

Bylaws of the Rotary Club of Littlestown

Article 1 Definitions

1. Board: The Board of Directors of this club.
2. Director: A member of this club's Board of Directors.
3. Member: A member, other than an honorary member, of this club.
4. RI: Rotary International.
5. Year: The twelve-month period that begins on 1 July.

Article 2 Board of Directors

The governing body of this club shall be the board consisting of ten members of this club, namely, four directors elected in accordance with article 3, section 1, of these bylaws, and the president, president-elect (or president-nominee, if no successor has been elected), vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and the immediate past president.

Article 3 Election of Directors and Officers

Section 1 - At the first regular meeting in November, the presiding officer shall ask for nominations by members of the club for president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and four directors. The nominations shall be presented by the nominating committee, which shall be chaired by the Past President and consist of the Past President, President, President Elect and Vice President for the current Rotary year; or by members from the floor; by either or by both. The nominations duly made shall be placed on a ballot in alphabetical order under each office and shall be voted for at the annual meeting. The candidates for president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected to their respective offices. The four candidates for director receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected as directors. The candidate for president elected in such balloting, under normal circumstances, shall be the current Rotary year's vice-president. The elected candidate shall become the President-Elect and serve as a director for the year commencing on the first day of July next following the election, and shall assume office as president on the first day of July immediately following that year.

Section 2 - The officers and directors, so elected, together with the immediate past president shall constitute the board. Within one week after their election, the directors-elect shall meet and elect a member of the club to act as sergeant-at-arms.

Section 3 - A vacancy in the board or any office shall be filled by action of the remaining directors.

Section 4 - A vacancy in the position of any officer-elect or director-elect shall be filled by action of the remaining directors-elect.

Article 4 Duties of Officers

Section 1 - President. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at meetings of the club and the board and to perform other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of president.

Section 2 - President-elect. It shall be the duty of the president-elect to preside at meetings of the club and the board in the absence of the president, to serve as a director and to perform such other duties.

Section 3 - Vice-President. It shall be the duty of the vice-president to serve as a director and to perform other duties as may be prescribed by the president or the board.

Section 4 - Secretary. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep membership records; record attendance at meetings; send out notices of club, board and committee meetings; record and preserve the minutes of such meetings; report as required to RI, including the semi-annual reports of membership on 1 January and 1 July of each year, and prorated reports on 1 October and 1 April of each active member who has been elected to membership in the club since the start of the July or January semiannual reporting period, report changes in membership; provide the monthly attendance report, which shall be made to the district governor within 15 days of the last meeting of the month; collect and remit RI official magazine subscriptions; and perform other duties as usually pertain to the office of secretary.

Section 5 - Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to have custody of all funds, accounting for it to the club annually and at any other time upon demand by the board, and to perform other duties as pertain to the office of treasurer. Upon retirement from office, the treasurer shall turn over to the incoming treasurer or to the president all funds, books of accounts, or any other club property.

Section 6 - Sergeant-at-Arms. The duties of the sergeant-at-arms shall be such as are usually prescribed for such office and other duties as may be prescribed by the president or the board.

Article 5 Meetings

Section 1 - Annual Meeting. An annual meeting of this club shall be held on the first Tuesday in December in each year, at which time the election of officers and directors to serve for the ensuing year shall take place.

(Note: Article 5, section 2 of the standard Rotary club constitution provides that "An annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held not later than 31 December...")

Section 2 - The regular weekly meetings of this club shall be held on Tuesday at 7:15 AM. Due notice of any changes in or canceling of the regular meeting shall be given to all members of the club. All members excepting an honorary member (or member excused pursuant to article 8, sections 3 and 4 of the standard Rotary club constitution) in good standing in this club, on the day of the regular meeting, must be counted as present or absent, and attendance must be evidenced by the member's being present for at least sixty (60) percent of the time devoted to the regular meeting, either at this club or at any other Rotary club, or as otherwise provided in the standard Rotary club constitution, article 8, sections 1 and 2.

