



## **Bylaws of the Rotary Club of SOLAN,** **RI District 3080**

### **Article 1 Definitions:**

- 1. Board:** The Board of Directors of this club.
- 2. Director:** A member of this club's Board of Directors.
- 3. Member:** A member, other than an honorary member, of this club.
- 4. RI:** Rotary International.
- 5. Year:** The twelve-month period that begins on 1 July.

### **Article 2 Board of directors**

The governing body of this club shall be the board of directors consisting of the president, one or more vice-presidents, immediate past president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and the. sgt. at arms, and 5 directors elected in accordance with article 3, section 1, of these bylaws. The President elect may add more executive members to the board if he feels the need. This nomination of additional members to the board shall be at the sole discretion of the President Elect.

### **Article 3 Election of Directors and Officers**

**Section 1** – At a regular meeting one month prior to the meeting for election of officers, the presiding officer shall ask for nominations by members of the club for president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and 5 members of the Board directors. The nominations may be presented by a nominating committee or by members from the floor, by either or by both as a club may determine. If it is determined to have a nominating committee, such committee shall be appointed as the club may determine. The nominations duly made shall be placed on a ballot in alphabetical order under each office and shall be voted for at the annual meeting. The candidates for president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected to their respective offices. The 5 candidates for director receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected as directors. The candidate for president elected in such balloting shall be the president-nominee and serve as a director for the year commencing on the first day of July next following the election, and shall assume office as president on the first day of July immediately following that year. The president-nominee shall take the title of president-elect upon the election of a successor.

**Section 1.1 – Qualification for President and Secretary** –The candidate for president ship should have at least five years standing in the organization and should have worked for one full year in the capacity of a club secretary.

The candidate for the secretary ship should have at least three years standing in the club and preference should be given to a candidate who has worked as a treasurer of the club.

**Section 2** – The officers and directors, so elected, together with the immediate past president **shall** constitute the board. Within one week after their election, the directors-elect shall meet and elect some member of the club to act as sergeant-at-arms.

**Section 3** – A vacancy in the board or any office shall be filled by action of the remaining directors.

**Section 4** – A vacancy in the position of any officer-elect or director-elect shall be filled by action of the remaining directors-elect.

#### **Article 4 Duties of Officers**

**Section 1 – President.** It shall be the duty of the president to preside at meetings of the club and the board and to perform other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of president.

**Section 2- Immediate Past President.** It shall be the duty of the immediate past president to serve as a director and to perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the president or the board.

**Section 3 – President-elect.** It shall be the duty of the president-elect to serve as a director and to perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the president or the board.

**Section 4 – Vice-President.** It shall be the duty of the vice-president to preside at meetings of the club and the board in the absence of the president and to perform other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of vice-president.

**Section 5 – Secretary.** It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep membership records; record attendance at meetings; send out notices of club, board and committee meetings; record and preserve the minutes of such meetings; report as required to RI, including the semiannual reports of membership on 1 January and 1 July of each year, and prorated reports on 1 October and 1 April of each active member who has been elected to membership in the club since the start of the July or January semiannual reporting period, report changes in membership; provide the monthly attendance report, which shall be made to the district governor within 15 days of the last meeting of the month; collect and remit RI official magazine subscriptions; and perform other duties as usually pertain to the office of secretary.

**Section 6 – Treasurer.** It shall be the duty of the treasurer to have custody of all funds, accounting for it to the club annually and at any other time upon demand by the board, and to perform other duties as pertains to the office of treasurer. Upon retirement from office, the treasurer shall turn over to the incoming treasurer or to the president all funds, books of accounts, or any other club property. He will present accounts in every Board meeting.

**Section 7 – Sergeant-at-Arms.** The duties of the sergeant-at-arms shall be such as are usually prescribed for such office and other duties as may be prescribed by the president or the board.

## **Article 5 Meetings**

**Section 1 – Annual Meeting.** An annual meeting of this club shall be held in the December in each year, at which time the election of officers and directors to serve for the ensuing year shall take place.

**Section 2 –** The regular weekly meetings of this club shall be held on Wednesday at place and time fixed by the board from time to time.

Due notice of any changes in or canceling of the regular meeting shall be given to all members of the club. All members excepting an honorary member (or member excused pursuant to article 8, sections 3 and 4 of the standard Rotary club constitution) in good standing in this club, on the day of the regular meeting, must be counted as present or absent, and attendance must be evidenced by the member's being present for at least sixty (60) percent of the time devoted to the regular meeting, either at this club or at any other Rotary club

**Section 3 –** One-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum at the annual and regular meetings of this club.

