

RESOLUTION 25R-03

To request the RI Board to consider standardizing its method of determining overall membership totals by allowing districts to combine their Rotaract and Rotarian membership numbers

Proposer(s): District 7080, Canada

1 WHEREAS, RI currently includes Rotarian and Rotaract members in its overall
2 count of Rotary members (i.e., 1.4 million members), and

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4 WHEREAS, RI currently uses only the number of Rotarians in a district to
5 determine the district's overall membership count and excludes Rotaractors, and

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7 WHEREAS, in 2019, Rotaract was elevated from a program of Rotary to an
8 official membership type of RI, and

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10 WHEREAS, districts are encouraged by RI to elevate Rotaract in their districts,
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13 WHEREAS, diversity, equity, and inclusion are important values to RI and its
14 members, and

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16 WHEREAS, many districts are experiencing a decline in their membership due to
17 aging populations, and

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19 WHEREAS, districts with fewer than 1,100 members are at risk of being
20 dissolved and amalgamated with surrounding districts

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22 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
23 International consider standardizing its method of determining overall
24 membership totals by allowing districts to combine their Rotaract and Rotarian
25 membership numbers for their total district membership count.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

26 This resolution requests the RI Board to allow districts to include both Rotarians
27 and Rotaractors in their overall district membership count by aligning the RI and
28 district membership reporting processes.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

1 If implemented, this resolution would have a financial impact on RI which cannot
2 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
3 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.

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5 Currently, Rotary does not have an accurate count of Rotaractors. Allowing
6 districts to combine their Rotaract and Rotarian membership numbers would
7 require significant system changes and could potentially impact necessary district
8 consolidations. In addition, the two member types are invoiced at different rates
9 and frequencies, which would complicate the data analytics and financial
10 systems.