

Bylaws of the Rotary Club of Christiana

Article 1 Definitions

1. Board: The club's board of directors
2. Director: A member of the club's board of directors
3. Member: A member of the club, other than an honorary member
4. Quorum: The minimum number of participants who must be present when a vote is taken: one-third of the club's members for club decisions and a majority of the directors for club board decisions
5. RI: Rotary International
6. Year: The 12-month period that begins on 1 July

Article 2 Board

The governing body of this club is its board of directors, consisting of the president, immediate past president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and four (4) at-large directors.

This club shall also have the offices of sergeant at arms and club trainer. These offices may or may not hold one of the four (4) at large director positions.

Article 3 Elections and Terms of Office

Section 1 — One month (typically, November) before elections, the current president elect presents a slate of candidates for president-nominee, the four (4) at large director positions, and any other open officer positions to the club membership for review.

Section 2 — The slate of candidates is presented for discussion. Elections will be held during the Annual Meeting and conducted by ballot vote. Each position receiving a majority vote will be considered elected.

Section 3 — If any officer or board member vacates his or her position, the remaining members of the board will appoint a replacement.

Section 4 — If any officer-elect or director-elect vacates a position, the remaining members of the board-elect will appoint a replacement.

Section 5 — The terms of office for each role are:

- President - one year
- Treasurer - five years
- Secretary - no limit
- Sergeant-at-arms - 2 years
- Trainer - no limit
- At Large Director - 2 years

Article 4 Duties of the Officers

Section 1 — The president presides at club and board meetings.

Section 2 — The immediate past president serves as a director on the club board and presides at club and board meetings when the president is absent.

Section 3 — The president-elect prepares for his or her year in office and serves as a director.

Section 4 — Intentionally left blank

Section 5 — A director attends club and board meetings.

Section 6 — The secretary keeps membership and attendance records, updates DaCDB and RI website with club data, officer and member updates and scribes Board Meeting minutes.

Section 7 — The treasurer oversees all funds and provides an annual accounting of them.

Section 8 — The sergeant-at-arms maintains order in club meetings

See Rotary club leader manuals for additional details on the roles of club officers.

Article 5 Meetings

Section 1 — An annual meeting of this club is held no later than 31 December to elect the officers and directors who will serve for the next Rotary year.

Section 2 — This club meets as follows: Weekly on Thursdays at 12:15 P.M. Reasonable notice of any change or cancellation of the regular meeting will be given to all club members.

Section 3 — Board meetings are held at least bi-monthly. Special meetings of the board are called with reasonable notice by the president or upon the request of two directors.

Article 6 Dues

Annual club dues are \$200.00. They are paid as follows: \$50.00 on a quarterly basis. Annual club dues include RI per capita dues, a subscription to The Rotarian or a Rotary regional magazine, district per capita dues, club fees, and any other Rotary or district per capita assessment.

Article 7 Method of Voting

The business of this club is conducted by voice vote or a show of hands except in the election of officers and directors, which is conducted by ballot. The board may also provide a ballot for a vote on some resolutions.

Article 8 Committees

Section 1 — Club committees coordinate their efforts to achieve the club's annual and long-term goals. This club has the committees listed in article 11, section 7, of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution.

Section 2 — The president is an ex officio member of all committees and, as such, has all the privileges of membership.

Section 3 — Each committee's chair is responsible for the regular meetings and activities of the committee, supervises and coordinates its work, and reports to the board on all committee activities.

Article 9 Finances

Section 1 — Before each fiscal year starts, the board prepares an annual budget of estimated income and expenditures.

Section 2 — The treasurer deposits club funds in a financial institution or institutions designated by the board, divided into two accounts: one for club operations and one for service projects.

Section 3 — Bills are paid by the treasurer or another authorized officer and approved by two other officers or directors.

Section 4 — A qualified person conducts a thorough annual review of all financial transactions.

Section 5 — Club members will receive an annual financial statement of the club.

Section 6 — The fiscal year is from 1 July to 30 June.

Article 10 Method of Electing Members

Section 1 — A member proposes a candidate for membership to the board, or another club proposes one of its transferring or former members.

Section 2 — The board approves or rejects the candidate's membership within 30 days and notifies the proposing member of its decision.

Section 3 — If the board approves the candidate's membership, the prospective member is invited to join the club.

Article 11 Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any regular club meeting. Changing the club bylaws requires sending written notice to each member 10 days before the meeting, having a quorum present for the vote, and having two-thirds of the votes support the change. Changes to these bylaws must be consistent with the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, the RI Constitution and Bylaws, and the Rotary Code of Policies.