

DISTRICT ELECTION GUIDELINES

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 12 and 13
 - Rotary Code of Policies sections 17.030.3., 17.040., 19.030., 26.070.
- Avoid any actions designed to gain visibility, publicize candidates' names and achievements, or give anyone an unfair advantage over someone else.

For candidates

- Immediately express disapproval in writing of any campaigning activities undertaken on your behalf and ask for the 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.

Dear Applicant,

This notice is to advise that the role of the District Governor in 2027-28 is likely to be impacted by the Zone 8 Regionalisation Pilot.

The pilot, approved by the Rotary International Board of Directors in April 2023, is to trial a new governance model for clubs in Zone 8 for a three-year period, which is due to conclude in June 2026. During the pilot period, it is anticipated that responsibilities for certain functions will be transitioned to Rotary South Pacific. New roles for Rotary Community Leaders and Rotary Specialists have been introduced.

The new operating model is still in its infancy, and there will be changes as the pilot progresses. As you may already know, the removal of mandatory requirements for Governors include:

- Make mandatory club visits
- Hold district learning events
- Hold District Conferences
- Have Assistant or Area Governors

Following the end of the pilot, it is likely that there will be a period where the results of the pilot are analysed and a club vote be arranged to determine the next steps.

Further work is underway to understand better the ongoing role of the District Governor post-pilot, and more information will be shared as it becomes available.

In applying for this position, we hope that you are prepared to embark on a journey of change and, as a leader and key participant, advocate for change and encourage Rotary and Rotaract members in your District to trial new ways of working together to meet our aspirations to Grow Rotary in Zone 8 and Increase our Impact.

Sincerely,



Neville Parsons

Chair, Regionalisation Pilot Steering Group



DISTRICT GOVERNOR FUNDING

Eligible Expense Guidelines – Zone 8 Pilot

Rotary provides district governors with funding to help offset their expenses in carrying out their responsibilities. This funding is noted in the RI Bylaws and the Rotary Code of Policies. The district finance committee reviews the governor's expense reports and determines expense eligibility.

The list below has common eligible expenses. Please note that transportation includes automobile travel kilometres, parking, tolls, air travel, trains, ferries, and visas. For annual mileage rates, contact [Club and District Support](#).

ELIGIBLE

TRAINING AND EVENTS	<p>Hotel stays, meals, transportation, registration fees, and planning meetings for these events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District and multidistrict meetings attended as DGN, DGE, and DG • Governors-nominee learning seminar • Governors-elect learning seminar • Rotary Institutes attended as DGN, DGE, and DG • International Assembly for the governor and their partner • Presidents-elect learning seminar • District conference attended as DGN, DGE, and DG • Club/multi-club events attended at DG that promote RI/TRF or member engagement. Eg (50,75,100 club anniversary) Eg (TRF Million Dollar Dinners)
OFFICE EXPENSES	<p>Expenses incurred as DGN, DGE, and DG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment (laptop, desktop, tablet, printer, scanner, projector, monitor, microphone, headphones, internet booster, etc.) • Governor jacket and tailoring • Monthly bills for internet, mobile phone, home phone, and fax • Postage, printing, and office supplies (toner, paper, pens, etc.) • Translation and interpretation • Virtual meeting tools (videoconference platform, video production equipment or services, tech services, lighting, green screens, virtual meeting professional trainers, software, cloud storage, etc.)

INELIGIBLE

- Expenses relating to traditional club visits and general meetings with club boards.
- Automobile maintenance or repairs, unless required by local law
- Donation of any unused funds to The Rotary Foundation or to reduce or pay for club invoices
- Donations (both monetary ones or using your funding to buy items for donation)
- Expenses incurred after 30 June of the governor's year
- Expenses for anyone other than the governor, unless listed above
- Rotary International Convention registration or other expenses
- Staff salaries