

**11.030.8. *Tie Vote.***

If a club ballot results in a tie for director-nominee, a second club ballot shall be conducted. The general secretary shall prepare and send the ballots, which shall include the names of the candidates who tied in the first club ballot, biographical statements, and photographs. The ballots and other materials shall be sent to each club in the zone or section by 15 February with instructions that the completed ballot be returned to the general secretary at the World Headquarters no later than the following 1 April. The balloting committee shall meet at a time, place, and manner determined by the president to count the ballots, no later than 5 April. The balloting committee shall certify the results to the general secretary within five days. The president shall inform all clubs in the zone of the director-nominee no later than 10 April.

**11.030.9. *Extension of Time.***

The board may alter the date(s) in this section as they apply to the clubs.

**11.040. *Nominations for Officers of RIBI.***

Nominees for chair, chair-elect, and honorary treasurer of RIBI shall be selected, proposed, and nominated pursuant to the bylaws of RIBI.

**Article 12 Nominations and Elections for Governors**

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**12.010. *Selection of a Governor-nominee.***

The district shall select a nominee for governor between 24 and 36 months before taking office. The nominee shall become the governor-nominee-designate upon selection and the governor-nominee on 1 July two years before taking office as governor. The board shall have the authority to extend the date under this section for good and sufficient reason. The nominee will be elected at the RI convention in the year before the nominee will attend the international assembly, if such an election is needed under the provisions of section 6.010. of these bylaws.

**12.020. *Procedure to Select Governor.***

Except for those districts in RIBI, a district shall adopt, by a resolution at a district conference by a majority vote of the electors present and voting, one of three processes to select the governor-nominee-designate in future years:

- (a) nominating committee;
- (b) club ballot; or
- (c) district conference.

If the district has not adopted a process by 1 July, the district shall use the nominating committee process. The district must follow all procedures for its chosen selection method as provided in the remainder of this article. To participate in district voting for the election of governors-nominee, a club shall have paid the required district levy for the Rotary year in which the voting is taking place and shall not be indebted to the district. The financial status of the club is determined by the governor.

**12.030. *Nominating Committee Process.*****12.030.1. *Nominating Committee for Governor.***

In districts adopting a nominating committee procedure, the committee shall seek out and propose the best qualified candidate for governor-nominee. The terms of reference of the committee, including the method for selecting members, shall be determined in a resolution adopted by the electors present and voting at a district conference, a district legislation meeting, or by a club ballot conducted by the governor. The terms of reference must not be inconsistent with the bylaws.

*12.030.2. Failure to Select Members of the Nominating Committee.*

Any district that has adopted the nominating committee procedure but fails to select the members of the committee shall select the five most recent past governors who are still members of a club in that district as its nominating committee. The committee shall function in accordance with section 12.030. If five past governors are not available, the RI president shall appoint additional members from that district so that the committee has five members.

*12.030.3. Club Suggestions for Governor.*

The governor shall invite clubs to submit their suggestions for nominations for governor. The invitation is to be made at least two months before suggestions are due to the nominating committee. The suggestions shall be submitted by a resolution naming the suggested candidate adopted at a regular club meeting and certified by the secretary. A club shall only suggest one of its own members.

*12.030.4. Nomination by Committee of Best Qualified Rotarian.*

The committee shall nominate the best qualified Rotarian who is available to serve as governor and not be limited to those names submitted by clubs in the district.

*12.030.5. Notification of Nomination.*

The chair of the nominating committee shall notify the governor of the candidate selected within 24 hours of the adjournment of the nominating committee. Within three days of the receipt of the notice, the governor shall notify the clubs in writing of the name and club of the nominee.

*12.030.6. Committee Inability to Select Nominee.*

If the nominating committee cannot agree upon a candidate, the governor-nominee shall be elected in a club ballot as provided in section 12.050. or at a district conference or a district legislation meeting in accordance with section 15.050. In either case, only those candidates suggested to the nominating committee may participate.

