

# RESOLUTION 25R-21

To request the RI Board to consider allocating time within the governors-nominee learning seminar to RI's governance documents

**Proposer(s):** District 3640, Korea

1 WHEREAS, as stated in subsection 19.040.2. of the Rotary Code of Policies, the  
2 convener of a Rotary Institute shall hold learning seminars for governors-nominee  
3 and provide learning on “governor-nominee responsibilities, assessing your district,  
4 creating a calendar, financial management, convening learning events and district  
5 conference,” and  
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7 WHEREAS, this curriculum is composed solely of procedural guidelines and other  
8 practical administrative content, and  
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10 WHEREAS, while it is important to be well versed in such matters, a foundational  
11 knowledge of Rotary is even more important to those who will be serving in the role  
12 of governor, and  
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14 WHEREAS, the fundamentals required for serving as a district governor are well  
15 outlined in RI's governance documents  
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17 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
18 International consider allocating time within the governors-nominee learning  
19 seminar to familiarize governors-nominee with RI's governance documents.

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## PURPOSE AND EFFECT

20 It is clearly stated in the RI Constitution and Bylaws that “The district governor is  
21 an officer of RI in the district, functioning under the general control and  
22 supervision of the board” (RI Constitution Article 6; RI Bylaws section 16.030.).  
23 In this context, ‘functioning under the general control and supervision of the  
24 Board’ simply means acting in accordance with what is written in the Rotary  
25 Code of Policies.  
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27 However, some governors fulfill their roles according to their own needs, under  
28 the influence of past governors, or personal requests from individual members of  
29 the Board. This undermines the continuity of governance in the district and can  
30 never bring beneficial results to the district or its clubs.

1 Today, all Rotarians can access the governance documents via My Rotary and  
2 seek to understand their contents. If a district governor makes decisions that  
3 contradict what club members already know from the governance documents, it  
4 will damage the governor's authority and erode trust. In the worst-case scenario,  
5 it could even result in the loss of valuable membership. Therefore, it is a matter of  
6 great importance that governors-nominee thoroughly study the governance  
7 documents during their training period.  
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9 If district governors become well versed in the governance documents of RI and  
10 can consistently apply their knowledge in the performance of their role, they will  
11 be able to manage clubs with consistency, foster mutual trust, and act with  
12 purpose to sustain continuity within the district.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

13 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.  
14 Materials for the governor-nominee learning seminar are updated annually.