



Rotary Club of Belleair

Bylaws

Service Above Self

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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. Quorum: The minimum number of participants who must be present when a vote is taken: One Third of the Club members for Club decisions and a majority of the Directors for Club Board decisions
5. RI: Rotary International.
6. Year: The twelve-month period that begins on 1 July.

Article 2 - Boards

The governing body of this Club shall be the Board consisting of nine (9) members of this Club, namely, the President, Immediate Past-President, President-elect (first vice President) [or President-nominee, if no successor has been elected], Secretary, and Treasurer. At the discretion of the Board, also added can be the three (3) Directors elected in accordance with article 3, section 1 of these bylaws.

Article 3 - Election of Directors and Officers

Section 1 - At a regular meeting one month prior to the meeting for election of Officers, the presiding Officer shall ask for nominations by members of the Club for President, secretary, Treasurer, and three (3) Directors. The nominations may be presented by a nominating committee or by members from the floor, by either or by both as a Club may determine. If it is determined to use a nominating committee, such committee shall be appointed as the Club may determine. 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 three (3) candidates for Director receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected as Directors. The candidate for President elected in such balloting shall be the President-nominee. The President-nominee shall take the title of President-elect on the first day of July next following the election, and shall serve as an Officer during that year. On 1 July immediately following that year, the President-elect shall assume office as President.

Section 2 - The Officers and Directors shall constitute the Board. Within one week after their election, the Directors-elect shall meet and elect some 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.



Section 5 – Officer and Director Terms

- President: 1 Year
- Vice President: 1 Year
- Treasurer: Indefinite Term
- Secretary: Indefinite Term
- Sergeant at Arms: Indefinite Term (If a member of the Board - NO Additional Vote)
- Director: 3-year term with expiration each year for one or more Director(s)

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 pertains to the office of President. Only the President, Immediate Past-President or another Past-President can preside over a regular meeting or Board meeting. A member who has not attended President Elect Training cannot preside over a regular or Board meeting.

Section 2 - Immediate Past-President. - It shall be the duty of the Immediate Past President to serve as a Director and to perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the President or the Board.

Section 3 - President-elect (First Vice-President) - It shall be the duty of the President -elect to serve as a Director, and to perform such 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 semiannual reports of membership on 1 January and 1 July of each year, which shall include per capita dues for all members and prorated dues for active members who have 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 pertains 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.

Article 5 - Meetings

Section 1 - Annual Meeting - An annual meeting be held within the first two (2) weeks of December of each year, at which time the election of Officers and Directors to serve for the ensuing year. The installation of Officers shall occur no later than June 30th of each year.

Section 2 - The regular weekly meetings of this Club shall be held at a date and time as determined by the Board.

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 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 9, 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 monthly at a time selected by the President. Special meetings of the Board shall be called by the President, whenever deemed necessary, or upon the request of two (2) 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 an amount as established by the Board, to be paid before the applicant can qualify as a member, except as provided for in the standard Rotary Club Constitution, Article 2.

Section 2 - The membership dues shall be established by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership, and billed annually on the first day of July. The payment of membership dues can be made annually, semiannually or quarterly as set by the Board.

Article 7 - Methods of Voting

The business of this Club shall be transacted by vocal assent (viva voce) vote, including the election of Officers and Directors, which may be by ballot or viva voce. The Board may determine that a specific resolution be considered by ballot rather than by viva voce vote. Voting may be by in person at a meeting of the Club, or by electronic vote.

Article 8 - Avenues of Service

The 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 Avenues of Service.

Article 9 - Committees

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

- Membership: This committee should develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the recruitment and retention of members.



- Public Relations: This committee should 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 should promote effective operation of the Club.
- Service Projects: This committee should develop and implement educational, humanitarian, and vocational projects that address the needs of its community and communities in other countries.
- Rotary Foundation: This committee should develop and implement plans to support the Rotary Foundation through both financial contributions and program participation.
- Grants: This committee should gather and review any requests that Club funds to be donated to, or expended for, the benefit of worthy entities or individuals. The committee should make its post-review recommendations to the Board.

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 reference appropriate RI materials and the Avenues of Service 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 - Leave of Absence

Upon written application to the Board, setting forth good and sufficient cause, leave of absence may be granted excusing a member from attending the meetings of the Club for a specified period of time, not to exceed twelve months.

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 financial institutions, named by the Board. The Club funds shall be divided into two separate parts: Club operations and service projects.

Section 3 - All bills constituting normal and recurring monthly expenses shall be paid by the Treasurer on a routine basis only when approved by the Board of Directors. All other expenses shall require approval by the Board before payment.

Section 4 - A review of all financial transactions shall be made once each year.

Section 5 - Officers having charge or control of Club funds shall give bond as required by the Board for the safe custody of the funds of the Club, cost of bond to be borne by the Club.

Section 6 - 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 two (2) semiannual periods extending from 1 July to 31 December, and from 1 January to 30 June. The payment of per capita dues and RI official magazine subscriptions shall be paid as appropriately billed by RI.

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.

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 will report the new member information to RI and the President will assign a member to assist with the new member's assimilation to the Club as well as assign the new member to a Club project or function.

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

- Meeting called to order.
- Introduction of visitors.
- Correspondence, announcements, and Rotary information.
- Committee reports, if any.
- Any unfinished business.
- Any new business.
- Address or other program features.
- Adjournment.

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 approved by the Board and mailed, or emailed, 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 Belleair Rotary Club Constitution and with the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International.

Article 17 - Parliamentary Rules

Roberts Rules of Order, latest edition, shall govern the conduct of this Club's meetings, when not in conflict with the Constitution or Bylaws of the Club. This shall apply to meetings of the Club, the Board of Directors, and any Committee or subcommittee thereof.