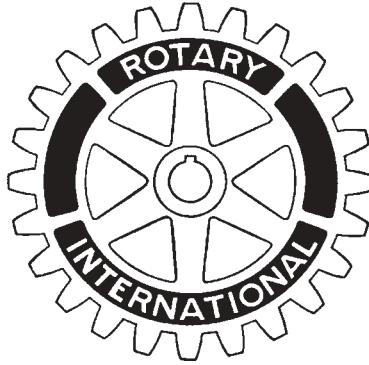


**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**  
**District 7210**  
**By-Law Revision Summary**  
**Effective Date: July 1, 2004**

The following summarizes changes to the By-Laws of Rotary District 7210 adopted in session at the Annual District Conference held at the Hudson Valley Resort & Spa on September 19, 2003:

Article III, Section 1	(p.2)	Clarifies title of all District officials;
Article III, Section 3	(p.2)	Clarifies the selection, duties and responsibilities of the District Governor-Elect and of any District Governor-Nominee(s);
Article III, Section 4	(p.3)	Deletes the prior provisions with respect to the District Treasurer and creates a new section which provides for the appointment, service, term and fiscal authority of the District Treasurer. The new section also provides for maintenance by the District Treasurer of all financial records and for the delivery of copies of the proposed district budget not less than thirty (30) days prior to a P.E.T.S., a district-wide assembly or a district conference;
Article III, Section 6	(p.3)	Provides for the appointment by the District Governor of a Historian/Custodian for a term of one (1) year;
Article IV, Section 1	(p.4)	Provides for the “College of Governors” and a “District Training Committee” as standing committees;
Article IV, Section 2	(p.4)	Changes the term of office of the Rotary Foundation Scholarship Committee to coincide with the Rotary year (July 1 – June 30) rather than a calendar year;
Article IV, Section 3	(p.4)	Amends the existing provisions to provide for the District Finance Committee to be chaired by the District Governor preceding the most immediate Past District Governor living in the district;
Article IV, Section 3, (b)	(p.5)	Charges the District Finance Committee with the responsibility to present the proposed budget, etc. at a P.E.T.S., at a district assembly or at a district conference and provides for limitations upon the extent to which a “line item” in the district budget may be exceeded or reduced;
Article IV, Section 3, (d), (f)	(p.5)	Amends certain of the voting provisions with respect to the District Treasurer and the Assistant District Treasurer;
Article IV, Section 4	(p.5)	Provides for ex-officio membership of certain district officers upon the By-Laws and Resolution Committee;
Article IV, Section 5	(p.6)	Contains provisions for re-constituting the district Conference Advisory and Contract Negotiating Committee;
Article IV, Section 6	(p.6)	Provides for semi-annual and other meetings of the District Reserve Fund Committee.

Article V, Section 1	(p.7)	Provides for the filling of vacancies in the offices of district governor-elect and district governor-nominee(s);
Article VII	(p.7,8)	Deletes in its entirety the provisions of the existing Section 2, regarding the district nominating committee and replaces it with a new Section 2 which reconstitutes the nominating committee, with an emphasis upon representation from all regions within the district;
Article VII, Section 4, A	(p.8)	Provides for notification on or before October 30 in each Rotary year of the election of district officers consisting solely of a District Governor-Nominee, a member of the By-Laws and Resolutions Committee and a member of the District Finance Committee;
Article VII, Section 4, B,2	(p.8)	Amends certain of the requirements for consideration of a candidate for District Governor;
Article VII, Section 7	(p.9)	Includes procedure for selection of District Governor Elect/ Nominee(s);
Article VII, [para.2]	(p.10)	Adopts a simplified procedure for club nominations for elected district positions;
Article VIII, Section 1	(p.10)	Provides for the adoption of a change in the By-Laws to provide for the conduct of the district conference to be held annually in the Spring of each Rotary year;
Article VIII, Section 2, para.2	(p.11)	Amends the existing provisions to provide that the district governor-elect/nominee(s) shall notify the district governor of the appointment of a “time and place committee” for district conference;
Article VIII, Section 2, para. 3	(p.11)	Corrects a typographical error in the original;
Article VIII, Section 4	(p.11)	Amends certain provisions for voting at an annual district conference; deletes the categories of ‘senior active’ and ‘past service’ member(s) to conform to Rotary International membership categories; and provides that the results of votes taken at an annual district conference shall be made available to all Rotarians in the district within thirty (30) days;
Article IX, Section 1	(p. 11)	Increases the number of affirmative votes to adopt an amendment to the by-laws from a “majority” to a “two-thirds (2/3)” vote;
Article IX, Section 2	(p.11)	Clarifies the method of proposing amendments to the by-laws by Rotarians;
APPENDIX A	(p.13)	Expands the duties of the District Governor to include the requirement that he/she shall have attended a zone institute;



# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

## DISTRICT 7210

### BY-LAWS

DISTRICT GOVERNOR KNUT J. JOHNSEN, JR.  
(2003-2004)

#### BY-LAWS & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Reflects changes adopted at District 7210 Annual Conference  
Hudson Valley Resort & Spa  
Friday, September 19, 2003

CHAIR: DR. TAMTON MUSTAPHA

Knut J. Johnsen, Jr., District Governor  
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**ARTICLE I                    PURPOSE:**

These by-laws are created as a guide to assist in the effective administration of District 7210 of Rotary International and are subordinate to the constitution, by-laws and other legislative documents and rules of Rotary International.

**ARTICLE II                   OFFICERS:**

Section 1 - The district governor is the sole officer of Rotary International in the district and shall govern it in the manner prescribed by Rotary International.

**ARTICLE III                   OFFICIALS:**

Section 1 - The officials of this district shall be as follows:

- a) The district governor;
- b) The district governor-elect;
- c) The district governor-nominee(s);
- d) The district treasurer;
- e) The district secretary;
- f) The historian-custodian.

Section 2 - **DISTRICT GOVERNOR:** The qualifications, duties and manner of election of the district governor shall be as set forth in the by-laws of Rotary International. The district governor shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees. The qualifications, duties and manner of election may not be altered or abridged except as authorized by the by-laws of Rotary International. [See appendix A - Duties of the District Governor taken from the Manual of Procedure]

Section 3 -**DISTRICT GOVERNOR-NOMINEE(S):** The qualifications, duties and manner of selection of the district governor-elect/nominee(s) shall be as set forth in the by-laws of Rotary International and as further provided for herein. To provide for more than two years of preparation for the position, a district governor nominee shall be chosen in the Rotary year three years prior to the year of service. Each district governor-elect/nominee(s) shall be designated by the Rotary year for which he/she is expected to serve as district governor. The district governor-elect/nominee(s) shall perform such duties as are assigned by the district governor and shall conduct themselves in a manner best suited to prepare themselves to properly fulfill the duties and obligations of the office of district governor. The district governor-elect/nominee(s) shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.

Recognizing the importance of the Rotary International Convention, any candidate for the office of District Governor shall agree to attend the Rotary International Convention the year before he/she takes office as District Governor as well as during his/her term in that office. Registration fees, transportation, hotel and normal meal costs for the District Governor and his/her spouse/partner shall be appropriated as a line item in each budget. If in the event of some unforeseen emergency, the District Governor, or the District Governor-Elect, shall be unable to attend either of the Conventions, any monies appropriated in the budget for this purpose will be turned over to the Reserve Fund.

Section 4 - DISTRICT TREASURER: The district treasurer shall be appointed by the finance committee and shall serve at the pleasure of the district governor and shall serve up to one (1) year provided, however, that in no event shall a person appointed as district treasurer serve for more than three (3) consecutive years. As fiscal officer, the district treasurer shall have the authority to make all deposits and to make withdrawals and to sign checks up to \$500.00 and, when authorized, to make insured investments as approved by the district finance committee or by the district reserve fund committee. All higher amounts for withdrawals and checks shall have two (2) signatures: that of the district treasurer and that of the district governor. The district treasurer shall not be a voting member of the district finance committee.

