

# BUSINESS MEETING RESOLUTIONS 2017/18

Torquay Riviera Conference Centre 7th April 2018 at 3.30pm

Video Presentation and Annual Report for 2016/17

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# Introduction

These introductory notes are for the benefit of all delegates attending the business meeting in Torquay. The meeting will be regulated under the Association's Standing Orders, which are contained in the RIBI Constitutional documents pages 26 to 32 (issued September 2017).

If any Rotarian wishes to address the meeting in the debates which are to take place, it would be helpful to everyone if they could make their way to a microphone well in advance, commencing with a clear statement of their **name and club only**. It would be helpful to the Chairman of the meeting if he knew whether it was the intention of the Rotarian to speak **for** the resolution (green card), **against** the resolution (red card), to **close the debate** (blue card) or to **raise a procedural point** (yellow card). Speakers will not be recognised if they do not use a microphone, nor will their valuable contributions to the debate be recorded.

The proposer for each resolution will be allowed **5 minutes** to state their case. All other speakers will be allowed **3 minutes**. Before the resolution is put to the vote, the proposer will be allowed a **further 3 minutes** to exercise their right of reply. The reply shall be strictly confined to answering previous speakers, and any new matter shall not be introduced into the debate. The rostrum lights will turn from **green to amber** when **1** minute of speaking time remains. A **red** light indicates that the permitted time has expired and speakers must **close within 10 seconds**, after which time the microphone will switch off, unless the business meeting approves an extension. The Chairman has indicated that he will enforce these rules.

Standing Order 16 Amendments to be in Writing – Every amendment shall be moved and seconded by a duly accredited voting delegate and shall be reduced to writing, signed by the mover, and forwarded to the General Secretary of the Association not later than seven days before the first day of the annual conference, and shall be read before it is further discussed or put to the meeting. However, the chairman may waive such requirement on the basis that the proposed amendment is clearly understandable and straightforward as orally stated from the floor by the proposer of such amendment and a written copy is handed to the General Secretary of the Association. No voting delegate shall move or second more than one amendment to any individual resolution.

All voting will be by electronic means when available. Otherwise, voting will be by show of hands, unless you the delegates, by a two-thirds majority, decide that a ballot should be taken or the Chairman of the business meeting decides that a ballot would be advisable. All speakers are requested to address the Chairman only.

**Standing Order 4 Rules as to speeches – reply** – A Rotarian shall not, unless by leave of the Chairman, address the business meeting more than once on any proposed resolution or amendment, but the mover of an original proposed resolution, or of an amendment which has become the substantive resolution, may reply.

In order to clarify any matter, the Chairman of the Constitutions committee and General Secretary are permitted to address the meeting. The Chairman of this year's business meeting, PDG Tom Griffin, will be available to Rotarians proposing or seconding conference resolutions/amendments for a briefing meeting on procedural matters. This will take place onsite and in the morning prior to the business meeting, for the benefit of all. The Chairman of the Constitutions Committee and the General Secretary shall also be invited to attend this meeting.

Voting delegates planning to attend the business meeting in person must report to the Constitutions Committee at the Conference Credentials Desk prior to 3pm on 7th April before they shall be entitled to vote at the business meeting. The Chairman and members of the RIBI Constitutions committee will be available for consultation in the Torquay Riviera Conference Centre between 9.30am and 5pm on Friday 6th April and 8.30am and 3pm on Saturday 7th April 2018.

It is anticipated that online voting will be available to voting delegates. This would mean that voting delegates would not have to be present at the business meeting, but voting delegates (and their deputies) not present at the business meeting must have an email address and be available to vote online from 3.30pm on the afternoon of 7th April 2018.

# **RIBI Business Meeting 2018 - Agenda**

# 1. RIBI The Future

The President of the Association, Denis Spiller shall report to the meeting on the proposals for change set out in his report "Rotary International Great Britain and Ireland – The Future".

The following resolution will then be put to the Business Meeting:

# **Resolution 17/18:01**

That the proposal for change set out in the report 'Rotary International Great Britain and Ireland - The Future' presented by the President of the Association be approved.

