
Bylaws of the Sheboygan Rotary Club

Sheboygan, Wisconsin

District 6270, Club # 2760

Founded September 1, 1916 as Club #251

Article I Election of Directors and Officers

Section 1 — 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, sergeant-at-arms, and two members of the board of directors. The nominations may be presented by a nominating committee or by members from the floor, by either or by both as a 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, secretary, treasurer and sergeant-at-arms receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected to their respective offices. The two candidates for director receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected as directors. The president elected in such balloting shall serve as a member of the board as president-elect 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 the year of service on the board as president-elect.

Section 2 — The officers and directors, so elected, together with the immediate past president shall constitute the board of directors..

Section 3 — A vacancy in the board of directors or any office shall be filled by action of the remaining members of the board.

Section 4 — A vacancy in the position of any officer-elect or director-elect shall be filled by action of the remaining members of the board of directors-elect.

Article II Board of Directors

The governing body of this club shall be the board of directors consisting of thirteen members of this club, namely, six directors elected in accordance with article I, section 1 of these bylaws, the president, vice-president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer, sergeant-at-arms and the immediate past president.

Article III Duties of Officers

Section 1 — *President*. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at meetings of the club and board and to perform such 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 member of the board of directors of the club and to perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the president or the board. The president-elect shall preside at meetings of the club and board in the absence of the president.

Section 3 — *Vice-President*. It shall be the duty of the vice-president to perform such duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of vice-president, including such duties as may be prescribed by the president or by the board. In addition, the vice president will chair such committees of this club as directed by these bylaws, the president or the board. Unless otherwise determined by the board, the vice-president shall be nominated as president-elect following the vice-president's term of service.

Section 4 — *Secretary*. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep the records of membership, record the attendance at meetings, send out notices of meetings of the club, board and committees, record and

preserve the minutes of such meetings, make the required reports to RI, including the semiannual reports of membership, which shall be made to the general secretary of RI on 1 January and 1 July of each year, and including prorated reports to the general secretary 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, the report of changes in membership, which shall be made to the general secretary of RI, the monthly report of attendance at the club meetings, which shall be made to the district governor within 15 days of the last meeting of the month, collect and remit to RI subscriptions to *THE ROTARIAN*, and perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of secretary.

Section 5 – Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to have custody of all funds, accounting for same to the club annually and at any other time upon demand by the board, and to perform such other duties as pertain 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 such other duties as may be prescribed by the president or the board.

Article IV Meetings

Section 1 – Annual Meeting. An annual meeting of this club shall be held on the first Monday in December in each year, at which time the election of officers and directors to serve for the ensuing year shall take place.

Section 2 – The regular weekly meetings of this club shall be held on Monday at 12:00 PM.

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 by the board of directors of this club, pursuant to article VIII, section 2(b) 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 VIII, section 1.

Section 3 – One-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum at the annual and regular meetings of this club.

Section 4 – Regular meetings of the board shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month. Special meetings of the board shall be called by the president, whenever deemed necessary, or upon the request of two (2) members of the board, due notice having been given.

Section 5 – A majority of the board members shall constitute a quorum of the board.

Article V Fees and Dues

Section 1 – The admission fee shall be \$ 100 to be paid before the applicant can qualify as a member.

Section 2 – The membership dues shall be set on an annual basis by the board and shall be payable quarterly on the first day of April, July, October and of January, with the understanding that part of each quarterly payment shall be applied to each member's subscription to *THE ROTARIAN* magazine.

Article VI 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.

Article VII Committees

Section 1 –

- (a) The president shall, subject to the approval of the board, appoint the following standing committees:
- Club Service committee
 - Vocational Service committee

Community Service committee

International Service committee

- (b) The president shall, subject to the approval of the board, also appoint such committees on particular phases of club service, vocational service, community service, and international service as deemed necessary.
- (c) The club vocational service committee, community service committee, and international service committee shall each consist of a chairman, who shall be named by the president from the membership of the board, and not less than two (2) other members.
- (d) The president shall be *ex officio* a member of all committees and, as such, shall have all the privileges of membership thereon.
- (e) Each committee shall transact such business as is delegated to it in the 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 to the board and approved by the board.
- (f) The president may appoint one or more committees dealing with various aspects of youth activities, which, depending on their respective responsibilities, may be under any, or all, of the vocational service, community service, or international service committees. Where feasible and practicable in the appointment of such committees, there should be provision for continuity of membership, either by appointing one or more members for a second term or by appointing one or more members to a two-year term.

Section 2 – Club Service Committee.

- (a) The chairman of the club service committee will be the president-elect and shall be responsible for all club service activities and shall supervise and coordinate the work of all committees appointed on particular phases of club service. The vice-chairman of the club service committee shall be the vice-president.
- (b) The club service committee shall consist of the chairman and vice-chairman of the club service committee and three board members appointed by the president. At the discretion of the president-elect, the three appointed members from the board may be individually assigned responsibility for the various sub-committees under the club service committee.
- (c) The president shall, subject to the approval of the board, appoint the following committees on particular phases of club service:

Auction committee

Audit committee

Attendance committee

Club bulletin committee

Fellowship activities committee

Food & arrangements

Magazine committee

Membership committee

Membership development committee

Paul Harris committee

Program committee

Public relations committee

Sheboygan Rotary Concert committee

Appoint one member each year to the following committees:

Classifications committee

Rotary information committee

- (d) The president shall appoint the vice-president to either chair or be a member of the following committees: classifications, membership, membership development, Rotary information and audit committees.