The district treasurer shall provide annually, at the district's expense, a surety bond for the faithful performance of his or her duties in such amount as the finance committee may determine shall be adequate to cover the funds of the district

The district treasurer shall maintain the books and other financial records of the district, and no fewer than thirty (30) days prior to a Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (P.E.T.S.), a district-wide assembly or a district conference, shall submit copies of the proposed budget for the next Rotary year, and a financial statement for the current Rotary year to date, to each club president, district governor and the district governor elect nominee(s).

Since each Rotary year ends on June 30th, the district treasurer shall have until August 15th to close the books, turn the excess funds over to the appropriate reserve fund; and shall submit the books, final treasurer's report and I.R.S. Form 990 for audit by August 30th; shall have the audit of the books, final treasurer's report and I.R.S. Form 990 completed by September 30th; and shall send a copy of the audit to the district governor, to the immediate past district governor, to the district governor-elect/nominee(s), the district historian, each member of the finance committee, and district reserve fund committee, each Rotary club of District 7210 and retain a copy for the treasurer's files. These copies shall be sent by October 30th. If the district treasurer is unable to meet the above schedule, the district governor will be advised and the district governor shall take action to see that the final treasurer's report is completed, audited and distributed.

The treasurer shall be prepared, at any time to render a current report;

- to the district governor concerning the current status of any and all district finances and funds;
- to the finance committee concerning all annual operating funds;
- to the reserve fund committee concerning all reserve funds.

Section 5 - DISTRICT SECRETARY: The district secretary shall be appointed by the district governor for a term of one year shall attend and keep records of all district meetings and shall assist the district governor upon request.

Section 6 - HISTORIAN CUSTODIAN: The historian-custodian shall be appointed by the district

governor for that district governor's Rotary year and shall be responsible for maintaining all district records and memorabilia.

## ARTICLE IV COMMITTEES

Section 1 - STANDING COMMITTEES: There shall be the following standing committees in this district:

- a) College of Governors;
- b) Rotary Foundation Scholarship Committee;
- c) Finance Committee;
- d) By-Laws and Resolutions Committee;
- e) Conference Advisory and Contract Negotiating Committee;
- f) District Reserve Fund Committee;
- g) District Training Committee.

The district governor may appoint such other committees, for the Rotary year as deemed necessary for the carrying out of the programs, projects and activities of the district. Except in the capacity as advisor, no Rotarian, if APPOINTED to such a committee, may serve more than 3 consecutive years as a member of a standing committee, nor more than 5 consecutive years as a member of any committee. A Rotarian ELECTED to any committee may be re-elected to the same committee immediately after the expiration of the current term.

Section 2- ROTARY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

The Rotary Foundation Scholarship committee shall consist of five members, whose terms of office shall coincide with the Rotary year, and one alternate member, as hereinafter provided. The members shall include the most immediate past district governor living in the district, who shall serve as chair, the district governor, and three members-at-large.

Each of the members-at-large shall serve for a term of three years, with one member retiring from the committee each year. The district governor-elect/nominee(s) shall serve as ex-officio members. Prior to July 1st the incoming district governor shall appoint one-at-large member of the Rotary Foundation Scholarship committee to replace the retiring member effective the following January 1st. The incoming district governor shall appoint an alternate member of the committee who will serve for one year starting the following January 1st. This alternate member will only serve as a voting member in the absence of one of the three-members-at-large. The Rotary Foundation Scholarship committee shall handle all matters pertaining to the responsibility of choosing the district nominee(s) for Rotary Foundation Scholarships.

Section 3 - FINANCE COMMITTEE: The district finance committee shall be chaired by the district governor preceding the most immediate past district governor, living in the district, with three members-at-large and the district treasurer. The at-large members shall each serve a three year term, the terms to be staggered in order that one at-large member shall rotate off the committee each year.

The at-large members shall not have been district governors, but each must have served as a club

president. A member at-large shall be elected at each district conference to begin the term of office in the next Rotary year. The district governor and the district governor-nominees shall be ex-officio members of the finance committee.

