

RESOLUTION 23R-25

To request the RI Board to consider providing regular updates on process improvements and cost savings measures taken by RI

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Maebashi, District 2840, Japan

1 WHEREAS, the 2022 Council on Legislation voted to significantly increase per
2 capita dues based on information provided by RI in the five-year financial forecast,
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5 WHEREAS, Enactment 22-46, “To increase per capita dues,” which the RI Board
6 proposed, was adopted after intense debate, with a vote of 285 in favor and 205
7 opposed. The number of those voting in opposition to this item, amounting to 41.8
8 percent of the total vote, should not be casually dismissed. It is believed that the
9 heated discussion over Enactment 22-46 may be because RI’s five-year financial
10 forecast was not persuasive to many representatives, as it provided only projected
11 revenues and expenditures, but did not contain a specific spending plan relative to
12 RI’s anticipated revenues, and

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14 WHEREAS, the five-year financial forecast states that the RI Board and Secretariat
15 will continue to research and address process improvements and cost savings with
16 respect to expenditures. However, it does not specify what measures will be taken to
17 conduct or evaluate the research, and

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19 WHEREAS, the RI Board should annually report and be accountable to all clubs
20 and districts, independently from the five-year financial forecast, for specific actions
21 it takes to improve processes and reduce costs

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23 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
24 International consider providing regular updates on process improvements and cost
25 savings measures taken by RI.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

26 The purpose of this resolution is to require regular progress reports on process
27 reviews and cost reductions. Those reports would help maintain a healthy
28 balance between revenues and expenditures, a dynamic which is not adequately
29 accounted for in the five-year financial forecast on which RI’s dues increases are
30 currently based.

- 1 Rotary's key stakeholders, its clubs, require clear accountability from the RI
- 2 Board and Secretariat for their management efforts, and such transparency
- 3 would greatly help to enhance the quality and credibility of debate on enactments
- 4 related to per capita dues at the Council on Legislation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 5 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.
- 6 There would not be a significant cost to provide regular updates on process
- 7 improvements and cost savings measures taken by RI.