

RESOLUTION 21R-03

To request the RI Board to consider placing a renewed emphasis upon club meetings and providing governors with strategies to encourage attendance

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

1 WHEREAS, regular meetings are essential to a thriving club; all clubs depend upon
2 this for their very existence. Without compelling meetings, a club holds little
3 attraction for members. Without a strong focus upon club meetings, the club itself
4 has no strength, and

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6 WHEREAS, the environment of a meeting is one conducive to self-improvement,
7 where good habits are instilled in the minds and actions of club members, thus
8 paving the way for them to become Rotarians, and

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10 WHEREAS, the appeal of a club is enhanced by the fellowship among its members;
11 their daily interaction and mutual concern are reflected in and underscored by the
12 club's commitment to service, and

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14 WHEREAS, in-person meetings have an inherently higher energy level, and this
15 tends to increase members' receptivity to new ideas; they can also engage in more
16 difficult or nuanced discussions when meeting face to face

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18 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
19 International consider placing a renewed emphasis upon club meetings, as well as
20 providing governors with a district strategy to encourage regular attendance at such
21 meetings.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

22 Members who fail to attend regular club meetings are unable to develop a sense
23 of unity through fellowship with others in the club. Consequently, they are less
24 motivated to strengthen their ties with the club through participation in its
25 service activities, or donate to The Rotary Foundation. RI must provide such
26 members with the proper encouragement so that they will be motivated to attend
27 club meetings.

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29 If attendance rules are relaxed for the purposes of meeting flexibility, attendance
30 rates will drop and members will have far fewer opportunities to connect with
31 each other. This may in turn diminish the club's vitality, and discourage its
32 members from participating in club activities.

1 Attendance at meetings is a pleasure and a privilege afforded equally to all
2 members.
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4 If each member actively attends club meetings, this should help to revitalize clubs
5 and increase membership.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

6 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot be
7 determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
8 support provided by the RI Board to equip governors with a district strategy to
9 encourage regular attendance at club meetings.