**Section 4 –** Regular meetings of the board shall be held last Saturday of each month. Special meetings of the board shall be called by the president, whenever deemed necessary, or upon the request of minimum one third members of the board, due notice having been given.

**Section 5 –** A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum of the board.

## **Article 6 Fees and Dues**

**Section 1 –** The admission fee shall be Rs. 5000/=to be paid before the applicant can qualify as a member.

**Section 2 –** The membership dues shall be Rs. 20000/= (Rupees Twenty Thousand) per annum, payable annually or semiannually on the first day of July and of January, with the understanding that a portion of each semi-annual payment shall be applied to each member's subscription to the RI official magazine.

## **Article 7 Method of Voting**

The business of this club shall be transacted by *viva voce*\* vote except the election of officers and directors, which shall be by ballot. The board may determine

that a specific resolution be considered by ballot rather than by *viva voce* vote.

### **Article 8 Avenues of Service**

The Avenues of Service are the philosophical and practical framework for the work of this Rotary club. They are Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service, and New Generations Service. This club will be active in each of the Avenues of Service.

### **Article 9 Committees**

Club committees are charged with carrying out the annual and long-range strategic goals of the club. The president-elect, president, and immediate past president should work together to ensure continuity of leadership and succession planning. When feasible, committee members should be appointed to the same committee for three years to ensure consistency. The president-elect is responsible for appointing committee members to fill vacancies, appointing committee chairs, and conducting planning meetings prior to the start of the year in office. It is recommended that the chair have previous experience as a member of the committee. Standing committees should be appointed as follows:

#### **Section 1 –**

- (a) The president shall, subject to approval of the board, appoint the following standing committees:
  - i. Club Service Committee
  - ii. Vocational Service Committee
  - iii. Community Service Committee
  - iv. International Service Committee
  - v. New Generation (Youth) Services Committee
- (b) The president shall, subject to approval of the board, appoint such committee on the particular phases of the club services and international services as deemed necessary.
- (c) The club service committee, vocational service committee, community service committee and New Generation (Youth) Services committee shall each consist of a chairman, who shall be named by the president from the membership of the board, and not less than two (2) other members.
- (d) The president shall be ex officio a member of all committees and, as such, shall have all the privileges of membership thereon
- (e) Each committee shall transact its business as is delegated to it in these 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 and approved by the board.
- (f) The president may appoint one or more committees dealing with various aspects of youth activities, which depending upon their respective responsibilities may be under any, or all of the vocational service, community

service or international service committee. Where feasible and practicable in the appointment of such committees, there should be provision for continuity of membership for a second term or by appointing one or more members to a two years term.

## **Section 2 – Club Service Committee**

- (a) The chairman of the club service committee shall be responsible for all club service activities and shall supervise and coordinate the work of all committees appointed on particular phase of club services.
- (b) The club service committee shall consist of the chairman of the club service committee and the chairman of all committees appointed on particular phase of club services.
- (c) The president shall, subject to approval of the board, appoint the following committees on particular phases of club service.
  - i. Attendance committee
  - ii. Club Bulletin Committee
  - iii. Fellowship committee
  - iv. Magazine committee
  - v. Membership committee
  - vi. Membership Development committee
  - vii. Program committee
  - viii. Public Relation committeeAppoint one member each year on the following committees:
  - i. Classification committee
  - ii. Rotary Information Committee.
- (d) The president shall appoint the president elect or vice president to oversee and coordinate the work of the classifications, membership, membership development and Rotary Information committee.
- (e) Where feasible and practicable in the appointment of such committees, there should be provision for continuity of membership for a second term or by appointing one or more members to a two years term.
- (f) The classification and Rotary Information Committee shall consist of three members, one member of each committee to be appointed each year for a term of three year. The first appointment made under this provision shall be as follows: One member for a term of one year, one member for a term of two years and one member for a term of three years.
- (g) The magazine committee shall, wherever feasible, include the editor of the club publication and a local news paper and advertisement member of the club.

## **Section 3: Community Service Committee:**

- (a) The chairman of the Community Service Committee shall be responsible for all community service activities and shall supervise and coordinate the work of all committees appointed on a particular phase of community service.

