

Rotary International's Council on Resolutions meets online each year to vote on proposed resolutions submitted by clubs, districts, and the RI Board, and any urgent enactments proposed by the RI Board. Adopted resolutions are then considered by the RI Board or the TRF Trustees. Every district designates a representative to the Council on Resolutions, and every club and district may propose resolutions.

I have the honor to serve as our District's representative and PDG Gail Ellingwood serves as the alternate. We wish to extend to your club the opportunity to offer Resolutions requesting that the RI Board or the Rotary Foundation Trustees review and consider your proposal to change and improve Rotary's procedures.

If your club or district is considering proposing a resolution for the Council on Resolutions, please follow the guidelines below.

Deadline to Submit Resolutions

Proposed resolutions from clubs must be received by Rotary International on or before 30 June, including a district vote and the governor's confirmation of endorsement. There are no exceptions to the deadline. One of my roles is to help you draft your resolution.

Proposing Resolutions

Resolutions are expressions of opinion of the Council. They can be submitted to the Council on Resolutions by clubs, districts, the RI Board, and the general council or conference of RIBI. However, a resolution proposed by a club must also be voted on, or endorsed, by the clubs in its district at its district conference, a district legislation meeting, or through a ballot-by-mail, before it can be submitted to Rotary. Resolutions must be submitted by 30 June.

Drafting a Resolution

Resolutions are made up of two parts. First is the supporting information, which uses preambulatory or whereas clauses as the proposer's argument for the resolution.

The second part of each resolution is the action or resolved clause. Resolutions may contain any number of supporting information clauses, but they always have only one resolved clause. The resolved clause states the action that the proposer wishes the RI Board or TRF Trustees to take.

The 2021 Council on Resolutions (COR) is coming up and your club should decide if it will submit any resolutions. Details on drafting and submitting resolutions can be found in [How to Propose Resolutions](#). Resolutions presented in the past are also available for review.

Please contact me if I can assist your club and if you wish to make a proposal.

Sincerely,

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