The district finance committee is charged with the following responsibilities:

- a) Preparing a district budget in cooperation with the district governor nominee and reviewing annually the district per capita contribution.
- b) present at a P.E.T.S., at a district assembly or at the district conference the proposed budget and the per capita dues for discussion and recommendations. Thereafter, present the proposed budget and the per capita assessment to the district assembly for its vote of approval by an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the incoming presidents present and voting at the assembly.

After approval of the district budget by the finance committee and approval by the district membership:

- no individual line item may be exceeded by nor reduced by more than 15% without the approval, for good and sufficient cause, by the budget and finance committee;

- no allocated monies may be removed from any individual line item without the consent of the Rotarian responsible for that line item. If such consent is withheld, and for good and sufficient cause, the budget and finance committee may allow such transfer.

c) governing the disbursement of funds;

d) selecting an assistant district treasurer;

e) appoint a Certified Public Accountant who shall be responsible for conducting an annual audit of district finances. Compensation for this will be authorized by the finance committee.

f) periodically reviewing all investments of district annual operating funds. The finance committee shall meet at least once every 3 months and, as requested, at the call of the district governor or chair.

**Section 4 - BY-LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:** The by-laws and resolutions committee shall consist of three Rotarians, each of whom shall have served as a club president. They shall be elected for a three year term, with one term expiring at the end of each Rotary year and they shall be voting members. The district governor and the district governor-elect/nominee shall be ex-officio members and the district governor shall appoint, for a one year term, a lawyer who is a Rotarian in the district to act as legal adviser. In addition, the district governor shall appoint one of the members to serve as chair.

This committee shall meet at least once annually to review and make recommendations for amendments or changes, if any, in the district by-laws. It shall also review resolutions, which must be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the district conference and shall, at

the request of the district governor, prepare resolutions for said conference. It shall also assist any club, which requests it, in preparing any proposed amendments to the by-laws or resolutions.

Section 5- CONFERENCE ADVISORY AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE. The conference Advisory and Contract Negotiating committee shall consist of three (3) immediate Past District Governors, or their designees, who shall serve annually on a rotating basis together with one (1) additional Rotarian member who shall be appointed by the District Governor-Nominee for the Rotary year in which the district conference shall occur.

The committee shall meet with the time and place committee prior to their seeking proposals for the district conferences and shall advise the time and place committee with options available to them and discuss the type of contract best suited for the district needs.

It shall also be the duty of this committee to review the contracts submitted by various hotels and make recommendations and suggestions to the time and place committee and to the district governor nominee as to any problems and or omissions.

The committee members shall also make themselves available as consultants to the district governor in the concerns of conducting the district conference.

Section 6 -, THE DISTRICT RESERVE FUND COMMITTEE - The district reserve fund committee will consist of the three most recent past district governors preceding the immediate past district governor, who reside in the district and are willing to serve. The senior past district governor will serve as chair. The district governor and the district treasurer are ex-officio members. The committee will meet at least semi-annually or at the call of the district governor or the chair of the committee.

The district reserve fund is charged with the following responsibilities:

a) Management of all district funds outside current year operating budget and current project fund-raising efforts:

1. Restricted reserve fund - any funds collected, donated or accumulated for a specific purpose and deposited into the reserve fund.
2. Unrestricted reserve fund - surplus funds from previous operating budgets. These funds are to be used to offset unanticipated revenue shortfalls. A minimum fund of \$20,000 should be maintained.

b) Investing all reserve funds in protected investments. The committee may elect to appoint a knowledgeable Rotarian as a financial consultant

c) Review any requests from the district governor or the finance committee.

#### Section 7- DISTRICT TRAINING COMMITTEE:

The District Training Committee shall consist of three (3) members, including its Chair, all of whom shall be appointed by and who shall serve at the pleasure of the District Governor. Of the members first appointed, one (1) shall be the immediate past district trainer and one (1) shall be the then current district trainer, who shall serve as its chair. Upon selection in each Rotary year by the district nominating committee of a District Governor Nominee (DGN), that DGN shall designate a Rotarian to be appointed to the District Training Committee by the then current District Governor. Upon such appointment, the term as member of the current chair shall end and the chair shall become the next senior member of the committee.

