

RESOLUTION 22R-03

To request the RI Board to consider lowering the minimum number of members a club must have to sponsor a new club from 20 to 15 members

Proposer(s): District 1650, France

1 WHEREAS, subsection 18.020.5. of the Rotary Code of Policies states that a club
2 wishing to sponsor a new club must have at least 20 members. If there are two or
3 more sponsoring clubs, only one of the co-sponsors must have at least 20
4 members, and

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6 WHEREAS, a new club does not necessarily have to have a sponsor club, and

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8 WHEREAS, a club with fewer than 20 members can sponsor a satellite club, and

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10 WHEREAS, the worldwide average number of members per club is only about 33
11 members, and

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13 WHEREAS, 35 percent of countries that host Rotary clubs have an average of 20
14 or fewer members per club, and the highest averages are often found in countries
15 that are small in size and population, and

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17 WHEREAS, in some countries where the potential for RI development is real,
18 there are clubs that do not reach 20 members

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20 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
21 International consider lowering the minimum number of members a club must
22 have to sponsor a new club from 20 to 15 members.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

23 The growth of RI must necessarily involve the growth of membership and the
24 expansion of the geographical locations of clubs. However, based on current
25 membership figures, it is reasonable to assume that approximately nine percent
26 of the world's clubs are unable to sponsor a new club due to insufficient
27 membership.

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29 And yet they are in countries where RI has a real potential for development.

1 If there is a willingness within a club or clubs to participate in the formation of a
2 new club, why should RI risk the loss of that goodwill by requiring a minimum of
3 20 members for the club?

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5 In addition, for the sponsoring club(s), participating in the chartering of a new
6 club is a positive experience that can enrich, challenge, excite its members, and
7 create a new dynamic.

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9 Similarly, a satellite club could become a full-fledged club more quickly.

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11 However, there should be a minimum of 15 members if the club is to be properly
12 represented.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

13 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on
14 RI. There would be no cost involved in lowering the minimum number of
15 members a club must have to sponsor a new club from 20 to 15 members.