

Notable policies when conflict arises (Member/Club)

Standard Rotary Club Constitution

Article 13 Duration of Membership

Section 5 — *Termination — Other Causes.*

a. *Good Cause.* The board may terminate the membership of any member who ceases to have the qualifications for club membership or for any good cause by a vote of at least two-thirds of the board members present and voting, at a meeting called for that purpose. The guiding principles for this meeting shall be article 8, section 1; The Four-Way Test; and the high ethical standards of a Rotarian.

b. *Notice.* Before the board acts under subsection (a) of this section, the member shall be given at least 10 days' written notice and an opportunity to respond in writing to the board. Notice shall be delivered in person or by registered letter to the member's last known address. The member has the right to appear before the board to state his or her case.

Section 6 — *Right to Appeal, Mediate, or Arbitrate Termination.*

a. *Notice.* Within seven days after the board's decision to terminate or suspend membership, the secretary shall notify the member in writing. Within 14 days after the notice, the member may give written notice to the secretary of an appeal to the club or a request for mediation or arbitration. The procedure for mediation or arbitration is provided in article 17.

b. *Appeal.* In the event of an appeal, the board shall set a date for the hearing at a regular club meeting held within 21 days after receipt of the notice of appeal. At least five days' written notice of the meeting and its special business shall be given to every member. Only members shall be present when the appeal is heard. The action of the club is final and binding on all parties and shall not be subject to arbitration.

Article 17 Arbitration and Mediation

Section 1 — *Disputes.* Any dispute between any current or former member(s) and this club, any club officer, or the board, except a decision of the board, shall, upon a request to the secretary by any disputant, be resolved by either mediation or arbitration.

Section 2 — *Date for Mediation or Arbitration.* Within 21 days after receipt of the request, the board shall, in consultation with the disputants, set a date for the mediation or arbitration.

Section 3 — *Mediation.* The procedure for mediation shall be...

- a. recognized by an appropriate authority with national or state jurisdiction;
or
- b. recommended by a competent professional body whose recognized expertise covers alternative dispute resolution; or
- c. recommended in documented guidelines determined by the RI board or TRF Trustees.

Only Rotarians may be mediators. The club may ask the governor or the governor's representative to appoint a mediator with appropriate mediation skills and experience.

- a. *Mediation Outcomes.* The outcomes or decisions agreed to by the disputants after mediation shall be recorded, and copies given to each party, the mediator or mediators, and the board. A summary statement acceptable to the parties shall be prepared for the information of the club. Any disputant, through the president or secretary, may call for further mediation if a party has retracted significantly from the mediated position.
- b. *Unsuccessful Mediation.* If mediation is requested but is unsuccessful, any disputant may request arbitration, as provided in section 1 of this article.

Section 4 — Arbitration. In the event of a request for arbitration, each disputant shall appoint a Rotarian as an arbitrator and the arbitrators shall appoint a Rotarian as an umpire.

Section 5 — Decision of Arbitrators or Umpire. The decision reached by the arbitrators or, if they disagree, by the umpire shall be final and binding on all parties and not be subject to appeal.

Article 11 Directors and Officers and Committees

Section 5 – Election of Officers

(c) *Qualifications of President* - A candidate for president must be a member of this club for at least one year before being nominated, unless the governor determines that less than a full year satisfies this requirement. **The president-elect shall attend the presidents-elect training seminar and the training assembly unless excused by the governor-elect.** If excused, the president-elect shall send a club representative. If the president-elect does not attend the presidents-elect training seminar and the training assembly and has not been excused by the governor-elect or, if excused, does not send a club representative to these meetings, the president-elect shall not serve as club president. The current president then shall continue to serve until the election of a successor who has attended a presidents-elect training seminar and training assembly or training deemed sufficient by the governor-elect.

Rotary Code of Policies

Article 2 Club Membership and Administration

2.010.1. Failure to Function

In accordance with the RI Bylaws, the RI Board is responsible for ensuring that all member clubs of the association are functioning, and defines a functioning club as Rotary Code of Policies 7 May 2023

1. Having paid its per capita dues to Rotary International
2. Meeting regularly consistent with RI constitutional documents
3. Ensuring that its members subscribe to Rotary magazine or a licensed regional magazine.
4. Implementing service projects that address needs in the local community and/or in communities in other countries
5. Receiving the visit of the governor, assistant governor, or an officer of Rotary International
6. Maintaining appropriate liability insurance as provided in section 72.060. of this Code
7. Acting in a manner consistent with the RI constitution, bylaws, and the Rotary Code of Policies

Clubs acting in a manner consistent with these policy documents send President Elects to PETS - mentioned in Article 11 Section 5c of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution

8. Complying with requests from the RI Board to terminate a Rotarian's membership who admits to, is convicted of or is otherwise found to have engaged in harassment as defined in the Rotary Code of Policies.
9. Paying its RI membership and district dues without outside assistance
10. Providing accurate membership lists on a timely basis to the general secretary. At a minimum, clubs must report their membership changes to the general secretary so they are received by 1 July and 1 January.
11. Resolving club disputes in an amicable manner
12. Maintaining cooperative relations with the district
13. Cooperating with RI by not initiating or maintaining, or retaining in its membership an individual who initiates or maintains, litigation against Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, or the district, including their directors, trustees, officers, and employees, prior to exhausting all remedies provided for in RI's constitutional documents
14. Following and completing the election review process established in the RI bylaws Each governor shall identify which clubs in the district are failing to function according to the above criteria. Rotary senior leaders are also encouraged to report any observations that suggest that a club has failed to function. The general secretary may also identify clubs that are failing to function and request a report from the district governor. The governor's report, as well as other evidence, shall be considered to determine if a club is failing to function