

## Notice to D9810 Clubs - 2019 Council on Legislation

**Change Opportunity for Clubs.** The Council on Legislation (COL) is conducted every 3 years. It is an opportunity for Rotary Clubs to improve the administration and operation of Rotary International. D9810 Clubs have elected PDG David Alexander to be the 2019 District representative at the COL.

The next Council on Legislation will be held in April 2019 and D9810 Clubs are encouraged to follow the process / lodgement dates outlined below.

### Critical dates are:

Activity / Action Item	Date
▪ Request for proposed enactments – Presidents Meeting 4 August (and on website)	4 August 2017
▪ Club to notify David Alexander of intention to propose an enactment (topic and contact person)	21 August 2017
▪ Club Board presents proposed draft legislation for club member approval at a regular meeting of the club.	September - October 2017
▪ Club president and secretary certify draft proposed legislation has been approved by club members and lodge with David Alexander.	20 -October 2017
▪ Clubs endorse proposed legislation by vote at special Resolutions Meeting coinciding with the District November Presidents Meeting.	24 November 2017
▪ District endorsed proposed legislation lodged with Council. [The DG is required to confirm that legislation is proposed or endorsed by the district]	31 December 2017
▪ Receipt of RI approved Proposed Enactments for review and discussion with Clubs	September 2018

**Maximum 5 items per District.** The RI Bylaws encourage districts to submit no more than five items of proposed legislation which can be initiated by D9810 clubs or by D9810.

### Club Proposed Legislation.

1. The club's board of directors must first submit proposed legislation to the club members for adoption at a regular club meeting.
2. The Club forwards proposal(s) adopted by the members to the District, with a letter signed by the club president and secretary certifying that it has been adopted by the club.
3. Legislation proposed by a club must be endorsed by the clubs of the district before being presented to the Council for consideration.

**Your Club's Submission.** Must include the following items:

- 1) Name of the proposer
- 2) Word document with the proposed changes
- 3) The proposer's statement of purpose and effect

**Preparing a Purpose and Effect Statement** The purpose and effect of proposed legislation (described in 300 words or less) must be submitted to clarify the purpose of the proposed legislation. This statement should identify the issue or problem that the proposed legislation seeks to address and explain how the proposal addresses or resolves the problem or issue.

**Proposed enactments to change RI's constitutional documents:**

- RI Constitution
- RI Bylaws
- Standard Rotary Club Constitution

**Example of a Proposed Enactment** (submitted to the 2016 COL)

**PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-09**

**To revise the provisions for club admission fees.**

**Proposer(s):** Rotary Club of Kawagoe, District 2570, Japan

**Endorsed by:** District 2570 through an annual district conference, Fujimi, Saitama, Japan, 7 December 2014

*To amend the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION as follows*

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4        **Article 11 Admission Fees and Dues**

5        Every member shall pay an admission fee and annual dues as prescribed in the  
6        bylaws, except that any transferring or former member of another club who is  
7        accepted into membership of this club pursuant to article 7, section 4(a) or any  
8        former member of this club who rejoins this club, shall not be required to pay a  
9        second admission fee. A Rotaractor who ceased to be a member of Rotaract  
10       within the preceding two years, who is accepted into membership of this club,  
11       shall not be required to pay an admission fee. **When a family member of a**  
12       **member is accepted into membership of this club, an exemption may be made for**  
13       **the admission fee as provided in the bylaws.**

(End of Text)

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

14       Article 11 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution lists the provisions for club  
15       admission fees. This enactment calls for an addition to Article 11 providing that a  
16       special exception be made when the family member of a club member joins in  
17       order to strengthen membership development and support ongoing club  
18       activities.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

19       This enactment would have no substantial financial impact on RI.