- (b) The community service committee shall consist of the chairman of all committees appointed on particular phase of community service.
- (c) The president shall, subject to approval of the board, appoint the following committees on particular phases of Community service.
  - i. Human Development committee
  - ii. Community Development committee
  - iii. Environmental protection committee
  - iv. Partner in service committee

## **Article 10 Duties of Committees**

**Section 1 — Club Service Committee.** This committee shall devise and carry into effect plans which will guide and assist the members of this club in discharging their responsibilities in matters relating to club service. The chairman of the club service committee shall be responsible for regular meetings of the committee and shall report to the board on all club service activities.

**(a) Attendance Committee.** This committee shall devise means for encouraging attendance at all Rotary meetings — including attendance at district conferences, intercity meetings, regional conferences, and international conventions by all club members. This committee shall especially encourage attendance at regular meetings of this club and attendance at regular meetings of other clubs when unable to attend meetings of this club; keep all members informed on attendance requirements; promote better incentives for good attendance; and seek to ascertain and remove the conditions that contribute to unsatisfactory attendance.

**(b) Classifications Committee.** This committee shall as early as possible, but no later than 31 August of each year, make a classification survey of the community; shall compile from the survey a roster of filled and unfilled classifications, applying the classification principle; shall review, where necessary, existing classifications represented in the club; and shall counsel with the board on all classification problems.

**(c) Club Bulletin Committee.** This committee shall Endeavour, through the publishing of a weekly club bulletin, to stimulate interest and improve attendance, announce the program of the forthcoming meeting, relate highlights of the previous meeting, promote fellowship, contribute to the Rotary education of all members, and report news of the club, of its members, and of the worldwide Rotary program.

**(d) Fellowship Activities Committee.** This committee shall promote acquaintance and friendship among the members, promote participation by members in organized Rotary recreational and social activities, and do such work in pursuance of the general object of the club as may be assigned by the president or the board.

**(e) Magazine Committee.** This committee shall stimulate reader interest in The Rotarian; sponsor a magazine month; arrange for brief monthly reviews of the magazine on regular club programs; encourage the use of the magazine in the induction of new members; provide a copy of the magazine for non-Rotarian speakers; secure international service and other special subscriptions for libraries,

hospitals, schools, and other reading rooms; send news items and photographs to the editor of the magazine; and in other ways make the magazine of service to the club members and non-Rotarians.

**(f) Membership Committee.** This committee shall consider all proposals for membership from the personal side and shall thoroughly investigate the character, business, social and community standing, and general eligibility of all persons proposed for membership and shall report their decisions on all applications to the board.

**(g) Membership Development Committee.** This committee shall review continually the club roster of filled and unfilled classifications and shall take positive action to initiate and present to the board the names of suitable persons to fill unfilled classifications.

**(h) Program Committee.** This committee shall prepare and arrange the programs for the regular and special meetings of the club.

**(i) Public Relations Committee.** This committee shall devise and carry into effect plans (1) to give the public general information about Rotary, its history, object, and scope; and (2) to secure proper publicity for the club.

**(j) Rotary Information Committee.** This committee shall inform prospective members about the privileges and responsibilities of Rotary club membership; keep members informed about the history, object, and activities of Rotary at all levels; and oversee the orientation of new members during their first year in the club.

**Section 2 — Vocational Service Committee.** This committee shall devise and carry into effect plans which 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. The chairman of this committee shall be responsible for the vocational service activities of the club and shall supervise and coordinate the work of any committees that may be appointed on particular phase of vocational services.

**Section 3 — Community Service Committee.** This committee shall devise and carry into effect plans which will guide and assist the members of this club in discharging their responsibilities in their community relationships. The chairman of this committee shall be responsible for the community service activities of the club and shall supervise and coordinate the work of any committees that may be appointed on particular phases of community service.

**(a) Human Development Committee.** This committee shall devise and carry into effect plans which will guide and assist the members of this club in dealing within the community with the welfare of human beings of all kinds throughout the whole span of life by providing assistance and support to those in need.

**(b) Community Development Committee.** This committee shall devise and carry into effect plans which 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 and its facilities.

**(c) Environmental Protection Committee.** This committee shall devise and carry into effect plans which will guide and assist the members of this club in monitoring and improving the quality of the community's environment.

**(d) Partners in Service Committee.** This committee shall devise and carry into effect plans which 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.

