



# BYLAWS

of the

## ROTARY CLUB

of NORTH FULTON

*[Chartered January 19, 2000]*

### Article 1

#### Definitions

The following words when used in these Bylaws shall have the definitions described below:

1. Board: The Board of Directors of this Club.
2. Club: The Rotary Club of North Fulton.
3. District: District 6900.
4. Member: A member, other than an honorary member, of this Club.
5. Year: The twelve-month period that begins on July 1.

### Article 2

#### Board

**Section 1 – Traditional Club Structure.** The governing body of this Club shall be the Board consisting of a maximum of fifteen (15) members of this Club (the exact number to be determined by the president), namely, four (4) or more directors, the president, vice-president, president-elect (or president-nominee, if no successor has been elected), secretary, treasurer, and the immediate past president, all elected in accordance with Article 3 of these Bylaws.

**Section 2 – Club Structure Based on Functional Grouping.** At the option of the Board, or in the event that such Club structure is required by the District, the governing body of this Club shall be the Board consisting of a maximum of fifteen (15) members of this Club (the exact number to be determined by the president), namely, four (4) or more directors, the president, vice-president (if there is one), president-elect (or president-nominee, if no successor has been elected), secretary, treasurer, and the immediate past president, all elected in accordance with Article 3 of these Bylaws.

## Article 3

### Election of Directors and Officers

**Section 1 – Nominations; Voting.** At a regular meeting one month prior to the meeting for election of officers, the presiding officer shall ask for nominations by members of the Club for president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and other officers and directors as determined by the president-elect, depending upon the Club Structure as described in Article 2 of these Bylaws. The nominations may be presented by a nominating committee comprised of Club members chosen by the current president and president-elect, or by members from the floor, by either or by both as the Club may determine. If it is determined to have a nominating committee, such committee shall be appointed as the Club may determine. The nominations duly made shall be placed on a ballot in alphabetical order under each office and shall be voted for at the annual meeting. The candidates for president, vice-president (if there is one), secretary, and treasurer receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected to their respective offices. The candidates for director receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected as directors. The candidate for president elected in such balloting shall be the president-nominee and serve as a director for the year commencing on the first day of July next following the election, and shall assume office as president on the first day of July immediately following that year. The president-nominee shall take the title of president-elect upon the election of a successor.

**Section 2 – Board; Sergeant-at-Arms.** The officers and directors, so elected, together with the immediate past president shall constitute the Board. If not elected in accordance with these Bylaws, within one week after their election, the Board members-elect shall meet and elect some member of the Club to act as sergeant-at-arms.

**Section 3 – Vacancy in the Board or Office.** A vacancy in the Board or any office shall be filled by action of the remaining Board members.

**Section 4 – Vacancy in Board or Office-Elect.** A vacancy in the position of any officer-elect or director-elect shall be filled by action of the remaining Board members-elect.

## Article 4

### Duties of Officers

**Section 1 – President.** It shall be the duty of the president to preside at meetings of the Club and the Board and to perform other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of president.

**Section 2 – President-elect.** It shall be the duty of the president-elect to serve as a director and to perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the president or the Board.

**Section 3 – Vice-President.** It shall be the duty of the vice-president, if there is one, to preside at meetings of the Club and the Board in the absence of the president and to perform other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of vice-president.

**Section 4 – Secretary.** It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep membership records; record attendance at meetings; send out notices of Club, Board and committee meetings; record and preserve the minutes of such meetings; report as required to Rotary International, including the semiannual reports of membership on 1 January and 1 July of each year, and prorated reports on 1 October and 1 April of each active member who has been elected to membership in the Club since the start of the July or January semiannual reporting period, report changes in membership; provide the monthly attendance report, which shall be made to the district governor within 15 days of the last meeting of the month; collect and remit Rotary International official magazine subscriptions; and perform other duties as usually pertain to the office of secretary. Upon retirement from office, the secretary shall turn over to the incoming secretary or to the president all Club property.

**Section 5 – Treasurer.** It shall be the duty of the treasurer to have custody of all funds, accounting for it to the Club annually and at any other time upon demand by the Board, and to perform other duties as pertains to the office of treasurer. Upon retirement from office, the treasurer shall turn over to the incoming treasurer or to the president all funds, books of accounts, or any other Club property.

**Section 6 – Sergeant-at-Arms.** The duties of the sergeant-at-arms shall be such as are usually prescribed for such office and other duties as may be prescribed by the president or the Board.

## **Article 5** **Meetings**

**Section 1 – Annual Meeting.** An annual meeting of this Club shall be held on the last regular meeting in November in each year, at which time the election of officers and directors to serve for the ensuing year shall take place.

**Section 2 – Regular Meetings.** The regular weekly meetings of this Club shall be held on Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. Due notice of any changes in or canceling of the regular meeting shall be given to all members of the Club. All members excepting an honorary member (or member excused pursuant to Article 8, Sections 3 and 4 of the standard Rotary Club Constitution) in good standing in this Club, on the day of the regular meeting, must be counted as present or absent, and attendance must be evidenced by the member's being present for at least sixty (60) percent of the time devoted to the regular meeting, either at this Club or at any other Rotary Club, or as otherwise provided in the standard Rotary Club Constitution, Article 8, Sections 1 and 2.

