



The Membership Minute

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Greetings,

In response to several requests, this month's edition of Rotary International's "Membership Minute" focuses on membership policy changes from the 2004 Council on Legislation.

Council on Legislation Changes Affecting Membership

The 2004 Council on Legislation adopted 100 pieces of legislation. The policy changes that affect membership administration are summarized below. You can download the complete Report of Action by clicking on the link at the end of the summary. Each adopted enactment referenced in this summary is identified with the abbreviation AE followed by the enactment number so that you can easily locate the enactments in the Report of Action.

Attendance

- Attendance credit for a meeting can be given to a member for attending a meeting of a Rotary Fellowship (AE 04-19) or participating in an interactive activity through a club Web site for 30 minutes (AE 04-18).
- A member's absence can be excused for any of the following reasons: (1) the club's board has approved it, (2) the member's age and years of membership in one or more clubs totals 85 years or more (and that member has notified the club secretary of the achievement in writing and the board has approved it), or (3) the member is a current officer of RI (AE 04-27 and AE 04-29).
- Any member assigned to work away from home for an extended time can replace attendance at his or her club with attendance at the meetings of a designated club at the site of the assignment, provided there is a mutual agreement between the clubs (AE 04-25).

Officers

- Any president-elect who does not attend the presidents-elect training seminar (PETS) AND the district assembly AND has not been excused by the governor-elect (or, if so excused, does not send a designated club representative in his or her place) shall NOT be able to serve as club president (AE 04-49).
- The qualifications for governors-nominee have been revised to include those who have served as charter president of a club, provided that they served the full term from the date of charter to 30 June and that this period was at least six months (AE 04-331).

Club Membership

- An active member moving from the locality of the club can remain in the club if the club board grants permission AND the member continues to meet all conditions of club membership (AE 04-77).
- Clubs can elect into membership a transferring or former member even if his or her classification is filled. Clubs are exempt from paying prorated per capita dues for these members (AE 04-92).
- A terminated member who was in good standing at the time of termination can be reinstated in the same classification, even if that classification has since been filled (AE 04-81). However, a

terminated member who was not in good standing at the time of termination cannot be reinstated if his or her classification is filled (AE 04-82).

- The criterion for selecting honorary members has been revised to include those persons considered friends of Rotary for their permanent support of Rotary's cause (AE 04-88).

Dues

- RI per capita dues will be increased to US\$19.50 per half year in 2004-05, \$21.50 per half year in 2005-06, and \$23.50 per half year in 2006-07. Dues will remain at \$23.50 per half year until changed by the Council on Legislation (AE 04-370).
- Effective 1 July 2005, any club with fewer than 10 members shall pay additional per capita dues equal to the amount it would have paid if it had 10 members (AE 04-387).

[Download the Report of Action of the 2004 Council on Legislation](#)

Club and District Administration Representatives

If you have any questions about the Council on Legislation, RI policy, or the day-to-day administration of your club or district, RI has a whole team of expert staff members who can address them. The members of the Club and District Administration (CDA) Division specialize in responding to Rotarians' questions and concerns about RI's policies and procedures. To find the CDA representatives serving your region of the world, click on the link below.

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