

**Rotary Club of Fayetteville**  
**Proposed bylaw changes**  
**8/1/08**

**ART. II**  
**Governing Body**

**Sec. 4.** In addition to board duties and responsibilities described herein, it shall be the responsibilities of the board to ensure that long-range goals are developed, communications between the board and the general club membership are clear and regular, continuity of leadership within the directorates and committees, opportunities for club fellowship, every club member has an opportunity to be active, a club assembly is held early in each Rotary year, and a comprehensive training plan is in place.

**ART. III**  
**Duties of Officers**

**Sec. 2.** President-elect. It shall be the duties of the president-elect to serve as a member of the board, to preside at the meetings of the club and board in the absence of the president, to chair the Membership directorate executive committee, and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of president-elect.

**Sec. 3.** Vice President. It shall be the duties of the vice president to serve as a member of the board, to arrange the weekly programs for club meetings, to chair the Club Administration directorate executive committee, and to perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the president or the board.

**ART. IV**  
**Meetings**

**Sec. 6.** Club Assembly. The club shall conduct at least one club assembly of all club members, the first to be held early in the new Rotary year, for the purposes of organizing club committees, furthering member education, and receiving reports on district activities. The club assembly shall be in place of the regular weekly club meeting and the president shall preside.

**ART. VII**  
**Avenues of Service and Committees Directorates**

~~**Sec. 1.** (a) This club shall have four avenues of service: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service.~~

~~(b) Each avenue of service shall have two board members B a chair (2nd year board director) and a co chair (1st year board director). The co chair shall move up to chair in his/her 2nd year. The president shall be an ex-officio member of all avenues of service.~~

~~(c) The president shall, subject to the approval of the board: (1) appoint committees on particular aspects of club service, vocational service, community service, and international~~

~~service as deemed necessary; and (2) select a chair and co-chair for each committee so appointed.~~

~~(d) Each avenue of service shall also be comprised of the chairs of each committee within the avenue of service. The board shall establish the budget allocation for each avenue of service. The avenue of service shall be responsible for allocating budget authority to each committee within the avenue of service subject to ratification by the board.~~

~~(e) Each committee within an avenue of service shall transact such business as is delegated to it by the 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 by the avenue of service to the board and approved by the board.~~

~~(f) The president shall, subject to the approval of the board, have authority to appoint ad hoc committees to conduct delegated business of the club as necessary.~~

~~**Sec. 2.** Club Service. Club Service shall have committees as appointed in Sec. 1 (c), which include the following aspects of club service: attendance, membership appraisal, membership development, orientation, membership retention, club administration, fellowship, music, and classification.~~

~~**Sec. 3.** Community Service. Community Service shall have committees as appointed in Sec. 1 (c), which include the following aspects of community service: human development, community development, partners in service, scholarships, fundraising, youth programs, and volunteer recognition.~~

~~**Sec. 4.** Vocational Service. Vocational Service shall have committees as appointed in Sec. 1 (c), which include the following aspects of vocational service: club history, member relations, club publicity, vocational awareness, and vocational awards.~~

~~**Sec. 5.** International Service. International Service shall have committees as appointed in Sec. 1 (c), which include the following aspects of international service: group study exchange, Rotary Foundation, world community service, and international youth exchange.~~

**Sec. 1.** 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.

**Sec. 2.** The club shall establish five (5) directorates comprised of such committees as deemed necessary. The directorates shall be Membership, Public Relations, The Rotary Foundation, Club Administration, and Service Projects. Each directorate shall have at least one Board member assigned to it for purposes of oversight and communications. Where possible, it is preferred that both a second-year board director and a first-year board director be assigned to each directorate for purposes of continuity. In addition, the president-elect shall be assigned to and chair the Membership directorate executive committee and the vice president shall be assigned to and chair the Club Administration directorate executive committee. The president shall be an ex-officio member of all directorate executive committees.

(a) Membership directorate. The membership directorate shall include an executive committee and such other committees as the board may deem necessary such as committees on proposed member identification, proposed member appraisal and

classification, new member orientation, new member integration, attendance, fellowship events, member relations, and membership development and retention.

(b) Public Relations directorate. The public relations directorate shall include an executive committee and such other committees as the board may deem necessary such as committees on public relations, Service Above Self banquet, club history, vocational programs and awards, community scholarships, and district scholarships.

(c) The Rotary Foundation directorate. The Rotary Foundation directorate shall include an executive committee and such other committees as the board may deem necessary such as committees on Paul Harris Fellowships, Polio Plus project, Guatemala project, Thailand project, Africa project, and Medical Supply Network.