*12.030.7. Challenging Candidates.*

Any club in the district in existence for at least one year as of the beginning of that year may also propose a challenging candidate for governor-nominee, but only if it previously suggested the candidate to the nominating committee. A club in existence for less than one year as of the beginning of that year may propose a challenging candidate if the candidate is a member of that club and was already suggested to the nominating committee. The name of the challenging candidate shall be submitted by a resolution of the club adopted at a regular meeting and filed with the governor by the date set by the governor, which shall be within 14 days of notification of the selection for governor-nominee.

*12.030.8. Concurrence to Challenges.*

The governor shall inform all clubs through a form prescribed by RI of any challenging candidate and ask whether any club concurs with the challenge. In order to concur, a club must adopt a resolution at a regular meeting and file it with the governor by the date set by the governor. A valid challenge requires concurrences by either:

- (a) 20 other clubs; or
- (b) 30 percent of the total number of clubs

which have been in existence for at least one year as of the beginning of that year in that district, whichever is higher. A club shall concur with only one challenging candidate.

*12.030.9. Challenging Nominations.*

Within seven days after the deadline, the governor shall notify clubs that there is a valid challenging candidate. The notice shall include the name and qualifications of each challenging candidate, the names of the challenging and concurring clubs, and state that the candidates will be voted on in a club ballot or at the district conference, if the challenge remains valid for 30 days after the notice by the governor.

*12.030.10. Lack of Valid Challenging Candidate.*

If there is no valid challenging candidate, the governor shall declare the committee's candidate as the governor-nominee. The governor shall notify all clubs in the district of the nominee within 15 days.

**12.040. *Selection of Governor by Club Ballot.***

The governor shall send every club an official call for nominations for governor. All nominations must be in writing, signed by the president and secretary of the club, and received by the governor by the deadline. The deadline shall be at least one month after the call for nominations. A club shall suggest only one of its own members. If only one candidate is suggested by the clubs, no ballot is required and the governor shall declare the candidate to be the governor-nominee. If there are two or more candidates, the governor notifies clubs of the name and qualifications of each candidate and that the governor-nominee will be selected by a club ballot.

**12.050. *Club Ballot Procedure.***

The governor shall send a single transferable ballot to each club, listing the candidates in alphabetical order, except when the ballot results from a challenge, in which case the candidate selected by the district nominating committee shall be listed first. The governor shall send a copy of the ballot, signed by all members of the balloting committee, to each club with instructions that the completed ballot be returned to the governor by a date set by the governor. This date shall be between 15 and 30 days following the date the governor sent the ballots to the clubs.

**12.050.1. *Club Voting.***

The number of a club's votes is determined by the formula in subsection 15.050.2., based on the club invoice dated 1 July. If a club is entitled to more than one vote, the club shall cast all votes for the same candidate. The name of the candidate for whom the club has cast its vote(s) shall be verified by the secretary and president of the club and forwarded to the governor.

**12.050.2. *Balloting Committee.***

The governor shall announce the place, date, and time for counting ballots and shall appoint a balloting committee of three members. Validation of ballots shall be undertaken separately from the counting of the ballots. The committee shall make arrangements to safeguard the secrecy of the ballots and to allow the candidates or a candidate's representative to be present to observe the counting of the ballots.

**12.050.3. *Report of Balloting Committee.***

The balloting committee shall promptly report the results to the governor as soon as a candidate receives a majority vote, including the number of the votes for each candidate. The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared governor-nominee. If there is a tie vote, the nominating committee's candidate shall be declared the governor-nominee. If neither tied candidate was the nominating committee's choice, the governor shall select one of the tied candidates as the governor-nominee. The governor shall promptly notify the candidates and clubs of the results of the ballot. The balloting committee shall retain all ballots for 30 days after the governor's notification to the candidates and clubs. The ballots shall be open to inspection by any club during this period. The chair of the committee shall destroy the ballots following the 30-day period if no election complaint is filed as per section 13.030. If an election complaint is filed, the ballots shall be retained until the board decision on the complaint.

