

## **RI Bylaws 2019**

*12.010. Selection of a Governor-nominee.*

*The district shall select a nominee for governor between 24 and 36 months before taking office. The nominee shall become the governor-nominee-designate upon selection and the governor-nominee on 1 July two years before taking office as governor. The board shall have the authority to extend the date under this section for good and sufficient reason. The nominee will be elected at the RI convention in the year before the nominee will attend the international assembly, if such an election is needed under the provisions of section 6.010. of these bylaws.*

*12.030.3. Club Suggestions for Governor.*

The governor shall invite clubs to submit their suggestions for nominations for governor. The deadline for suggestions is at least two months before the nominating committee meeting. The suggestions shall be submitted by a resolution naming the suggested candidate adopted at a regular club meeting and certified by the secretary. A club shall only suggest one of its own members.

*12.030.4. Nomination by Committee of Best Qualified Rotarian.*

The committee shall nominate the best qualified Rotarian who is available to serve as governor and not be limited to those names submitted by clubs in the district.

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**13.010. Campaigning, Canvassing, and Electioneering.**

In order that the best qualified Rotarians are selected for RI's elective offices, any effort to influence the selection process for an elective office in any manner, including campaigning, canvassing, or electioneering, is prohibited. Rotarians shall not campaign, canvass, or electioneer for elective position in RI, or allow such activity, for either themselves or others. Unless expressly authorized by the board, this prohibition includes any distribution or circulation by themselves or others of brochures, literature, letters, materials, electronic media, or other communications to any clubs or members of clubs. If a candidate learns of any prohibited activity, they shall immediately express disapproval and instruct the activity to be stopped.

**13.020. Nominating Committee.**

No person who has agreed in writing to be a member, alternate member, or candidate for membership on a nominating committee, whether elected or not, nor any candidate who is elected and subsequently resigns from the committee, nor any spouse, child, or parent of any such person, shall be eligible to be nominated for the respective office in the year in which the committee serves.

**13.030.4. Candidate Declaration of Campaigning Provisions.**

On all forms suggesting candidates to elective office, candidates shall sign a declaration that they have read, understood, accepted, and agreed to be bound by the provisions of the bylaws.

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**16.010. Qualifications of a Governor-nominee.**

Unless excused by the board, the person selected as a governor-nominee shall at the time of selection:

- (a) be a member in good standing of a functioning club in the district;
- (b) have served as club president for a full term or as charter president for at least six months;
- (c) demonstrate willingness, commitment, and ability to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of a governor in section 16.030.;
- (d) demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of governor as prescribed in the bylaws; and

(e) submit to RI a statement that the Rotarian understands those qualifications, duties, and responsibilities, is qualified for the office of governor, and is willing and able to assume and faithfully perform those duties and responsibilities.

**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.

**16.030. Duties of a Governor.**

The governor is the officer of RI in the district, functioning under the general control and supervision of the board. The governor shall inspire and motivate the clubs in the district. The governor shall ensure continuity within the district by working with past, current, and incoming district leaders. The governor is responsible for:

- (a) organizing new clubs;
- (b) strengthening existing clubs;
- (c) promoting membership growth;
- (d) working with district and club leaders to encourage participation in a district leadership plan as developed by the board;
- (e) furthering the Object of Rotary by providing leadership and supervision of the clubs in the district;
- (f) supporting TRF;
- (g) promoting cordial relations among the clubs and Rotaract clubs and between the clubs, Rotaract clubs, and RI;
- (h) planning for and presiding at the district conference and assisting the governor-elect in planning and preparing the PETS and the district training assembly;
- (i) conducting an official visit to each club, individually or in multi-club meetings, that maximizes the governor's presence to:
  1. focus attention on important Rotary issues;
  2. provide special attention to weak and struggling clubs;
  3. motivate Rotarians to participate in service activities;
  4. ensure that the club constitution and bylaws comply with the constitutional documents, especially following councils on legislation; and
  5. personally recognize the outstanding contributions of Rotarians in the district;
- (j) issuing a monthly communication to each club;
- (k) reporting promptly to RI as required by the president or the board;

- (l) providing the governor-elect, before the international assembly, full information about the condition of clubs and recommended action to strengthen them;
- (m) assuring that district nominations and elections comply with the constitutional documents and RI's established policies;
- (n) inquiring regularly about the activities of Rotarian organizations in the district;
- (o) transferring district files to the governor-elect; and
- (p) performing any other duties as are inherent of an RI officer.