- (e) Where feasible and practicable in the appointment of club committees, there should be provision for continuity of membership, either by appointing one or more members for a second term or by appointing one or more members to a two-year term.
- (f) The classifications and Rotary information committees shall each consist of three (3) members, one member of each committee to be appointed each year for a term of three (3) years. The first appointments made under this provision shall be as follows: one member for a term of one year; one member for a term of two (2) years; one member for a term of three (3) years.
- (g) The magazine committee shall, wherever feasible, include the editor of the club publication and a local newspaper or advertising member of the club.

Section 3 – Community Service Committee.

- (a) The chairman of the community service committee shall be responsible for all community service activities and shall supervise and coordinate the work of all committees appointed on particular phases of community service.
- (b) The community service committee shall consist of the chairman of the community service committee and the chairmen of all committees appointed on particular phases of community service.
- (c) The president shall, subject to the approval of the board, appoint the following committees on particular phases of community service:
 - Human development committee
 - Community development committee
 - Environmental protection committee
 - Partners in service committee

Article VIII Duties of Committees

Section 1 – Club Service Committee. This committee shall devise and carry into effect plans which will guide and assist the members of this club in discharging their responsibilities in matters relating to club service. The chairman of the club service committee shall be responsible for regular meetings of the committee and shall report to the board on all club service activities.

- (a) *Auction Committee.* This committee shall organize an auction of donated items every December for the purposes of fund raising.
- (b) *Audit Committee.* This committee shall, on an annual basis conduct a review of all of the club's financial transactions. At least one member of this committee shall be a certified public accountant.
- (c) *Attendance Committee.* This committee shall devise means for encouraging attendance at all Rotary meetings – including attendance at district conferences, intercity meetings, regional conferences, and international conventions by all club members. This committee shall especially encourage attendance at regular meetings of this club and attendance at regular meetings of other clubs when unable to attend meetings of this club; keep all members informed on attendance requirements; promote better incentives for good attendance; and seek to ascertain and remove the conditions that contribute to unsatisfactory attendance.
- (d) *Classifications Committee.* This committee shall as early as possible, but no later than 31 August of each year, make a classification survey of the community; shall compile from the survey a roster of filled and unfilled classifications, applying the classification principle; shall review, where necessary, existing classifications represented in the club; and shall counsel with the board on all classification problems.
- (e) *Club Bulletin Committee.* This committee shall endeavor, through the publishing of a weekly club bulletin, to stimulate interest and improve attendance, announce the program of the forthcoming meeting, relate highlights of the previous meeting, promote fellowship, contribute to the Rotary education of all members, and report news of the club, of its members, and of the worldwide Rotary program.
- (f) *Fellowship Activities Committee.* This committee shall promote acquaintance and friendship among the members, promote participation by members in organized Rotary recreational and social activities, and do such work in pursuance of the general objectives of the Club as may be assigned by the president or the Board. Such activities may include, but are not limited to bowling, golf, and card playing.

- (g) *Food & Arrangements*. This committee's responsibility is to annually assess the current location of our meetings, quality of meals, and cost of meals, to determine if a new location should be chosen.
- (h) *Magazine Committee*. This committee shall stimulate reader interest in *THE ROTARIAN*; sponsor a magazine month; arrange for brief monthly reviews of the magazine on regular club programs; encourage the use of the magazine in the induction of new members; provide a copy of the magazine for non-Rotarian speakers; secure international service and other special subscriptions for libraries, hospitals, schools, and other reading rooms; send news items and photographs to the editor of the magazine; and in other ways make the magazine of service to the club members and non-Rotarians.
- (i) *Membership Committee*. This committee shall consider all proposals for membership from the personal side and shall thoroughly investigate the character, business, social and community standing, and general eligibility of all persons proposed for membership and shall report their decisions on all applications to the board.
- (j) *Membership Development Committee*. This committee shall review continually the club roster of filled and unfilled classifications and shall take positive action to initiate and present to the board the names of persons to fill unfilled classifications.
- (k) *Paul Harris Committee*. This committee shall encourage all Club members to become Paul Harris Fellows. In addition, the committee shall maintain records of all Paul Harris Fellows and sustaining Paul Harris Fellows.
- (l) *Program Committee*. This committee shall prepare and arrange the programs for the regular and special meetings of the club.
- (m) *Public Relations Committee*. This committee shall devise and carry into effect plans (1) to give the public general information about Rotary, its history, object, and scope; and (2) to secure proper publicity for the club.
- (n) *Rotary Information Committee*. This committee shall inform prospective members about the privileges and responsibilities of Rotary club membership; keep members informed about the history, object, and activities of Rotary at all levels; and oversee the orientation of new members during their first year in the club.
- (o) *Sheboygan Rotary Concert Committee*. This committee shall organize and coordinate an on going series of concerts and performances for the purpose of Club fund raising.