(d) Club Administration directorate. The club administration directorate shall include an executive committee and such other committees as the board may deem necessary such as committees on programs, sergeant-at-arms, lunch bunch, music, birthdays, and long-range planning.

(e) Service Projects directorate. The service projects directorate shall include an executive committee and such other committees as the board may deem necessary such as committees on the dictionary project, highway pick-up, organ donor, youth programs, youth exchange, group study exchange, and softball.

## **ART. VIII**

### **Aspects of Club Service**

#### **Committees**

~~**Sec. 1.** Attendance. This aspect includes encouraging attendance at all Rotary meetings B including attendance at district events B by all club members. It shall especially encourage attendance at regular meetings of other clubs when unable to attend meetings of this club; keep all members informed on attendance requirements; promote incentives for good attendance; and seek to ascertain and remove the conditions that contribute to unsatisfactory attendance.~~

~~**Sec. 2.** Membership Appraisal. This aspect includes considering all proposals for membership from the personal side and thoroughly investigating the character, business, social, and community standing, and general eligibility of all persons proposed for membership and reporting their decisions on all applications to the board.~~

~~**Sec. 3.** Membership Development. This aspect includes taking positive action to bring into the club suitable persons to fill unfilled classifications.~~

~~**Sec. 4.** Orientation. This aspect includes informing prospective members about the privileges and responsibilities of Rotary club membership; keeping members informed about the history, object, and activities of Rotary at all levels; and overseeing the integration of new members in the club.~~

~~**Sec. 5.** Membership Retention. This aspect includes adopting activities and programs to remind members B especially new members B of the value of Rotary membership and to encourage the maintenance of same.~~

~~**Sec. 6.** Club Administration. This aspect includes all functions required for the smooth weekly operation of the club including the provision of meals, meeting place, mementos, work materials, and other appropriate items.~~

~~**Sec. 7.** Fellowship. This aspect includes the promotion of acquaintances and friendship among the members, participation by members in organized Rotary recreational and social activities, and doing such work in pursuance of the general object of the club as may be assigned by the president or the board.~~

~~**Sec. 8.** Music. This aspect includes encouraging singing during club functions and providing song sheets, song leaders, accompanists, and musical instruments.~~

~~**Sec. 9.** Classification. This aspect includes assigning classifications to new members as well as regularly reviewing the club roster of filled and unfilled classifications.~~

~~(b) Each avenue of service shall have two board members B a chair (2nd year board director) and a co chair (1st year board director). The co chair shall move up to chair in his/her 2nd year. The president shall be an ex officio member of all avenues of service.~~

**Sec. 1.** The president shall, subject to the approval of the board: (1) appoint committees within each directorate as deemed necessary; (2) select a chair and co-chair for each committee so appointed, and (3) assign committee members.

**Sec. 2.** Each committee within a directorate shall transact such business as is delegated to it by the 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 by the directorate to the board and approved by the board.

**Sec. 3.** Each directorate shall have an executive committee comprised of the directors and officers assigned to the directorate and chairs of each committee within the directorate. The respective executive committee chairs, except as provided in Art. III, Sec. 2, Art. III, Sec. 3, and Art. VII, Sec. 2, shall be chosen by the president from among the board members assigned to the directorate. Preference shall be given to second-year board directors. The board shall establish the budget allocation for each directorate. The directorate executive committee shall be responsible for allocating budget authority to each committee within the directorate subject to ratification by the board. In addition, the directorate executive committee shall be responsible for preparing reports on directorate activities for board consideration.

**Sec. 4.** The president shall, subject to the approval of the board, have authority to appoint ad hoc committees to conduct delegated business of the club as necessary.

## **ART. IX**

### **Aspects of Community Service**

~~**Sec. 1.** Human Development. This aspect includes devising and implementing plans that will guide and assist the members of this club in dealing within the community with the welfare of all human beings by providing assistance and support to those in need.~~

~~**Sec. 2.** Community Development. This aspect includes devising and implementing plans that will guide and assist the members of this club in working to make the community a~~

better place to live by improving the physical condition of the community, its facilities, and environment.

**Sec. 3.** Partners in Service. This aspect includes devising and implementing plans that will guide and assist the members of this club in building relationships with other Rotary-sponsored organizations within the community and in cooperating with them in service.

**Sec. 4.** Scholarships. This aspect includes devising and implementing plans that will provide competitive scholarship support for students graduating from Fayetteville high schools wishing to attend the University of Arkansas and other scholarships as adopted by the board.

**Sec. 5.** Fundraising. This aspect includes devising and implementing plans for club-sponsored fundraising activities used to support the charitable giving of the club.