### **Notes:**

- 1. If the above resolution is carried, General Council resolution 17/18:02 will be moved.
- 2. The refocusing of the Presidency to providing strategic leadership to the Association by ensuring that the Association's governance structure effectively delivers the Association's Strategy and Business Plan can be implemented without the need for any constitutional change. Reflecting that change by changing the title of the role to "Chairman of RIBI" requires the Constitution of the Association to be amended. This can only be achieved with the approval of the RI Council on Legislation. The deadline for submission of enactments to Council on Legislation 2019 has passed; accordingly, if the above resolution is carried, a resolution will be brought before the 2019 Business Meeting to effect the change of title and to authorize the submission of an enactment to the Council on Legislation 2022. However, when nominations are sought in the summer for the role of RIBI President 2021/22, it will be on the basis of a revised role description, to be approved by General Council which reflects the refocusing of the role.
- 3. Similarly, the adoption by the RI director elected by the clubs in the territory of the task of visiting clubs and districts to enthuse and motivate them and to celebrate success can be implemented without any constitutional change.

# 2. Annual Report for 2016/17

Immediate Past President Eve Conway will present the annual report of the General Council for the year 2016/17.

- Report of the RIBI Donations Trust to be taken as read questions only
- Report of the RIBI Premises Trustee to be taken as read questions only

After the presentation, the following resolution will be put to the conference: *That the Annual Report of the General Council 2016/17 be adopted.* 

# 3. Report by the Director of Rotary International

# 4. Statements of Account for 2016/17

Honorary Treasurer Niall Blair will present the annual accounts of the Association for the year 2016/17. After discussion the following resolution will be put to the meeting:

That the audited statements of account for the year ended 30th June 2017 be adopted.

### 5. Auditors

That Burgis and Bullock, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, be reappointed auditors to the Association for 2017/18 accounts.

### 6. Nominations

The elected President Nominee of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland 2018/19 and the District Governors for 2020/21 will be formally presented for nomination by conference to the convention of Rotary International for election.

President Nominee 2018/19 Tom Griffin		
District 1010 – <i>TBC</i>	District 1110 – Tim Mason	District 1190 – Welma Robinson
District 1020 – Calum Thomson	District 1120 – Brian Dunne	District 1200 – Rory O'Donnell
District 1030 – Barbara Broadbelt	District 1130 – Francis Uwaechi	District 1210 – Malcolm Hallewell
District 1040 – Andrew Bateman	District 1145 – Nick Drake	District 1220 – David Hood
District 1060 – Timothy Bushell	District 1150 – Alison Sutherland	District 1230 – Angela Samson
District 1070 – Peter Berry	District 1160 – TBC	District 1240 – Mike Griffin
District 1080 – Lindsay Pearson	District 1175 – William Wills	District 1260 – Vijay Patel
District 1090 – TBC	District 1180 – David Hartley	District 1285 – Peter James-Robinson
District 1100 – Christopher Firth		

# 7. Proposed budget for 2018/19

Honorary Treasurer Niall Blair will present a balanced budget for the Rotary year 2018/19 and triennial financial forecast.

After discussion, the following resolutions will be put to the business meeting:

That the 2018/19 Balanced Budget be adopted.

# 8. Resolutions to the RIBI Business Meeting 2017

### **Resolution Number with Purpose and Effect**

### 17/18:01 To endorse the RIBI Structure and Business Plan

That the Association's programme for change set out in the report entitled *Rotary International Great Britain and Ireland – The Future* be approved.

# 17/18:02 To amend the composition of Executive Committee.

To achieve better integration of the Association's governance structure by including in the membership of the Executive Committee those Rotarians who will serve as chairmen of the Association's principal committees. This should serve to ensure the effective delivery by the governance structure of the Association's Strategy and Business Plan.

17/18:03 To amend the system of voting for District Councils to allow for electronic voting which may include e mail or internet technology in addition to postal voting in respect of By Law 11(9)(d) and as an alternative to a show of hands as in By Law 11(11) (d.) where the District Council is inquorate.

In the event of a District Council not being quorate, the effect is to allow District Councils to be able to conduct their essential business.

# 17/18:04 To amend the provisions relating to the Selection Advisory Committee for President and Honorary Treasurer.

The role of the Selection Advisory Committee has been amended such that the Committee no longer makes a recommendation as to which candidate should, in its opinion, be elected, but instead is charged with reviewing the nominations and putting forward for election those candidates whom it believes satisfy the criteria laid down by General Council.