**Section 4 — International Service Committee.** This committee shall devise and carry into effect plans which will guide and assist the members of this club in discharging their responsibilities in matters relating to international service. The chairman of this committee shall be responsible for the international service activities of the club and shall supervise and coordinate the work of any committees that may be appointed on particular phases of international service.

#### **Article 11 Leave of Absence**

Upon written application to the board, setting forth good and sufficient cause, leave of absence may be granted excusing a member from attending the meetings of the club for a specified length of time.

(Note: Such leave of absence does operate to prevent a forfeiture of membership; it does not operate to give the club credit for the member's attendance. Unless the member attends a regular meeting of some other club, the excused member must be recorded as absent except that absence authorized under the provisions of article 8, sections 3 and 4 of the standard Rotary club constitution is not computed in the attendance record of the club.)

#### **Article 12 Finances**

**Section 1 —** Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the board shall prepare a budget of estimated income and expenditures for the year, which shall stand as the limit of expenditures for these purposes, unless otherwise ordered by action of the board. The budget shall be broken into two separate parts: one in respect of club operations and one in respect of charitable/service operations.

**Section 2 —** The treasurer shall deposit all funds of the club in some bank to be named by the board.

**Section 3—** All bills shall be paid only by checks signed by the treasurer upon vouchers signed by any two officers. A thorough audit by a certified public accountant or other qualified person shall be made once each year of all the club's financial transactions.

**Section 4 —** Officers having charge or control of funds shall give bond as may be required by the board for the safe custody of the funds of the club, cost of bond to be borne by the club.

**Section 5 —** The fiscal year of this club shall extend from 1 July to 30 June, and for the collection of members' dues shall be divided into two (2) semi-annual periods extending from 1 July to 31 December, and from 1 January to 30 June. The payment



of per capita dues and magazine subscriptions to RI shall be made on 1 July and 1 January of each year on the basis of the membership of the club on those dates.

(Note: Magazine subscriptions for members joining during a semi-annual period are payable upon invoice from the Secretariat.)

**Section 6** — 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.

### **Article 13 Method of Electing Members**

**Section 1** — The name of a prospective member, proposed by an active member of the club, shall be submitted to the board in writing, through the club secretary. A transferring or former member of another club may be proposed to active membership by the former club. The proposal for the time being shall be kept confidential except as otherwise provided in this procedure.

**Section 2** — The board shall ensure that the proposal meets all the classification and membership requirements of the club constitution.

**Section 3** — The board shall approve or disapprove the proposal within 30 days of its submission, and shall notify the proposer, through the club secretary, of its decision.

**Section 4** — If the decision of the board is favourable, the prospective member shall be informed of the purposes of Rotary and of the privileges and responsibilities of membership, following which the prospective member shall be requested to sign the membership proposal form and to permit his or her name and proposed classification to be published to the club.

**Section 5** — If no written objection to the proposal, stating reasons, is received by the board from any member (other than honorary) of the club within seven (7) days following publication of information about the prospective member, that person, upon payment of the admission fee (if not honorary membership), as prescribed in these bylaws, shall be considered to be elected to membership.

If any such objection has been filed with the board, it shall vote on this matter at its next meeting. If approved despite the objection, the proposed member, upon payment of the admission fee (if not honorary membership), shall be considered to be elected to membership.

**Section 6** — Following the election, the president shall arrange for the induction of the new member; the club secretary shall issue a membership card and shall report the new member to RI; and the Rotary information committee shall provide appropriate literature for presentation at the induction and assign a member to assist in the assimilation of the new member.

**Section 7** — The club may elect, in accordance with the standard Rotary club constitution, honorary members proposed by the board.

### **Article 14 Resolutions**

No resolution or motion to commit this club on any matter shall be considered by the club until it has been considered by the board. Such resolutions or motions, if offered at a club meeting, shall be referred to the board without discussion.

**Article 15 Order of Business**

Meeting called to order.  
Introduction of visiting Rotarians.  
Correspondence and announcements.  
Committee reports if any.  
Any unfinished business.  
Any new business.  
Address or other program features.  
Adjournment.

**Article 16 Amendments**

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting, a quorum being present, by a two-thirds vote of all members present, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been mailed to each member at least ten (10) days before such meeting. No amendment or addition to these bylaws can be made which is not in harmony with the club constitution and with the constitution and bylaws of RI.