Section 3 - One-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum at the annual and regular meetings of this club.

Section 4 - Regular meetings of the board shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month, unless the president determines, and the board members agree to, no need for a meeting. Special meetings of the board shall be called by the president, whenever deemed necessary, or upon the request of two or more directors, due notice having been given.

Section 5 - A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum of the board.

Article 6 Fees and Dues

Section 1 - The admission fee shall be \$25.00 to be paid before the applicant can qualify as a member.

Section 2 - The membership dues shall be \$134.00 per annum, payable quarterly on the first day of October, January, April and July, with the understanding that a portion of each payment shall be applied to each member's subscription to the RI official magazine. Members on leaves of absence shall be charged the membership dues. Honorary members shall not be charged any dues.

Section 3 - The regular meals shall be charged at \$5.50. Meals shall be charged for regular meetings, either attended or missed and not made up at another Club or District function. Meetings missed with attendance made up at a board meeting or fundraiser shall still be charged for the regular meal. Special meals at special meetings may be charged at a price different than the regular meal. Attendance missed at special meetings and not made up at another Club or District function shall be charged the regular meal price. Senior Active members and members on leaves of absence shall only be charged for meals attended. Honorary members shall not be charged for meals.

Article 7 Method of Voting

The business of this club shall be transacted by *viva voce** vote except the election of officers and directors, which shall be by ballot when there is more than one nomination for each officer and director. The board may determine that a specific resolution be considered by ballot rather than by *viva voce* vote.

(Note: Viva voce vote is defined as when club voting is conducted by vocal assent.)

Article 8 Four Avenues of Service

The four Avenues of Service are the philosophical and practical framework for the work of this Rotary club. They are Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service and International Service. This club will be active in each of the four Avenues of Service.

Article 9 Committees

Club committees are charged with carrying out the annual and long-range goals of the club based on the four Avenues of Service. The president-elect, president and immediate past president shall work together to ensure continuity of leadership and succession planning. When feasible, committee members shall be appointed to the same committee for three years to ensure consistency. The president-elect is responsible for appointing committee members to fill vacancies, appointing committee chairs and conducting planning meetings prior to the start of their year in office. It is recommended that the chair have previous experience as a member of the committee. Standing committees shall be appointed as follows:

- Membership

This committee shall develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the recruitment and retention of members.

- Public Relations

This committee shall develop and implement plans to provide the public with information about Rotary and to promote the club's service projects and activities.

- Administration

This committee shall conduct activities associated with the effective operation of the club.

- Service Projects

This committee shall develop and implement educational, humanitarian and vocational projects that address the needs of its community and communities in other countries.

- Rotary Foundation

This committee shall develop and implement plans to support The Rotary Foundation through both financial contributions and program participation.

Additional ad hoc committees may be appointed as needed.

(a) The president shall be ex officio a member of all committees and, as such, shall have all the privileges of membership thereon.

(b) Each committee shall transact its business as is delegated to it in these bylaws and such additional business as may be referred to it by the president or the board. Except where special authority is given by the board, such committees shall not take action until a report has been made and approved by the board.

(c) Each chair shall be responsible for regular meetings and activities of the committee, shall supervise and coordinate the work of the committee and shall report to the board on all committee activities.

Article 10 Duties of Committees

The duties of all committees shall be established and reviewed by the president for his or her year. In declaring the duties of each, the president shall make reference to appropriate RI materials. The service projects committee shall consider vocational service, community service and international service avenues when developing plans for the year.

Each committee shall have a specific mandate, clearly defined goals, and action plans established by the beginning of each year for implementation during the course of the year. It shall be the primary responsibility of the president-elect to provide the necessary leadership to prepare a recommendation for club committees; mandates, goals and plans for presentation to the board in advance of the commencement of the year as noted above.

Article 11 Leaves of Absence

Upon written application to the board, setting forth good and sufficient cause, leaves of absence may be granted excusing a member from attending the meetings of the club for a specified length of time.

