



Selection Process for 2026-27 District Governor

The following sections on qualifications and the nomination process are excerpts from the June 2022 Bylaws of Rotary International. In the section on the nomination process we include only the process for selection by nominating committee as established by D6400 Inc. bylaw 5.4. The current nominating committee has the following members.

1. 2018-19 DG Paul Sincock (Chair)
2. 2017-18 DG Rick Caron
3. 2020-21 DG Noel Jackson
4. 2021-2022 DG Aruna Koushik
5. 2022-23 DG Traci Sincock

The responsibility of the nomination committee is to select the best qualified Rotarian who is available to serve and so the committee is not limited to the candidates nominated by the clubs.

RI Bylaw 13.010 stipulates that Rotarians shall not campaign, canvass, or electioneer or allow such activity, for either themselves or others. This prohibition includes any distribution or circulation by themselves or others of brochures, literature, letters, materials, electronic media, or other communications to any clubs or members of clubs. If a candidate learns of any prohibited activity, they shall immediately express disapproval and instruct the activity to be stopped.

Qualifications (June 2022 Bylaws of Rotary International)

16.010. *Qualifications of a Governor-nominee.*

Unless excused by the board, the person selected as a governor-nominee shall at the time of selection:

- (a) be a member in good standing of a functioning club in the district;
- (b) have served as club president for a full term or as charter president for at least six months;
- (c) demonstrate willingness, commitment, and ability to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of a governor in section 16.030.;
- (d) demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of governor as prescribed in the bylaws; and
- (e) submit to RI a statement that the Rotarian understands those qualifications, duties, and responsibilities, is qualified for the office of governor, and is willing and able to assume and faithfully perform those duties and responsibilities.

16.020. *Qualifications of a Governor.*

Unless excused by the board, a governor, when taking office, must have attended the international assembly for its full duration, have been a Rotarian for at least seven years, and continue to possess the qualifications in section 16.010.



The Nomination Process (June 2022 Bylaws of Rotary International)

12.010. *Selection of a Governor-nominee.*

The district shall select a nominee for governor between 24 and 36 months before taking office. The nominee shall become the governor-nominee-designate upon selection and the governor-nominee on 1 July two years before taking office as governor. The board shall have the authority to extend the date under this section for good and sufficient reason. The nominee will be elected at the RI convention in the year before the nominee will attend the international assembly, if such an election is needed under the provisions of section 6.010. of these bylaws.

12.020. *Procedure to Select Governor.*

Except for those districts in RIBI, a district shall adopt, by a resolution at a district conference by a majority vote of the electors present and voting, one of three processes to select the governor-nominee-designate in future years:

- (a) nominating committee;
- (b) club ballot; or
- (c) district conference.

If the district has not adopted a process by 1 July, the district shall use the nominating committee process. The district must follow all procedures for its chosen selection method as provided in the remainder of this article. To participate in district voting for the election of governors-nominee, a club shall have paid the required district levy for the Rotary year in which the voting is taking place and shall not be indebted to the district. The financial status of the club is determined by the governor.

12.030. *Nominating Committee Process.*

12.030.1. *Nominating Committee for Governor.*

In districts adopting a nominating committee procedure, the committee shall seek out and propose the best qualified candidate for governor-nominee. The terms of reference of the committee, including the method for selecting members, shall be determined in a resolution adopted by the electors present and voting at a district conference. The terms of reference must not be inconsistent with the bylaws.

12.030.2. *Failure to Select Members of the Nominating Committee.*

Any district that has adopted the nominating committee procedure but fails to select the members of the committee shall select the five most recent past governors who are still members of a club in that district as its nominating committee. The committee shall function in accordance with section 12.030. If five past governors are not available, the RI president shall appoint additional members from that district so that the committee has five members.

12.030.3. *Club Suggestions for Governor.*

The governor shall invite clubs to submit their suggestions for nominations for governor. The invitation is to be made at least two months before suggestions are due to the nominating committee. The suggestions shall be submitted by a resolution naming the suggested candidate adopted at a regular club meeting and certified by the secretary. A club shall only suggest one of its own members.

12.030.4. *Nomination by Committee of Best Qualified Rotarian.*

The committee shall nominate the best qualified Rotarian who is available to serve as governor and not be limited to those names submitted by clubs in the district.

12.030.5. Notification of Nomination.

The chair of the nominating committee shall notify the governor of the candidate selected within 24 hours of the adjournment of the nominating committee. Within three days of the receipt of the notice, the governor shall notify the clubs in writing of the name and club of the nominee.

12.030.6. Committee Inability to Select Nominee.

If the nominating committee cannot agree upon a candidate, the governor-nominee shall be elected in a club ballot as provided in section 12.050. or at the district conference in accordance with section 15.050. In either case, only those candidates suggested to the nominating committee may participate.

12.030.7. Challenging Candidates.

Any club in the district in existence for at least one year as of the beginning of that year may also propose a challenging candidate for governor-nominee, but only if it previously suggested the candidate to the nominating committee. A club in existence for less than one year as of the beginning of that year may propose a challenging candidate if the candidate is a member of that club and was already suggested to the nominating committee. The name of the challenging candidate shall be submitted by a resolution of the club adopted at a regular meeting and filed with the governor by the date set by the governor, which shall be within 14 days of notification of the selection for governor-nominee.

12.030.8. Concurrence to Challenges.

The governor shall inform all clubs through a form prescribed by RI of any challenging candidate and ask whether any club concurs with the challenge. In order to concur, a club must adopt a resolution at a regular meeting and file it with the governor by the date set by the governor. A valid challenge requires concurrences by either:

- (a) 10 other clubs; or
- (b) 20 percent of the total number of clubs which have been in existence for at least one year as of the beginning of that year in that district, whichever is higher. A club shall concur with only one challenging candidate.

12.030.9. Challenging Nominations.

Within seven days after the deadline, the governor shall notify clubs that there is a valid challenging candidate. The notice shall include the name and qualifications of each challenging candidate, the names of the challenging and concurring clubs, and state that the candidates will be voted on in a club ballot or at the district conference, if the challenge remains valid for 30 days after the notice by the governor.

12.030.10. Lack of Valid Challenging Candidate.

If there is no valid challenging candidate, the governor shall declare the committee's candidate as the governor-nominee. The governor shall notify all clubs in the district of the nominee within 15 days.