**Sec. 6.** Youth Programs. This aspect includes devising and implementing plans for the support of youth activities including Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, youth sports, youth clubs, and other activities or organizations designed to improve the social, leadership, athletic, and scholastic skills of community youth.

**Sec. 7.** Volunteer Recognition. This aspect includes devising and implementing plans to promote the recognition of the club and club members through club, district, zone, and Rotary International awards and recognition activities.

## **ART. X**

### **Aspects of Vocational Service**

**Sec. 1.** Club History. This aspect includes devising and implementing plans to collect, record, research, print, post, and otherwise share with club members and preserve for posterity the history of this club since its inception.

**Sec. 2.** Member Relations. This aspect includes devising and implementing plans, through the publication of a club bulletin (Fayrotales), maintenance of a club bulletin board, electronic communication, and other forms of communication, to stimulate interest and improve attendance; announce the program of the forthcoming meeting; relate highlights of the previous meeting and club activities; promote fellowship; contribute to the Rotary education of all members; report news of the club, its members, and of world-wide Rotary programs; and such other purposes as will benefit the club.

**Sec. 3.** Club Publicity. This aspect includes devising and implementing plans to give the public general information about Rotary—its history, object, scope, and current activities—and to secure proper publicity for the club through all forms of media and other information outlets.

**Sec. 4.** Vocational Awareness. This aspect includes devising and implementing plans that will guide and assist the members of this club in discharging their responsibilities in their vocational relationships and in improving the general standards of practice in their respective vocations. It also includes arranging club visits to places of work and classification talks.

~~Sec. 5. Vocational Awards. This aspect includes devising and implementing plans that promote the 4-Way Test competition, the Rotary Recreational and Vocational Fellowships, and vocational ethics awards.~~

#### ~~ART. XI~~

#### ~~Aspects of International Service~~

~~Sec. 1. Group Study Exchange. This aspect includes devising and implementing plans to promote the Group Study Exchange program including arranging host coordination, reports, and publicity.~~

~~Sec. 2. World Community Service. This aspect includes devising and implementing plans to promote the District Medical Supply Network or successor program and encourage and coordinate club international projects.~~

~~Sec. 3. Rotary Foundation. This aspect includes devising and implementing plans to promote the Rotary Foundation including promotion of Paul Harris Fellows and Sustaining Members, the Community Assistance Program, Humanitarian Grants, PolioPlus, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Grants for University Teachers, and other Rotary Foundation initiatives by providing to club members of appropriate information.~~

~~Sec. 4. International Youth Exchange. This aspect includes devising and implementing plans to promote all phases of the International Youth Exchange program.~~

#### ~~ART. XII~~ ART. IX

#### Leave of Absence

#### ~~ART. XIII~~ ART. X

#### Finances

**Sec. 2.** All bills shall be paid only by checks signed by the treasurer or president. The treasurer shall verify with the president and/or ~~Avenue of Service~~ **director** chair, when necessary, the obligation of the club to make payments.

**Sec. 7.** At the beginning of each fiscal year the board shall prepare or cause to be prepared a budget of estimated income and estimated expenditures for the year, which, having been agreed to by the board, shall stand as the limit of expenditures for the respective purposes unless otherwise ordered by action of the board. Once the budget is adopted, each ~~avenue of service~~ **director** shall have delegated budget authority as found in Art. VII, Sec. ~~(1)-(d)~~ 3.

#### ~~ART. XIV~~ ART. XI

#### Method of Electing Members

**Sec. 6.** Following acceptance into membership, the president shall arrange for the formal induction of the new member; the secretary shall issue a membership card, a club badge, and appropriate literature and shall report the new member to RI; and the ~~secretary~~ **president** shall assign the new member to a committee. It is expected that the proposing member will assist the new member with assimilation into the club.

~~ART. XV~~ **ART. XII**  
**Resolutions**

~~ART. XVI~~ **ART. XIII**  
**Order of Business**

The President shall have the authority to establish the order of business for both club and board meetings. The regular order of business for club meetings shall be:

Call to order  
Patriotic song  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Invocation  
Fellowship song  
Introduction of guests and visiting Rotarians  
Special announcements and introductions  
Program  
Close and adjournment

The regular order of business for board meetings shall be:

Call to order  
Reading of minutes  
Old business  
~~Avenue~~ Directorate reports  
Officer reports  
New business  
Adjournment

~~ART. XVII~~ **ART. XIV**  
**Amendments**

~~ART. XVIII~~ **ART. XV**  
**Miscellaneous**