The District Training Committee, under the direction of the District Governor-Elect, shall be responsible for the District Team Training (Assistant Governors, District Committee Chairs, etc.), P.E.T.S., District Assembly, and such other training as shall be requested by the District Governor-Elect. The responsibilities for such training shall include program content, sessions training, identification of speakers, training of facilitators, program evaluation and logistics.

#### ARTICLE V VACANCIES:

Section I - Vacancies in the office of district governor or district governor-elect/nominee(s) shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of the constitution and by-laws of Rotary International.

Section 2 - All other vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the district governor until the next nominating committee procedure is completed, except that if there is any district - wide meeting scheduled to be held between the time of the vacancy and the time of the next nominating committee meeting, and the office is an elective one, the district governor shall conduct an election at such meeting to fill such vacancy. In that event, potential candidates may be nominated by either the resolution of a Rotary club, or by nomination from the floor, and shall be elected by a majority of the clubs present and voting with each club allocated one vote.

#### ARTICLE VI COMPENSATION:

District officers and officials may be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses that fall within the district budget. Such compensation shall not be in the way of payment as wages or salary, but based on itemized expenses in accordance with the approved budget allowances, it being understood that the acceptance of the elective or appointive office constitutes a donation of services to further the objects of Rotary International.

#### ARTICLE VII ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS:

Section 1 - Officers and officials shall be selected by a nominating committee procedure, as set forth herein and in accordance with the by-laws of Rotary International.

Section 2 - There shall be a nominating committee consisting of at least one member from each region in the district, to total an odd number, all of whom shall be past presidents and two of whom must be past district governors and who will be appointed by the district governor and who are members of a Rotary club in the district and who are willing and able to serve. Appointments to the nominating committee will consider geographical representation to the maximum extent possible.

Section 3 - When all members of the nominating committee have been appointed and not later than November 30th, the district governor shall announce in writing to all clubs the names of the members so appointed and shall designate one of them as chair of the committee.

Section 4 - SUBMISSION OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE: Any club may submit the name of any qualified member to the district governor for consideration by the nominating committee in the following manner:

A) On or before October 30th of each year, the district governor shall by means of his/her monthly letter, or otherwise in writing, notify all clubs in the district of the specific offices to be considered by the nominating committee.

List of Offices to be Elected:

1. District Governor-Nominee - term to commence in two years;
2. A Member of the By-Laws and Resolutions Committee (Term of three years); and
3. A Member of the Finance Committee (Term of three years).

B) Any club may submit a written nomination for such office by delivering such nomination to the district governor on or before December 10th of the current year in such a manner as to receive a receipt for the delivery thereof. Said nomination shall contain the following:

1. A letter of nomination certified by the club secretary, stating the fact that by club action the club nominates a qualified member for a specific office. Nomination of a person not a member of the club shall be accompanied by the concurrence of the club of which the candidate is a member.
2. A short summary of the candidate's Rotary history and activities as well as his/her community and vocational achievements should be written. This material shall be submitted in ten (10) copies. In preparing such material, the candidate should be consulted to insure its completeness and accuracy. The candidate for district governor shall indicate that he/she has read Appendix A, "Duties of the District Governor," and the By-Laws of District 7210, that he/she completely understands them, and if elected that he/she will fulfill the duties of district governor.
3. The district governor shall retain such material in his/her possession without revealing the contents, and shall deliver one complete set to each member of the nominating committee, not more than fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled meeting of said committee.
4. There shall be no campaigning or electioneering on behalf of any candidate other than by means of the material above described.

**Section 5 - NOMINATING COMMITTEE PROCEDURE:** The chair of the nominating committee shall, in cooperation, with the district governor, set the date, time and place for the committee meeting, but not later than January 31st, and shall notify the members of the nominating committee, the district governor, the current district governor -nominee and all submitted candidates. The chair shall make efforts to secure the attendance of all members.