Section 2 – Vocational Service Committee. This committee shall devise and carry into effect plans which will guide and assist the members of this club in discharging their responsibilities in their vocational relationships and in improving the general standards of practice in their respective vocations. The chairman of this committee shall be responsible for the vocational service activities of the club and shall supervise and coordinate the work of any committees that may be appointed on particular phases of vocational service, including the following:

- (a) *Camp Enterprise Committee*: This committee shall be responsible to organize a program in which there are several speakers sharing with students their advice on career growth in order that students have an opportunity to visit with and counsel with business and professional people who are members of our Sheboygan Rotary Club. All high schools are invited to participate in this career growth opportunity.
- (b) *Student Rotarians*. The committee shall be responsible to receive honor students from the Sheboygan County high schools. Each month, during the school year, the committee will coordinate with local high schools to identify such students and invite them to attend the Club's weekly meetings as guests of the club.
- (c) *Student Scholarship Awards Committee*. This committee shall be responsible for selecting an annual recipient for the Club's scholarship award. Funds for this scholarship are to be derived from the Sheboygan Rotary Foundation

Section 3 – Community Service Committee. This committee shall devise and carry into effect plans which will guide and assist the members of this club in discharging their responsibilities in their community relationships. The chairman of this committee shall be responsible for the community service activities of the club and shall supervise and coordinate the work of any committees that may be appointed on particular phases of community service.

- (a) *Human Development Committee*. This committee shall devise and carry into effect plans which will guide and assist the members of this club in dealing within the community with the welfare of

human beings of all kinds throughout the whole span of life by providing assistance and support to those in need.

- (b) *Community Development Committee.* This committee shall devise and carry into effect plans which will guide and assist the members of this club in working to make the community a better place to live by improving the physical condition of the community and its facilities.
- (c) *Environmental Protection Committee.* This committee shall devise and carry into effect plans which will guide and assist the members of this club in monitoring and improving the quality of the community's environment.
- (d) *Partners in Service Committee.* This committee shall devise and carry into effect plans which will guide and assist the members of this club in building relationships with other Rotary-sponsored organizations within the community and in cooperating with them in service.
- (e) *Good Citizen Celebration.* This committee shall be responsible to select a Rotarian or nonRotarian as the Citizen of the Year. In addition, the committee shall be responsible for organizing an annual luncheon or dinner to honor that year's recipient of the award.

Section 4 – International Service Committee. This committee shall devise and carry into effect plans which will guide and assist the members of this club in discharging their responsibilities in matters relating to international service. The chairman of this committee shall be responsible for the international service activities of the club and shall supervise and coordinate the work of any committees that may be appointed on particular phases of international service.

The Club President shall appoint such International committees as requested by the chairman of this committee. Committees may include, but are not limited to *International Programs, World Community Service, International Youth Exchange, and International Education Award.*

Article IX 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.

(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 VIII, section 2(b) of the standard Rotary club constitution is not computed in the attendance record of the club.)

Article X Finances

Section 1 – The treasurer shall deposit all funds of the club in some bank to be named by the board.

Section 2 – All bills shall be paid only by checks signed by the treasurer upon vouchers signed by any two officers. An annual audit by an audit committee or other qualified person shall be made once each year of all the club's financial transactions.

Section 3 – Officers having charge or control of funds shall give bond as may be required by the board for the safe custody of the funds of the club, cost of bond to be borne by the club.

Section 4 – 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 four (4) quarterly periods extending from 1 July to 30 September, from 1 October to 31 December, 1 January to 31 March, and 1 April to 30 June. The payment of per capita dues and magazine subscriptions to RI shall be made on 1 July and 1 January of each year on the basis of the membership of the club on those dates.

Section 5 – At the beginning of each fiscal year the board shall prepare or cause to be prepared a budget of estimated income and estimated expenditures for the year, which, having been agreed to by the board, shall stand as the limit of expenditures for the respective purposes unless otherwise ordered by action of the board.

Article XI Method of Electing Members

Section 1 – 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 for the time being shall be kept confidential except as otherwise provided in this procedure.

Section 2 – The board shall ensure that the proposal meets all the classification and membership requirements of the club constitution, including the appropriate review by the membership committee.

Section 3 – 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 – 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 – 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.

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 – Following the election, the president shall arrange for the induction of the new member; the club secretary shall issue a membership card and shall report the new member to RI; and the Rotary information committee shall provide appropriate literature for presentation at the induction and assign a member to assist in the assimilation of the new member.

Article XII Resolutions

No resolution or motion to commit this club on any matter shall be considered by the club until it has been considered by the board. Such resolutions or motions, if offered at a club meeting, shall be referred to the board without discussion.

Article XIII Order of Business

Meeting called to order.
 Introduction of visiting Rotarians.
 Correspondence and announcements.
 Committee reports if any.
 Any unfinished business.
 Any new business.
 Address or other program features.
 Adjournment.

Article XIV 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 club constitution and with the constitution and bylaws of RI.

As approved and amended on July 12, 2004