Meals for unattended meetings shall not be invoiced during the leave of absence period as per article 6, section 3; however, all dues and assessments shall be due as per article 6, section 2.

(Note: Such leave of absence does operate to prevent a forfeiture of membership; it does not operate to give the club credit for the member's attendance. Unless the member attends a regular meeting of some other club, the excused member must be recorded as absent except that absence authorized under the provisions of article 8, sections 3 and 4 of the standard Rotary club constitution is not computed in the attendance record of the club.)

Article 12 Finances

Section 1 - Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the board shall prepare a budget of estimated income and expenditures for the year, which shall stand as the limit of expenditures for these purposes, unless otherwise ordered by action of the board. The budget shall be broken into two separate parts: one in respect of club operations and one in respect of charitable/service operations.

Section 2 - The treasurer shall deposit all club funds in a bank, named by the board. The club funds shall be divided into two separate parts: club operations and service projects.

Section 3 - All bills shall be paid by the treasurer or other authorized officer only when approved by one other officer or director.

Section 4 - A thorough review of all financial transactions by a qualified person shall be made once each year.

Section 5 - The fiscal year of this club shall extend from 1 July to 30 June, and for the collection of members' dues shall be divided into four (4) quarterly periods extending from 1 July to 30 June. The payment of per capita dues, assessments and RI official magazine subscriptions shall be made on 1 July and 1 January of each year on the basis of the membership of the club on those dates.

Article 13 Method of Electing Members

Section 1 - The name of a prospective member, proposed by an active member of the club, shall be submitted to the board in writing, through the club secretary. A transferring or former member of another club may be proposed to active membership by the former club. The proposal shall be kept confidential except as otherwise provided in this procedure.

Section 2 - The board shall ensure that the proposal meets all the classification and membership requirements of the standard Rotary club constitution.

Section 3 - The board shall approve or disapprove the proposal within 30 days of its submission, and shall notify the proposer, through the club secretary, of its decision.

Section 4 - If the decision of the board is favorable, the prospective member shall be informed of the purposes of Rotary and of the privileges and responsibilities of membership, following which the prospective member shall be requested to sign the membership proposal form and to permit his or her name and proposed classification to be published to the club.

Section 5 - If no written objection to the proposal, stating reasons, is received by the board from any member (other than honorary) of the club within seven (7) days following publication of information about the prospective member, that person, upon payment of the admission fee (if not honorary membership), as prescribed in these bylaws, shall be considered to be elected to membership. The membership starting date shall be the first Tuesday following the seven-day objection period.

If any such objection has been filed with the board, it shall vote on this matter at its next meeting. If approved despite the objection, the proposed member, upon payment of the admission fee (if not honorary membership), shall be considered to be elected to membership.

Section 6 - Following the election, the president shall arrange for the new member's induction, membership card, and new member Rotary literature. In addition, the president or secretary shall report the new member information to RI and the president shall assign a member to assist with the new member's assimilation to the club as well as assign the new member to a club committee.

Section 7 - The club may elect, in accordance with the standard Rotary club constitution, honorary members proposed by the board.

Article 14 Resolutions

The club shall not consider any resolution or motion to commit the club on any matter until the board has considered it. Such resolutions or motions, if offered at a club meeting, shall be referred to the board without discussion.

Article 15 Order of Business

7:15 AM:

Breakfast

7:25 AM:

Time at discretion of President after agenda considerations.

Meeting called to order.

Pledge of allegiance.

Invocation.

Introduction of visitors.

Correspondence, announcements and Rotary Information.

Committee reports, if any.

Any unfinished business.

Any new business.

Address or other program features.

Adjournment at 8 AM, when possible. The meeting shall be adjourned as soon as practicable after 8 AM, with questions and discussion following adjournment when necessary.

Article 16 Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting, a quorum being present, by a two-thirds vote of all members present, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been mailed to each member at least ten (10) days before such meeting. No amendment or addition to these bylaws can be made which is not in harmony with the standard Rotary club constitution and with the constitution and bylaws of RI.