The chair shall convene the meeting at the agreed time, place and date. A quorum of at least seventy (70) percent of the members shall be present. However, at the discretion of the district governor and with consent of all candidates running for office the district governor may reduce the percent necessary for a quorum to no less than fifty percent. There shall first be an informal gathering during which time the candidates shall have the opportunity to meet each member of the committee. Such candidates shall then be excluded from the meeting and the committee shall go into executive session with the district governor and the current district governor-nominee.

The district governor shall then outline the duties, obligations and procedures of the committee, including the fact that in selecting the district governor-nominee, the committee must choose the person the committee feels is best qualified for the office, even though such person may not be among the nominees submitted.

When the district governor is satisfied that the nominating committee is fully informed as to its functions and responsibilities, the district governor and current district governor-nominee shall remove themselves from the committee's presence and hearing, but shall remain in a place where the district governor is available for consultation with the committee on matters of procedure only.

**Section 6 - NOMINATING COMMITTEE VOTING:** In its executive session the committee may discuss the candidates, but all voting shall be by written secret ballot, unless there is only one nominated candidate and no other candidates are proposed by any member of the committee.

The result of any ballot, other than the announcement of the selection of the committee, shall forever be secret. If there are three or more candidates, the committee shall resort to the single transferable ballot to determine its selection among the candidates. [See manual or procedure "How the Single Transferable Ballot System operates"]. Before adjourning, the committee shall ascertain that its selection is ready, willing and qualified to serve. This shall be either by prior written statement or by telephone prior to adjournment

When the selections have been completed, the nominating committee shall hand its written report to the district governor before it adjourns. The district governor may then declare the work of the nominating committee completed.

**Section 7 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS:** The district governor, within fifteen (15) days following the adjournment of the nominating-committee meeting, shall publish the selections of said committee in writing to all clubs. Thereafter the same procedure shall apply to all officers or officials as applies to the selection of the district governor elect/nominee(s) as set forth in the by-laws of Rotary International.

In the event the nominating committee fails, for any reason, to make a nomination for any vacancy, and the by-laws of Rotary International do not provide an alternative method of nomination, or, in the event a nominee resigns or ceases to be a nominee for any reason, and, in the opinion of the district governor there is not sufficient time to notify the clubs of the vacancy, receive further nominations and to reconvene the nominating committee, prior to the district conference, in so far as possible, the following procedures shall be followed:

The district governor, as soon as may be practical shall notify all the clubs by mail of the occurrence and advise the clubs that an election to fill the vacancy will be conducted at the district conference. The district governor shall notify all clubs that nominations will be made from the floor. In so far as possible, if time permits, the district governor may ask that nominations be received by him/her prior to the district conference.

The voting shall be by electors, using the single transferable ballot method and a majority shall decide the election. The representative and alternate representative to the Council on Legislation shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws of Rotary International. The district governor, not later than November 15th in the Rotary year in which they are to be elected, shall send to the president and secretary of each club a summary of the Rotary International by-laws outlining the qualifications and method of electing the representative and alternate representative to the Council on Legislation. Clubs shall submit nominations in writing, signed by the club secretary, at least ninety (90) days before the first day of the district conference and in such a way as to receive a written receipt for same. Such nomination shall be presented at the district conference for vote.

Not later than forty-five (45) days before the district conference, the district governor shall send to the secretary of each club full details on the need for the club to designate its electors and credential forms for each elector to present at the-district conference. The governor shall also send copies of the candidates' resumes and notify the clubs of the day and approximate time that votes will be cast for such election. Prior to the casting of ballots, each candidate may have a three minute nominating speech made on his or her behalf.

## ARTICLE VIII DISTRICT CONFERENCE:

Section 1 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE: The district shall conduct a district conference annually in the Spring of each Rotary year, such conference to be held in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws of Rotary International. The governor will prepare a conference budget and present it to the district budget and finance committee for approval before any expenditures are incurred. This budget must be presented at least five months before the date of the conference.

The district treasurer shall serve as the treasurer of the conference committee and shall be the sole person responsible for all payments and deposits.

Section 2- SELECTION OF TIME AND PLACE: Every district governor-nominee of this district,

immediately upon his/her selection, shall appoint a time and place committee of not less than 3 or more than 5 members representative of the areas of the district. No more than 2 of such members shall be from the home club, one of whom should be the person expected to be the conference chairperson.

