

Bylaws of the Rotary Club of Fulton, Missouri

Article 1 Definitions

1. Board: The club's board of directors
2. Director: A member of the club's board of directors
3. Member: A member of the club, other than an honorary member,
4. Quorum: The minimum number of participants who must be present when a vote is taken: one-third of the club's members for club decisions and a majority of the directors for board decisions
5. RI: Rotary International
6. Year: The 12-month period that begins on 1 July

Article 2 Board

The governing body of this club is its board of directors, consisting of, at a minimum, the president, immediate past president, president-elect, secretary, and treasurer. Additional members (committee chairs) may be added at the discretion of the president.

The satellite club has its own officers: chair, chair-elect, secretary, and treasurer, plus any directors appointed by the chair.

Article 3 Elections

Section 1 – One month before elections, members nominate candidates for president, secretary, and treasurer. Nominations may be presented by a nominating committee appointed by the president, by members from the floor, or both.

Section 2 - The candidate receiving a majority of the votes is declared elected to that office.

Section 3 – The candidate elected as president will be the president-nominee, who will take the title of president-elect on 1 July and serve as an officer during that year. On 1 July immediately following that year, the president-elect will become president.

Section 4 - If any officer or board member vacates his or her position, the remaining members of the board will appoint a replacement.

Section 5 –If any officer-elect or director-elect vacates a position, the remaining members of the board-elect will appoint a replacement.

Section 6 – The term of office for president will be one year; terms for other positions are not limited.

Article 4 Duties of Officers

Section 1 – The president presides at club and board meetings.

Section 2 – The immediate past president serves as a director on the club board.

Section 3 – The president-elect prepares for his or her year in office, serves as a director, and presides at meetings when the president is absent,

Section 4 – The secretary keeps membership and attendance records; records and preserves the minutes of meetings; and handles correspondence, including thank you notes to speakers.

Section 5 – The treasurer oversees all funds and provides an annual accounting of them.

Article 5 Meetings

Section 1 –An annual meeting of this club is held no later than 31 December to elect the officers who will serve for the next Rotary year.

Section 2 – The day club meets each Wednesday at noon. The evening satellite club meets monthly at 6 p.m. on a day determined by the satellite club. Reasonable notice of any change or cancellation of the regular meeting will be given to all club members.

Section 3 –Board meetings are held each month. Special meetings of the board are called with reasonable notice by the president or upon the request of two directors.

Article 6 Dues

Monthly club dues are \$32, plus any meal fees. Dues include RI and district per capita dues, a subscription to The Rotarian, community support and scholarship assessments, a contribution to the Rotary Foundation/Polio Plus, and any other Rotary or district per capita assessment.

Article 7 Corporate Members: Financial Obligations

The initiation fee is a one-time fee to the corporation of \$100 to cover program administration expense.

The annual cost of a corporate membership is:

Corporate Membership for executive member and 1 designee = \$1,200

Corporate Membership for executive member and 2 designees = \$1,300

Corporate Membership for executive member and 3 designees = \$1,400

Corporate Membership for executive member and 4 designees = \$1,500

This fee is payable annually, or in quarterly or monthly installments. It covers dues to Rotary International and District 6080 for each member, contributions to The Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus for each member, contributions to community support and scholarships for one member, plus the cost of lunch for the executive member or one designee. If more than one company representative attends a meeting, \$12 is charged for each additional meal. If the executive member or designee is unable to attend a Rotary meeting, another representative of that organization may attend. However, that representative would not be considered a member of Rotary and would not be eligible to vote or hold office.

Article 8 Method of Voting

The business of this club is transacted by voice vote, a show of hands or email. The board may determine that a specific resolution be considered by ballot.

Article 9 Committees

Section 1—Club committees coordinate their efforts to achieve the club’s annual and long-term goals. Each club should have the committees listed in article 13, section 7, of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution.

Section 2 – The president is an *ex officio* a member of all committees and, as such, shall have all the privileges of membership.

Section 3 – Each committee’s chair is responsible for the regular meetings and activities of the committee, supervises and coordinates its work, and reports to the board on all committee activities.

Article 10 Finances

Section 1 – Before each fiscal year starts, the treasurer shall present to the board for approval a budget of estimated income and expenditures.

Section 2 – The treasurer deposits club funds in a financial institution.

Section 3 – Bills are paid by the treasurer or another authorized officer.

Section 4 – A qualified person conducts a thorough annual review of all financial transactions.

Section 5 – Club members will receive an annual financial statement of the club.

Section 6 – The fiscal year of this club shall extend from 1 July to 30 June.

Article 11 Method of Electing Members

Section 1 –A member proposes a candidate for membership to the board, or another club proposes one of its transferring or former members.

Section 2 – If the proposed member wishes to join the evening satellite club, the officers of that group (chair, chair-elect, secretary and treasurer) will be asked to approve before the name is submitted to the board of directors.

Section 3 – The board approves or rejects the candidate’s membership within 30 days and notifies the proposing member of its decision.

Section 4—If the board approves the candidate’s membership, the prospective member is invited to join the club.

Section 5 – Objections to a prospective member must be presented to the board in writing prior to seven (7) days preceding consideration by the board.

Article 12 Leave of Absence

Upon application to the board, setting forth good and sufficient cause, a leave of absence may be granted excusing a member from attending the meetings of the club for no longer than 12 months. During the leave of absence, the member will continue to pay Rotary International and District 6080 dues, unless the board waives that obligation.

Article 13 Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any regular club meeting. Changing the club bylaws requires sending written notice to each member 10 days before the meeting, having a quorum present for the vote, and having two-thirds of the votes support the change. Changes to these bylaws must be consistent with the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, the RI Constitution and Bylaws, and the Rotary Code of Policies.

Amended this 26th day of August, 2020.

Sherry McCarthy
President

Sara Henry
Secretary