

RESOLUTION 23R-02

To request the RI Board to consider recommending that club assemblies be held concurrently with the governor's official annual visit

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Sumoto, District 2680, Japan

1 WHEREAS, RI Bylaws section 16.030., Duties of a Governor, provides that “The governor
2 is the officer of RI in the district, functioning under the general control and supervision of
3 the board. The governor shall inspire and motivate the clubs in the district. The governor
4 shall ensure continuity within the district by working with past, current, and incoming
5 district leaders. The governor is responsible for:
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7 (b) strengthening existing clubs;
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9 (i) conducting official visit to each club, individually or in multi-club meetings, that
10 maximizes the governor's presence to:

- 11 1. focus attention on important Rotary issues;
- 12 2. provide special attention to weak and struggling clubs;
- 13 3. motivate Rotarians to participate in service activities;
- 14 4. ensure that the club constitution and bylaws comply with the constitutional
15 documents, especially following councils on legislation,” and
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17 WHEREAS, Rotary Code of Policies section 7.040., Club Assembly, provides that “The club
18 assembly is a meeting of all club members, including the club's officers, directors and
19 committee chairs, held for the purpose of conferring on the program and activities of the
20 club or for membership education. All members of the club are urged to attend the
21 assembly. The club president, or other designated officer, presides at club assemblies,” and
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23 WHEREAS, it is a common practice in many districts for assistant governors to
24 attend club assemblies prior to the governor's official visit. Because this is not an
25 elective position, however, they lack executive authority within the district and
26 therefore tend to be more reserved at such meetings. A much better strategy is to time
27 the dates of club assemblies so that they coincide with those of the governor's official
28 visit. This provides the governor with an opportunity to fully exercise their
29 responsibilities and will also make the event more productive for all parties involved
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31 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
32 International consider recommending that club assemblies be held concurrently
33 with the governor's official annual visit.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 Currently in many districts, assistant governors attend club assemblies before the
2 governor conducts his or her official visit. This proposed resolution would recommend
3 modifying the dates of the annual club assembly to coincide with those of the
4 governor's official visit, thereby ensuring that clubs and their members hear directly
5 from the governor to receive his or her inspirational message, as well as a modicum of
6 personal recognition for the work they have performed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

7 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
8 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
9 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.