

RESOLUTION 22R-04

To request the RI Board to consider allowing retired professionals to add the word 'retired' to their classification in Rotary's member database

Proposer(s): District 1790, France

1 WHEREAS, clubs are composed of members who represent their professions and
2 this representation extends to Rotary itself as a network of professionals
3 representing their communities, and

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5 WHEREAS, members are identified by their business or professional
6 classification, and

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8 WHEREAS, the retired category is not representative of any professional skill

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10 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
11 International consider allowing retired professionals to retain their original
12 membership classification through the simple addition of the word 'retired' to their
13 classification in Rotary's member database.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

14 Rotary emphasizes the professional expertise of its members as an aspect of their
15 participation in the club and its service activities. Though a large number of our
16 members are retired professionals, they do not simply 'lose' their skills the day
17 they retire; if they are identified only as retired, then there can be no way to
18 properly acknowledge their professional skills. This is why it is proposed to keep
19 a professional identifier for retired members that would be preceded by the word
20 'retired.' For example, a retired primary care physician would be identified as
21 'retired primary care physician' instead of 'retired.'

FINANCIAL IMPACT

22 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.
23 It is currently possible to add the word 'retired' to a member's classification in
24 Rotary's membership database.