

Guidelines for District Elections

A fundamental principle of Rotary is that the best qualified candidate should be selected for service in elective offices. The RI Bylaws prohibit any effort by a candidate, a candidate's supporter, or any Rotarian to influence the selection process in a positive or negative manner, including but not limited to campaigning or canvassing. The RI Board developed these guidelines to assist Rotarians in better understanding election procedures:

For All Rotarians

- Review and comply with RI's election guidelines as explained in the following documents:

RI Bylaws Articles 10, 12 and 13

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/bylaws_ri.pdf

Rotary Code of Policies: 17.040, 19.030, 26.100

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/code_ri_current.pdf

- Avoid any actions designed to gain visibility, publicize candidate names and achievements, or give anyone an unfair advantage over another.

Especially for Candidates

- Immediately express disapproval in writing of any campaigning activities undertaken on your behalf, asking for actions to cease.
- Do not respond in a similar manner to another candidate's improper activities.
- Do not communicate with or visit clubs involved in the election, except to fulfill necessary functions. If there are any concerns that a current assignment or a new assignment may give an appearance of campaigning, consult with the district governor. Routine performance of assigned activities is not a violation of Rotary's election policies.