**12.060. *Selection of Governor by District Conference.***

If a district chooses to select its governor-nominee at the district conference, the governor shall invite the clubs to submit their suggestions for nominations for governor. The call for nominations and the ballot at the district conference will follow as closely as possible the provisions for a club ballot. All votes from a club with more than one vote shall be counted only if cast for the same candidate. Each club shall designate one elector to cast all its votes.

**12.070. *Certification of Governor-nominee.***

The governor shall certify the name of the governor-nominee to the general secretary within 10 days of declaring the nominee.

**12.080. *Rejection of Governor-nominee.***

Any governor-nominee who does not meet the qualifications and requirements shall be rejected and not presented by the general secretary to the convention for election, unless excused by the board in accordance with sections 16.010. and 16.020.

**12.090. Vacancies in the Offices of Governor-nominee and Governor-elect.**

If a district fails to select a governor-nominee or if a nominee becomes disqualified for election or otherwise unable or unwilling to serve and another nominee is not selected either before the election of officers at the convention or at least three months before the international assembly, the governor shall reinitiate the selection procedures starting with section 12.020. In either event, the board shall elect the Rotarian so nominated to serve as governor-elect. If either a governor-elect or governor-nominee becomes unable or unwilling to serve as governor, and the selection process for the successor has been completed by the district, then the successor shall automatically fill the vacancy if they are willing to do so, subject to the required election either by the convention or the board. If the successor has been selected, but is unable or unwilling to fill the vacancy, the board shall elect a Rotarian qualified under section 16.010.

**12.090.1. Special Provision to Vacancies.**

When a governor reinitiates the nominating committee procedure in accordance with section 12.090., the governor shall not be required to repeat the procedure in subsection 12.030.3. if there were no suggestions by clubs to the nominating committee during the previous nominating process.

**Article 13 Conduct and Review of Elections****13.010. Campaigning, Canvassing, and Electioneering.****13.020. Nominating Committee.****13.030. Election Review Procedures.****13.010. Campaigning, Canvassing, and Electioneering.**

In order that the best qualified Rotarians are selected for RI's elective offices, any effort to influence the selection process for an elective office in any manner, including campaigning, canvassing, or electioneering, is prohibited. Rotarians shall not campaign, canvass, or electioneer for elective position in RI, or allow such activity, for either themselves or others. Unless expressly authorized by the board, this prohibition includes any distribution or circulation by themselves or others of brochures, literature, letters, materials, electronic media, or other communications to any clubs or members of clubs. If a candidate learns of any prohibited activity, they shall immediately express disapproval and instruct the activity to be stopped.

**13.020. Nominating Committee.**

No person who has agreed in writing to be a member, alternate member, or candidate for membership on a nominating committee, whether elected or not, nor any candidate who is elected and subsequently resigns from the committee, nor any spouse, child, or parent of any such person, shall be eligible to be nominated for the respective office in the year in which the committee serves.

**13.030. Election Review Procedures.****13.030.1. Complaints.**

A complaint about the selection process for an RI elective office or the result of an RI election shall be considered by the board only if it is:

- (a) made by a club with the concurrence of at least five other clubs or a current officer of RI; or by a president's representative to a district or zone meeting;
- (b) in writing; and
- (c) filed with the general secretary within 21 days after the election results are announced.

**13.030.2. Board Consideration.**

The general secretary shall act upon a complaint pursuant to board procedures. The board may dismiss the complaint, disqualify the candidate for the elective office sought or future RI elective offices (or both) for such period as the board determines, or take any action against any Rotarian it deems fair and just. A two-thirds vote is required to disqualify a candidate. The board shall promptly transmit its decision to the interested parties.

**13.030.3. Repeated Election Complaints from a District.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these bylaws or the standard club constitution:

- (a) If, within the previous five years, the board has upheld two or more election complaints in a district under subsection 13.030.1., the board may take any or all of the following actions when it has reasonable cause to believe that RI's bylaws or election complaint procedures have been violated:
  - 1. disqualify from the election the nominee and any or all candidates and select a qualified individual from a club in the district to serve;
  - 2. remove from office any person who improperly influences or interferes in the election process; and