**Section 3 – Quorum at Meetings of Members.** One-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum at the annual and regular meetings of this Club.

**Section 4 – Board Meetings.** Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month, or at such other time as determined by the President. Special meetings of the Board shall be called by the president, whenever deemed necessary, or upon the request of two (2) Board members, due notice having been given.

**Section 5 – Quorum at Board Meetings.** A majority of the Board members shall constitute a quorum of the Board.

## **Article 6** **Fees and Dues**

**Section 1 – Admission Fees.** The admission fee shall be \$300, to be paid before the applicant can qualify as a member. This admission fee shall be subject to review by the Board, and may be changed by the Board. The admission fee shall include a donation to the Rotary Foundation sufficient for the applicant to qualify as a Paul Harris Sustaining Member.

**Section 2 – Membership Dues.** The membership dues shall be \$1,200 per annum, payable semiannually on the first day of July and of January, or in such other manner that the Board shall decide. The membership dues shall be subject to review by the Board, and may be changed by the Board. A portion of each semiannual payment shall be applied to each member's subscription to the Rotary International official magazine, membership dues to Rotary International and the District, and a donation to the Rotary Foundation sufficient for the member to qualify as a Paul Harris Sustaining Member.

**Article 7**  
**Method of Voting**

The business of this Club shall be transacted by *viva voce*\* vote except the election of officers and directors, which shall be by ballot. The Board may determine that a specific resolution be considered by ballot rather than by *viva voce* vote. (\**Viva voce* vote is defined as when Club voting is conducted by vocal assent.

**Article 8**  
**Four Avenues of Service and Object of Rotary**

The four Avenues of Service are the practical framework for the work of this Rotary Club. They are Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service. This Club will be active in each of the four Avenues of Service. The philosophical framework of Rotary and of this Rotary Club is articulated in the Object of Rotary.

**Article 9**  
**Committees**

Club committees are charged with carrying out the annual and long-range goals of the Club based on the four Avenues of Service and the Object of Rotary. The president-elect, president and immediate past president should work together to ensure continuity of leadership and succession planning. When feasible, committee members should be appointed to the same committee for three years to ensure consistency. The president-elect is responsible for appointing committee members to fill vacancies, appointing committee chairs and conducting planning meetings prior to the start of the year in office. It is recommended that the chair have previous experience as a member of the committee. Standing committees should be appointed as set forth below. If the Club elects, or is required to, implement the Club Structure Based on Functional Grouping described in Article 2, Section 2, above, the following committees shall be appointed; provided, that at the discretion of the President in accordance with District guidelines and these Bylaws, chairs of the following committees may serve as Board members.

- *Membership*  
This committee should develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the recruitment and retention of members.
  
- *Club Public Relations*  
This committee should develop and implement plans to provide the public with information about Rotary and to promote the Club's service projects and activities.
  
- *Club Administration*  
This committee should conduct activities associated with the effective operation of the Club. A sub-committee of this committee shall be appointed to develop plans to assist the Board and the president on long-term matters, such as major projects, as well as oversight of the Sandy Crawford Foundation (if a separate committee has not been appointed).
  
- *Service Projects*  
This committee should develop and implement educational, humanitarian and vocational projects that address the needs of its community and communities in other countries. A

subcommittee of this committee shall be appointed to develop and implement plans to raise donations to support the Club's service projects. This shall include the Club's annual Concert in the Park fundraiser.

- *The Rotary Foundation*  
This committee should develop and implement plans to lead members to support The Rotary Foundation through both financial contributions and program participation.

Additional ad hoc committees may be appointed as needed.

- (a) The president shall be ex officio a member of all committees and, as such, shall have all the privileges of membership thereon.
- (b) Each committee shall transact its business as is delegated to it in these Bylaws and such additional business as may be referred to it by the president or the Board. Except where special authority is given by the Board, such committees shall not take action until a report has been made and approved by the Board.
- (c) Each chair shall be responsible for regular meetings and activities of the committee, shall supervise and coordinate the work of the committee and shall report to the Board on all committee activities.

## **Article 10** **Duties of Committees**

The duties of all committees shall be established and reviewed by the president for his or her year. In declaring the duties of each, the president shall make reference to appropriate Rotary International materials. The service project committee will consider vocational service, community service and international service avenues when developing plans for the year.

Each committee shall have a specific mandate, clearly defined goals, and action plans established by the beginning of each year for implementation during the course of the year. It shall be the primary responsibility of the president-elect to provide the necessary leadership to prepare a recommendation for Club committees, mandates, goals and plans for presentation to the Board in advance of the commencement of the year as noted above.

## **Article 11** **Leave of Absence**

Upon written application to the Board, setting forth good and sufficient cause, leave of absence may be granted excusing a member from attending the meetings of the Club for a specified length of time. The Board may establish reduced Membership Dues for members that are on an approved leave of absence.

