

August 20, 2023

Dear Club Presidents:

Every club in our District has the opportunity to suggest to our District's Nominating Committee a candidate for the position of District Governor for the Rotary year 2026-27. For proven leaders, this is an opportunity for them to serve beyond the club level.

This is a special position in Rotary. A past Rotary International President and friend of our District shared the significant nature of the District Governor position. I couldn't say it better so let me share:

"[A] Rotarian becomes an officer of RI when elected District Governor. And he or she will be known afterwards and recognized forever as a past officer of Rotary International. As club president, they were presented with so many opportunities to serve, to improve and enlarge the club, to help people, make an impact on the community, even help in the promotion of peace. As conscientious past presidents, they can continue serving in those many fine ways, but one who becomes governor can multiply those opportunities as the leader of all of these club leaders in the district, be the bridge through which the formidable assistance from RI and TRF can flow to the clubs, and be the inspiration that is the dynamic difference between watching and doing the wonderful things for which he or she joined Rotary. And a willing past governor will never be out of the action." – M.A.T Caparas, Past Rotary International President

Any candidate suggestions from your club to the Nominating Committee for our 2026-2027 District Governor are due by Friday, November 23, 2023. Interviews of all suggested candidates will be conducted Sunday, December 3, 2023. A completed Governor-nominee Designate Form (attached) must be submitted to the committee by any suggested candidate. Also, any suggested candidate should become familiar with the District Election Guidelines (attached).

Candidate suggestion submissions, together with the Governor-nominee Designate Form, must be sent to me and District Governor Laine Hendricks no later than November 23, 2023.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either myself at rongin1@gmail.com or District Governor Laine at rotarianlaine@gmail.com.

Yours in Rotary,

Ron Gin

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Chair, District Nominating Committee

District Governor Selection Guidelines (2023)

This document is intended for distribution by district governors to their Rotary clubs at the time of the official call for suggestions to the District Nominating Committee for candidates for District Governor.

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 guidelines as explained in the following documents:
 - ***RI Bylaws:*** Article 12
 - ***Rotary Code of Policies:*** Sections 17.030.3(A), 17.040, 19.030, 26.060.4 and 26.070

(Note: You will find the above documents on www.Rotary.org)

- Become familiar with the District's policies regarding District Governor selection as provided in ***Rotary International District 5150 Policy Manual***, Section 9 of Article I.
- 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.

Governor-nominee Designate Form

District governor candidate:

Please complete and sign this form, have your club secretary sign it, and submit it to the district nominating committee.

Governor year of service _____ District _____ Zone _____ RI membership ID number _____

Family name _____ First name _____ Middle initial _____

Name as it should appear on your badge _____

Member, Rotary Club of _____ Classification _____

Please ensure that your contact information (e-mail, postal address and phone number) is up-to-date in My Rotary!

Language(s) in which you are fluent (listed in order of fluency):

Language(s) you wish to use for communicating with RI (listed in order of fluency):

Read _____ Speak _____

For each of the following categories, please circle only one language per category.

International Assembly:	English	French	Japanese	Korean	Portuguese	Spanish								
Publications available in 6 languages:	English	French	Japanese	Korean	Portuguese	Spanish								
Publications available in 9 languages:	English	French	German	Italian	Japanese	Korean	Portuguese	Spanish	Swedish					
Publications available in 14 languages:	Arabic	Chinese	English	Finnish	French	German	Hindi	Italian	Japanese	Korean	Portuguese	Spanish	Swedish	Thai

Spouse/Partner Information (if applicable)

Family name _____ First name _____ Middle initial _____

Name as it should appear on your badge _____

E-mail _____ Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female

For each of the following categories, please circle only one language per category.

International Assembly:	Chinese	English	French	German	Hindi	Italian	Japanese	Korean	Portuguese	Spanish	Swedish
Publications available in 6 languages:	English	French	Japanese	Korean	Portuguese	Spanish					

For Rotarian Spouses/Partners only:

Member, Rotary Club of _____ RI membership ID number _____



Governor-nominee Designate Data Form

PRIVACY

Your privacy is important to Rotary and the personal data you share with Rotary will only be used for essential activities or for Rotary's legitimate interests taking into account your privacy rights. These uses include financial processing, supporting The Rotary Foundation, facilitating event planning, communicating key organizational messages and responding to your inquiries. In addition, your contact information will be shared with other Rotarians and included in the International Assembly Participant Book. Rotary's privacy policy can be found [here](#).

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

I hereby state that I understand clearly the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of the office of district governor as set forth in the RI Bylaws and that I am fully qualified for said office and willing and able, physically and otherwise, to assume and fulfill the duties and responsibilities of that office and to perform them faithfully. Further, I have read and agreed to abide by the district governor code of ethics, as detailed in the Rotary Code of Policies. I agree in advance to accept the decision of the RI Board concerning my election to office without recourse to any non-Rotary agency or other dispute resolution system and further accept that any court costs and attorney's fees incurred by RI in enforcing this agreement shall be reimbursed by me in their entirety. I understand that if selected, I must attend, for their full duration, the governors-elect training seminar in my zone and the International Assembly to be held the Rotary year before taking office. I have read this form in its entirety and certify that all the information provided on this form is true and correct.

Date

Signature

CLUB'S STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE'S QUALIFICATIONS

The candidate herein mentioned is a member in good standing of the Rotary Club of _____.

The club further attests that this member has been duly suggested for the office of district governor under RI Bylaws 12.030.3. and meets the qualifications as specified in RI Bylaws 16.010. and that the club membership information on this form is accurate.

Date

Club Secretary's Name

Club Secretary's Signature

CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION

The Rotarian named on this form is a member in good standing of the Rotary club listed and was duly nominated for district governor in accordance with the provisions of the RI Bylaws.

Date

District Governor's Name

District Governor's Signature

District governor: Please e-mail this form to your [CDS representative](#) by 30 June.