### 17/18:05 To amend the provisions relating to the Selection Advisory Committee for RI Director

The role of the Selection Advisory Committee has been amended such that the Committee no longer makes a recommendation as to which candidate should, in its opinion, be elected, but instead is charged with reviewing the nominations and putting forward for election those candidates whom it believes satisfy the criteria laid down by General Council.

To endorse the RIBI Structure and Business Plan entitled *Rotary International Great Britain and Ireland – The Future* 

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### PROPOSED BY GENERAL COUNCIL

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The proposals coming forward begin with the RIBI administrative level, the key area within our control, being:

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• the modernisation of Committees;

• changes to the Executive;

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• modernisation of General Council;

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### **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

17 18 19 Changes at the RIBI Administrative level are within our control and will help portray the overall organisation in modern terms. However, Rotary recruits and delivers at the local level and it is therefore vital that clubs not only support the new image big picture, but that they portray and deliver a Rotary at the local level that is also fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, either through change of the existing club, or through the sponsoring of a new flexible one to complement their own.

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The changes both major and minor will affect how we work, they will improve efficiency through communication and accountability and will save some costs, but importantly, they have the potential of building new perceptions of Rotary and will open up leadership opportunities to younger people with modern experience and drive to take our organisation into a future of growth in membership and stature instead of the accelerating decline that will otherwise dominate the next 20 years.

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The intent and plans for change are based on key organisational issues and requirements that are:

the need to address the drivers for change including our aging membership;

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the need to create a Rotary for the Millennials;

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the need for a structure that enables working Rotarians to take on the leadership roles;

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 the need to have an organisation that is fit for purpose as a role model for regional Rotary groups around the world, as RI is currently in the mood to explore and possibly implement such, based on the desire of areas like Japan and Australia

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### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Honorary Treasurer to comment.

To change the composition of the Executive Committee of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland.

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### PROPOSED BY GENERAL COUNCIL

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland that the BY LAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND be and are hereby amended as follows:

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### IF THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED THIS WILL RESULT IN:

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### By Law 1 Clause 8 (a) – Executive Committee:

The composition of the Executive Committee with effect from 1st July 2018 will consist of the President, who shall be the Chairman with a second or casting vote, the Immediate Past President, the Vice-President, the Vice President Elect (without vote), the Honorary Treasurer, the Director of Rotary International (elected from the membership of the clubs in the appropriate zone or section of a zone) and the General Secretary (without vote). In addition, there shall be one district governor 20 and one district governor elect, who shall be elected by the governors of the General Council on which each of them serves by means of the single transferable vote, and between three and six general members, who shall be appointed by the General Council. No general member may serve for a period greater than three consecutive years.

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A quorum of the committee shall be the President and five voting members or, in the absence of the President, seven voting members.

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### **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

The objective of this resolution is to achieve better integration of the Association's governance structure by including in the membership of the Executive Committee those Rotarians who will serve as chairmen of the Association's principal committees. This should serve to ensure the effective delivery by the governance structure of the Association's Strategy and Business Plan.

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# **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Honorary Treasurer to comment.

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### REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

This Resolution will, to be adopted, require the votes of not less than two-thirds of the voting delegates present and voting (RIBI Article 12 and 15 (1) and RIBI By-Laws 7 and 15).

To amend the system of voting for District Councils within Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland to allow for electronic voting in the event of a meeting being inquorate.

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### PROPOSED BY GENERAL COUNCIL

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### IF THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED THIS WILL RESULT IN:

### By Law 11 Clause 11(d) – Votes:

All voting at district council meetings shall be by a show of hands except for the selection of a Rotarian to serve as District Governor and as provided in Clause 9 (d) hereof. In the event of a District Council meeting failing to achieve a quorum, in the days following the inquorate meeting, and before the next District Council meeting, essential District business may be voted upon by ballot by mail which may include email or internet technology. This shall not be used as an alternative to holding a District Council meeting. In the case of voting on re-districting any such questions shall be decided by club votes only, on the basis of one vote per club in the district or districts affected except as provided for in the By-laws of Rotary International.

### **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

In the event of a District Council failing to achieve a quorum, the effect of this resolution is to allow District Councils to be able to conduct their essential business in the days following the inquorate meeting and before the next District Council meeting. It shall not be used as an alternative to holding a District Council meeting.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

No financial impact.

# REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

This Resolution will, to be adopted, require the votes of not less than two-thirds of the voting delegates present and voting (RIBI Article 12 and 15 (1) and RIBI By-Laws 7 and 15).

To amend the provisions relating to the Selection Advisory Committee for President and Honorary Treasurer

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### PROPOSED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF SKIPTON

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland that the BY LAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND be and are hereby amended as follows:

The current version of the By-law(s) affected by this change may be read in The RIBI Constitutional Documents which are available online.

### IF THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED THIS WILL RESULT IN:

### **By-law 1 General Council**

Clause 4 (c) – Constitutions Committee - shall consist of a Chairman and three members.

- 1) The committee shall advise the General Council on all constitutional matters that may from time to time arise. It shall also advise districts and clubs on any constitutional matters, and, on behalf of the General Council, shall consider and approve or otherwise any proposed amendments to the *Standard RIBI Club By-laws* which may be submitted by clubs, except those specifically delegated by the General Council to the General Secretary.
- 2) The committee shall prepare for adoption by the General Council correlative amendments to the *Constitution* and *By-laws of the Association* and the *Standard RIBI Club Constitution* and *By-laws* when necessary, to give full effect to decisions of the Council on Legislation of RI after these have been reduced to their final form.
- 3) The committee shall have charge of the elections, shall review nominations to assess whether candidates meet the criteria determined by General Council, and shall supervise the ballots, reporting promptly the results thereof.

### By-law 8 Proposals, Nominations and Elections

Clause 1 – Administration

For electoral purposes the territorial administrative unit is divided into two zones of Rotary International; zones 17 (north) and 18a (south). The districts making up the zones shall be as determined by Rotary International. The President and Honorary Treasurer shall be elected by the voting delegates of both zones. The Director of Rotary International shall be elected only by the voting delegates of the clubs in the appropriate zone.

### Clause 2 - President & Honorary Treasurer

<u>Nominations</u> - Subject to the provisions of these By-laws, a club may propose for election one active member for each of the offices of President and Honorary Treasurer. The club must first be satisfied that such person or persons, if elected, would be willing to act. The name or names so proposed shall be submitted on the prescribed form issued by the General Secretary of the Association and shall be signed by the club secretary and one other officer of the club and must be delivered to the General Secretary of the Association not later than 15<sup>th</sup> July.

### Clause 3 – Review of Nominations

At a suitable date following the closing date for nominations, the Constitutions Committee shall meet to review the nominations, taking into account any criteria agreed by the General Council as being appropriate to the posts. The Committee shall be entitled to call for interview all or any of the persons nominated if it considers it appropriate so to do. The Committee shall make no recommendation, but is empowered to decline to put forward for election any candidate who, in its reasonable opinion, fails adequately to meet the criteria for the post agreed by the General Council.

### PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The procedure for election of the President and Honorary Treasurer has been significantly amended in recent years. General Council approves a Job Description and Person Specification for these posts, and candidates are required to submit written statements indicating how, in their opinion, they meet the criteria set out in the Job Description and Person Specification. Candidates are also required to record a short video presentation under controlled conditions. The Job Description, Person Specification, written statements and video presentation are all available to clubs from the commencement of the voting process. Clubs, therefore, have available to them a significant amount of information about the candidates to assist them in determining how to exercise their vote.

Accordingly, the role of the Selection Advisory Committee has been amended such that the Committee no longer makes a recommendation as to which candidate should, in its opinion, be elected, but instead is charged with reviewing the nominations and putting forward for election those candidates whom it believes satisfy the criteria laid down by General Council.

This resolution would pass this responsibility to the Constitutions Committee which already has charge of all elections (RIBI By-Law 1, Clause 8(b)(3)), thus obviating the need for a separate committee to be convened for this purpose. Approval of this resolution would streamline the process, and, given that that the Constitutions Committee comprises fewer members than the Selection Advisory Committee as currently constituted, and that the process of reviewing nominations could be conducted at a regular meeting of the Committee, financial savings would be made.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Honorary Treasurer to comment.

### REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

This Resolution will, to be adopted, require the votes of not less than two-thirds of the voting delegates present and voting (RIBI Article 12 and 15 (1) and RIBI By-Laws 7 and 15).