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*(Note: Such leave of absence does operate to prevent a forfeiture of membership; it does not operate to give the Club credit for the member's attendance. Unless the member attends a regular meeting of some other Club, the excused member must be recorded as absent except that absence authorized under the provisions of article 8, sections 3 and 4 of the standard Rotary Club Constitution is not computed in the attendance record of the Club.)*

## **Article 12**

### **Finances**

**Section 1 – Budget.** Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Board shall prepare a budget of estimated income and expenditures for the year, which shall stand as the limit of expenditures for these purposes, unless otherwise ordered by action of the Board. The budget shall be broken into two separate parts: one in respect of Club operations and one in respect of charitable/service operations. Any variance from a single budget item greater than \$500 shall be pre-approved by the Board; provided, however, if an expenditure is necessary and time is of the essence, such expenditure may be approved by the president and one other Board member, and ratified at the next subsequent Board meeting. Any major project (defined as a project with expenditures of \$5,000 or more) shall be pre-approved by the Board if accompanied by a reasonably detailed budget or description of expenditures, if applicable.

**Section 2 – Deposits** The treasurer shall deposit all Club funds in a bank, named by the Board. The Club funds shall be accounted for in two separate parts: Club operations and service projects.

**Section 3 – Bills.** All bills shall be paid by the treasurer or other authorized officer only when approved by two other officers or Board members.

**Section 4 – Annual Review.** A thorough review of all financial transactions by a qualified person shall be made once each year.

**Section 5 – Bond.** Officers having charge or control of Club funds shall give bond as required by the Board for the safe custody of the funds of the Club, cost of bond to be borne by the Club.

**Section 6 – Payment of Membership Dues.** The fiscal year of this Club shall extend from 1 July to 30 June, and for the collection of members' dues shall be divided into two (2) semiannual periods extending from 1 July to 31 December, and from 1 January to 30 June. The payment of per capita dues and Rotary International official magazine subscriptions shall be made on 1 July and 1 January of each year on the basis of the membership of the Club on those dates.

## **Article 13**

### **Method of Electing Members**

**Section 1 – Proposal of Prospective Member.** The name of a prospective member, proposed by an active member of the Club, shall be submitted to the Board in writing, through the Club secretary. A transferring or former member of another Club may be proposed to active membership by the former Club. The proposal shall be kept confidential except as otherwise provided in this procedure.

**Section 2 – Classification Review.** The Board shall ensure that the proposal meets all the classification and membership requirements of the standard Rotary Club Constitution.

**Section 3 – Board Vote.** The Board shall approve or disapprove the proposal within 30 days of its submission, and shall notify the proposer, through the Club secretary, of its decision.

**Section 4 – Favorable Vote.** If the decision of the Board is favorable, the prospective member shall be informed of the purposes of Rotary and of the privileges and responsibilities of membership, following which the prospective member shall be requested to sign the membership proposal form and to permit his or her name and proposed classification to be published to the Club.

**Section 5 – 7-Day Publication.** If no written objection to the proposal, stating reasons, is received by the Board from any member (other than honorary) of the Club within seven (7) days following publication of information about the prospective member, that person, upon payment of the admission fee (if not honorary membership), as prescribed in these Bylaws, shall be considered to be elected to membership. The 7-Day publication of information set forth in this

Section 5 shall be satisfied by a letter sent by e-mail to each member setting forth the same information that would be contained in the publication.

If any such objection has been filed with the Board, it shall vote on this matter at its next meeting. If approved despite the objection, the proposed member, upon payment of the admission fee (if not honorary membership), shall be considered to be elected to membership.

**Section 6 – Induction.** Following the election, the president shall arrange for the new member’s induction, membership card, and new member Rotary literature. In addition, the president or secretary will report the new member information to Rotary International and the president will assign a member to assist with the new member’s assimilation to the Club as well as assign the new member to a Club project or function.

**Section 7 – Honorary Members.** The Club may elect, in accordance with the standard Rotary Club Constitution, honorary members proposed by the Board.

## **Article 14** **Resolutions**

The Club shall not consider any resolution or motion to commit the Club on any matter until the Board has considered it. Such resolutions or motions, if offered at a Club meeting, shall be referred to the Board without discussion

## **Article 15** **Order of Business**

A regular or special meeting of the Club or the Board shall follow the following general format; however, the president may vary from this format provided that the business of the Club is handled by such alternate format.

Meeting called to order.

Introduction of visitors.

Correspondence, announcements and Rotary Information.

Committee reports if any.

Any unfinished business.

Any new business.

Address or other program features.

Adjournment.

## **Article 16** **Amendments**

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting, a quorum being present, by a two-thirds vote of all members present, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been mailed to each member at least ten (10) days before such meeting. No amendment or addition to these Bylaws can be made which is not in harmony with the standard Rotary Club Constitution and with the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International. The 10-day notice requirement of this Article 16 may be sent by e-mail to each member.

Approved by the Board on the 7th day of March, 2007.

Approved by the members of the Club on the 27th day of March, 2007, to be effective immediately.