

# RESOLUTION 22R-16

To request the RI Board to consider proposing legislation to a future Council on Legislation to include the Standard Rotaract Club Constitution as one of the constitutional documents

**Proposer(s):** Rotary Club of Tsuruga, District 2650, Japan

1 WHEREAS, the 2019 Council on Legislation voted to admit Rotaract clubs into RI,  
2 making Rotaract clubs official members of RI. Following this decision, the RI Board  
3 is now rapidly advancing the status of Rotaract clubs, and

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5 WHEREAS, specifically, the inclusion of Rotaract club members on all district  
6 committees is strongly encouraged, as is the participation of Rotaract club  
7 representatives in various district training meetings, including PETS. Also, Rotaract  
8 clubs can now participate in Rotary Foundation grants, and

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10 WHEREAS, moreover, Rotaractors began paying per capita dues on 1 July 2022,  
11 and they now have new obligations as well as clearer duties and responsibilities as  
12 members of RI, and

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14 WHEREAS, however, the Standard Rotaract Club Constitution is still not defined as a  
15 constitutional document of RI, and only the RI Board is authorized to modify it. In  
16 light of the calls for improving the status of Rotaract clubs, this situation is  
17 inconsistent with the policy set forth by the RI Board

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19 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
20 International consider proposing legislation to a future Council on Legislation to  
21 include the Standard Rotaract Club Constitution as one of the constitutional  
22 documents, as well as further promoting the status of Rotaract clubs.

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## **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

23 Currently, there is a pressing need to increase youth involvement in Rotary, and  
24 this can be accomplished most effectively by improving Rotaract's status within  
25 RI.

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27 This trend is now gaining momentum, as the RI Board proposed an enactment to  
28 the 2022 Council on Legislation to promote the status of Rotaract clubs.

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30 If Rotaractors were allowed to propose and make changes to the Standard  
31 Rotaract Club Constitution, they would have increased autonomy and a greater

1 sense of engagement than ever before.

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3 Such a change would also increase the membership in Rotaract clubs, thereby  
4 revitalizing Rotary as an organization.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

5 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot  
6 be determined at this time.

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8 The expenses for the triennial Council on Legislation in fiscal year 2019 were  
9 US\$2.4 million, which included approximately US\$1 million in hotel, meals, and  
10 equipment expenses for 535 representatives.

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12 If adding enactments for the Rotaract Constitution increased the length of the  
13 meeting, additional expenses are estimated at US\$200,000 per day due to higher  
14 expenses for hotel, meals, and equipment.

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16 Additional per capita dues for the Council on Legislation are determined by the  
17 Board sufficient to pay for the projected expenses of the next scheduled Council  
18 on Legislation and Councils on Resolutions. The additional per capita dues are  
19 US\$1.00 for 2022-23. Future additional per capita dues would be adjusted by an  
20 amount equivalent to changes in expenses.