The district governor elect-nominee shall notify the district governor promptly of such appointments and they shall be confirmed as district appointments.

The said committee shall investigate possible sites and dates for the district conference to be held in the year in which the said district governor-nominee shall serve as district governor. The committee shall be prepared to make a report, including a recommendation as to the time and place, at the district conference in the year in which the committee is appointed. Such report shall include at least two alternative sites for consideration, in the event that the recommended choice is not adopted.

If said recommendation is rejected, the clubs shall vote on the other sites and/or dates included in said report. If more than two such choices are to be voted upon, voting shall be by a single transferable ballot with one vote per club. A majority shall decide the issue.

If for any reason, a decision on the time and place of said district conference cannot be made at the district conference, the district governor-nominee shall, as soon as possible, submit the choice to a mail vote by clubs, which mail vote shall decide the issue without delay. Mail votes must be returned no later than September 1st or at such earlier date designated by the district governor.

Section 3 - CONFERENCE RULES: The conference Rules shall be as set forth in "Appendix B", attached hereto, and as prescribed in the various legislative documents of Rotary International or the rulings of its Board of Directors.

Section 4 - Conference Voting [RI By-Laws] Voting for the composition and terms of reference of the nominating for district governor, and the election of the representative of the clubs of the district on the Council on Legislation shall be restricted to electors. Every active member in good standing of a club in a district who is present at the district conference shall be entitled to vote on all other matters submitted to a vote at such conference except that any elector shall have the right to demand a poll upon any matter presented to the conference, in which event the voting shall be restricted to electors. All voting results shall be made available to all Rotarians in the district within thirty (30) days.

## ARTICLE IX                      AMENDMENTS

Section 1 - METHOD OF AMENDING: The by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those voting, excluding abstentions, in a vote at the district conference or at a duly convened district meeting or by a mail vote of the clubs in accordance with RI by-laws.

Section 2 - METHOD OF PROPOSING AMENDMENTS: An Amendment to these by-laws may

be proposed in writing by a club resolution or by the by-laws and resolutions committee or by no less than ten (10) Rotarians who are members of not less than three (3) clubs in the district.

The proposed Amendment shall state the Article and Section proposed to be amended and shall state the exact wording of the section or paragraph to be amended. (In so stating the exact wording)

Any words to be eliminated shall be enclosed in parenthesis, thus:

(words to be eliminated)

and any words to be added shall be underlined, thus;

words to be added

Section 3 - PROCEDURE FOR VOTING: The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the district governor no fewer than sixty (60) days prior to the convening of the district conference or district meeting at which it is to be considered; Within fifteen (15) days after receiving the proposed amendment, the district governor shall send one copy to each club. If the amendment is to be voted on by the clubs by mail ballot, the district governor shall set a date at least thirty (30) days after his mailing of the proposed amendment for the clubs to return their ballots.

Any proposed amendment may be further amended at the district conference or the district wide meeting by a two thirds vote of those present and voting in accordance with RI by-laws.

Section 4- RECONSIDERATION OF A DEFEATED AMENDMENT:

A) If a proposed amendment is defeated at a district conference or a district-wide meeting, it may be reconsidered upon the motion and seconding of the motion by at least ten (10) members from three or more clubs. In such a case, the vote to reconsider must receive a majority of the votes of all those present and voting. If passed, a standing head count will be taken to ascertain if a majority of those clubs voting favor the amendment with each club entitled to one vote.

B) In the event that any proposed amendment is defeated by a mail vote of the clubs, it shall not be submitted to a mail vote at any time during the then current Rotary year. However, the proposed or similar amendment may be submitted to the next ensuing district conference or district-wide meeting on thirty (30) days notice to the district governor.

ARTICLE X                      ENACTMENT:

These by-laws shall not cause the forfeiture or abridgment of any term of office held by any Rotarian at the time of their enactment nor impair any rights, except as specifically set forth herein.