To amend the provisions relating to the Selection Advisory Committee for Director of Rotary International

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Clause 4 (c) – <u>Constitutions Committee</u> - shall consist of a Chairman and three members.

- 1) The committee shall advise the General Council on all constitutional matters that may from time to time arise. It shall also advise districts and clubs on any constitutional matters, and, on behalf of the General Council, shall consider and approve or otherwise any proposed amendments to the *Standard RIBI Club By-laws* which may be submitted by clubs, except those specifically delegated by the General Council to the General Secretary.
- 2) The committee shall prepare for adoption by the General Council correlative amendments to the *Constitution* and *By-laws of the Association* and the *Standard RIBI Club Constitution* and *By-laws* when necessary, to give full effect to decisions of the Council on Legislation of RI after these have been reduced to their final form.
- 3) The committee shall have charge of the elections, shall review nominations to assess whether candidates meet the criteria determined by General Council, and shall supervise the ballots, reporting promptly the results thereof.

### By-law 8 Proposals, Nominations and Elections

Clause 4 - Director of Board of Rotary International

- a) <u>Qualifications</u> A candidate nominated as Director of Rotary International shall be a member, other than an honorary member, in good standing in a club in the appropriate zone and shall have served a full term as a District Governor of Rotary International prior to being proposed as such candidate (except where service for less than a full term may be determined by the Board of Rotary International to satisfy the intent of this provision) with at least three years of time having elapsed since service as a governor. Such candidate shall also have attended at least two Institutes and one Convention in the 36 month period prior to being proposed. No candidate may be a member of the Constitutions committee.
- b) Nominations A district council in the appropriate zone not later than 15<sup>th</sup> July in each odd numbered year propose one active member for consideration at the ensuing annual conference as a candidate for nomination as Director of Rotary International. The district council must first be satisfied that such person, if elected, would be willing to act. The name so proposed shall be submitted on the prescribed form issued by the General Secretary of the Association and shall be signed by the district secretary and one other officer of the district, and must be delivered to the General Secretary of the Association not later than 15<sup>th</sup> July.
- c) <u>Term of Office</u> The term of office of the Director of Rotary International shall commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July in the calendar year following the annual convention of Rotary International at which such person is elected, and shall continue for two years, or until a successor shall have been elected and qualified. No person who has served a full term as director may again hold office as director except as President or President-Elect of Rotary International.

At a suitable date following the closing date for nominations, the Constitutions Committee shall meet to review the nominations, taking into account any criteria agreed by the General Council as being appropriate to the post. The Committee shall be entitled to call for interview all or any of the persons nominated if it considers it appropriate so to do. The Committee shall make no recommendation, but is empowered to decline to put forward for election any candidate who, in its reasonable opinion, fails adequately to meet the criteria for the post agreed by the General Council.

### Clause 6 - Notification to Clubs

A list of the proposals for Director of Rotary International, Officers of the Association and district governors, shall be dispatched by the General Secretary of the Association to the secretary of each club at least twenty-one days before the first day of the annual conference.

### Clause 7 – Voting

If voting is to take place at the annual conference, the Constitutions committee shall verify the credentials of voting delegates and shall have charge of the elections. In the event of a contest voting shall be by ballot by means of the single transferable vote. After each ballot the Constitutions committee shall report promptly to the Chairman of the Conference the result of the voting, which report shall be signed by the Chairman of the committee. The committee shall keep in its custody all ballot papers until the end of the conference when they shall then be destroyed.

### Clause 8 - Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International

- a) <u>Qualifications</u> The member and alternate member from a zone to serve on the Nominating Committee for the President of Rotary International shall each be a Past Director of Rotary International and shall be a member other than an honorary member of a club in the appropriate zone. Neither the President of Rotary International, the President-Elect of Rotary International, any candidate for President nor any Past President of Rotary International shall be eligible for membership of the nominating committee.
- b) <u>Election</u> In each alternate year one member shall be elected from the clubs in the zone to serve on the committee, either at the Annual Conference or by a postal ballot in such form and at such time as the General Council shall determine. In even-numbered years zone 17 shall elect a member of the committee; in odd-numbered years zone 18a shall elect a member of the committee.

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