

RESOLUTION 22R-08

To request the RI Board to consider relaxing the qualification requirements for assistant governor and granting districts the discretionary authority to make their selections for this role based on local conditions

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Osaka, District 2660, Japan

1 WHEREAS, based on Rotary’s recent adoption of principles of diversity, equity, and
2 inclusion, the current minimum selection criteria for assistant governors, as stated
3 in the Rotary Code of Policies, should be reviewed and expanded beyond that of past
4 club president to include those who have served as district chairs, so that governors-
5 elect may select a more diverse range of candidates
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7 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
8 International consider relaxing the qualification requirements for assistant
9 governor and granting districts the discretionary authority to make their selections
10 for this role based on local conditions.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

11 Rotary currently faces the problem of an aging membership in developed
12 countries, and the number of people who can serve as club presidents and
13 governors is declining.
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15 The needs of Rotarians are also diversifying, and some young people are willing
16 to serve in various capacities within the district in order to gain valuable
17 experience, but only if the roles offered to them are fulfilling and complement
18 their own abilities.
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20 In light of this situation, we believe that it is in line with the DEI concept to
21 change the rule that assistant governors shall have experience as a club president,
22 and to allow the governor-elect to select, at his/her discretion, a person who has
23 served as district chair, secretary, or its equivalent, as assistant governor for
24 his/her year.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

25 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on
26 RI.