## APPENDIX A DUTIES OF THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

## THE GOVERNOR

is the officer of Rotary International in the district functioning under the general control and supervision of the Board. In the exercise of the district governor's responsibility for direct supervision of the clubs of District 7210, the district governor is charged with the particular duty of furthering the object of Rotary International, and shall personally:

- supervise the organization of new clubs in this district and help strengthen the existing clubs in this district;
- promote cordial relations between the clubs in this district and between the clubs and RI;
- plan, develop, and preside at the district conference and district assembly of this district;
- make an official visit to every club in the district as early in the year as possible.
- The visit should not be hurried and it should be of sufficient length to afford the governor an opportunity to counsel with the club by holding an effective club assembly and by delivering to the club a comprehensive Rotary address;
- issue a monthly letter to each club president and secretary in this district;
- report promptly to Rotary International as may be required by the president or the Board;
- supply to his or her successor full information as to the condition of clubs in the district with recommended action for strengthening clubs;
  
- transfer continuing district files to his or her successor;
- perform such other duties as are inherent in his or her responsibility as the officer of R.I. in the district, including responsibilities for implementation of programs and activities established by the president and the Board.

other things that the governor is expected to do are:

- read the ROTARIAN, the RI NEWS, the GENERAL SECRETARY'S LETTER and all other bulletins and literature from the R.I. Secretariat, and the publications from the clubs in the district.
- encourage each club to participate in at least one intercity meeting during each year, promote attendance at the R.I. convention; arrange, when circumstances require, for special conferences of club presidents and/or secretaries; prepare a summary of the attendance reports of the clubs in the district each month and send this district report to the general secretary of RI;
  
- must have attended a zone institute.

## APPENDIX B DISTRICT CONFERENCE RULES

1. **LIMITATION ON SPEAKING.** No persons except those who have been assigned set speeches and discussion, shall be allowed to speak more than twice, nor for more than three minutes each time, on any subject before the conference, without the unanimous consent of the conference. When a person has proposed a resolution or subject matter for discussion, his/her answering of specific questions directed to him / her shall not count in such limitation. The conference shall have the right, by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, excluding abstentions, to limit discussion on any subject. The chair may limit the period of discussion on any subject before the conference, however, the chair's ruling may be overruled by a vote of said two-thirds.

2. **RESOLUTIONS.** Unless with the consent of said two-thirds of the conference, no resolution may be read from the floor. All resolutions must be typewritten, on letter-size paper, on one side only, and delivered at least in triplicate to the chair of the resolutions committee not later than 2:30p.m. on the first day of the conference. Resolutions shall be presented at the time scheduled in the conference program.

3. **CONFERENCE VOTING.** Except as otherwise specified in the legislative documents of Rotary International or these by-laws, each member in good standing in a club in this district who is present at the conference shall be entitled to vote upon all questions and matters which are properly presented. Where said legislative documents or by-laws limit voting to electors, each such elector shall present proper qualifications to the secretary of the conference. In the event that the district governor appoints a credential committee, the proper qualifications shall be presented to said committee at designated times and places. Each elector shall be entitled to one vote, cast in person. There shall be no voting by proxy for an elector or member.

4. **RECOGNITION BY CHAIR** Any person desiring to be recognized by the chair shall stand and when recognized give his/her name in full and the name of his/her club. Any person physically unable to stand may have any other person rise and seek recognition for him.

5. **RULES OF PROCEDURE.** The Rules of Procedure as set forth in the Manual of Procedure of Rotary International, the legislative documents of Rotary International and these by-laws shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure. In the event a situation occurs not covered by any of the aforementioned documents, the Roberts Rules of Procedure shall be followed. The district governor may appoint a parliamentarian to advise the chair on all rules of procedure and such ruling may only be overruled by a two-thirds vote of the conference, as above set forth.

6. **RULINGS OF THE CHAIR.** Except where a motion to overrule the chair is duly made and seconded and then carried by a two-thirds vote, as above set forth, all rulings of the chair shall be final. An appeal to overrule the chair shall take precedence over any other motion, except one to adjourn, provided it is made prior to the conference moving on to any other matter.