducted annually and shall be convened through electronic communication.
- Resolutions may be proposed by a club, a district conference, and the Board.
- The intent would be to shorten the COL and also to allow a more timely response.

E16-84 To revise the Board's authority to change District boundaries

The Board may eliminate or change the boundaries of any District with more than 100 clubs or fewer than 1100 Rotarians “and in conjunction with any such change, the Board may move the Clubs from such districts into adjacent Districts. The Board also may merge such Districts with other Districts or divide the districts.”



It has been a privilege to represent District 7030 at COL 2016.

Thank you.