

# BYLAWS OF THE **Rotary E-Club of Solapur Elite**

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## **Article 1 — Definitions**

1. RI: Rotary International
2. Year: The 12-month period that begins on 1 July
3. President: The club's president for the current year
4. President-elect: The club's president for the next year
5. President-nominee: The club's president for the year after next year
6. Board: The club's board of directors
7. Director: A member of the club's board of directors
8. Member: A member of the club, other than an honorary member
9. Spouse Member: A member of the club, whose spouse is also a member
10. 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

## **Article 2 — Board**

The governing body of this club is its board of directors, consisting of, at a minimum, the president, immediate past president, president elect, secretary, and treasurer.

The club's board may have additional members, such as the sergeant-at-arms and committee chairs for the following:

1. Club Administration
2. Membership
3. Public Relations
4. Service Projects
5. The Rotary Foundation

The committee chairs will form & preside over club committees as described in Article 8.

### **Article 3 — Elections & Term of Office**

Section 1 — The current president should form a 3 member committee along with immediate past president, president elect, past presidents or senior most members, to select the president nominee, no later than November 1, each year.

Section 2 — The committee should invite nominations for the position of president nominee, no later than November 15, each year.

Section 3 — Members nominate themselves for the position of president nominee by submitting the prescribed form in writing to the president, no later than November 30, each year.

Section 4 — Qualifications for the position of president nominee are:

1. Should be a past Rotary club secretary, AND should have attended at least two district/zonal/regional training programs, OR
2. Should be a past Rotary club board director for at least 2 years, with 50%+ attendance at regular, board & activity meetings, AND should have attended at least two district/zonal/regional training programs, OR
3. Should be an active Rotarian for at least 5 years, with 50%+ attendance at regular, board & activity meetings, AND should have attended at least five district/zonal/regional training programs.

Section 5 — Selection of president nominee:

1. In case of more than one nominations are received, the candidate with better qualifications as described in section 4 should be selected.
2. In case the qualifications are tied, the candidate with senior qualifications as described in section 3 should be selected.
3. In case the seniority of qualifications are tied, the candidate should be selected on a coin toss.

Section 6 — In case no nominations are received, the president will call a General Body Meeting, no later than December 15, which will have all the rights to selecting the president nominee.

Section 7 — The president nominee is declared no later than December 15.

Section 8 — Except for the position of president nominee, other incoming board members should be chosen by the president elect at his/her discretion.

Section 9 — The incoming board should be declared no later than December 15.

Section 10 — If any board director vacates a position, the remaining members of the board-elect may appoint a replacement at their discretion.

Section 11 — The terms of office for each role are one year.

#### **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.

Section 3 — The president elect prepares for his or her year in office, serves as a director and presides at club and board meetings when the president is absent.

Section 5 — A director attends club and board meetings.

Section 6 — The secretary keeps membership and attendance records.

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 details on the roles of club officers.*

#### **Article 5 — Meetings**

Section 1 — An annual meeting of this club is held no later than December 15, to elect the officers and directors who will serve for the next Rotary year.

Section 2 — This club meets every Friday, 8:30 pm in person or online. Reasonable notice of any change or cancellation of the regular meeting will be given to all club members.

Section 3 — Board meetings are held on the last Wednesday each month. Special meetings of the board are called with reasonable notice by the president or upon the request of two directors.

## **Article 6 — Dues**

Section 1 — Annual club dues are INR 11,000/-.

Section 2 — Annual club dues for the next year are to paid in full on or before June 30.

Section 3 — New members joining between July 1 to December 31 should pay the full annual club dues.

Section 3 — New members joining between January 1 to June 30 should pay half of the annual club dues.

Section 5 — 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.

Section 6 — In case of spouse members, any one of the spouse members is exempt from paying the club fees.

## **Article 7 — Method of Voting**

The business of this club is conducted by voice vote or a show of hands. 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. Each club should have the committees listed in article 13, 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. The budget is presented to the club no later than June 15.

Section 2 — The treasurer deposits club funds in a financial institution or institutions designated by the board.

Section 3 — Bills are paid by the treasurer or secretary with signed approval by the president.

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 no later than July 15.

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, by submitting in writing the filled prescribed form.

Section 2 — The board approves or rejects the candidate's membership within 31 days in a board meeting and notifies the proposing member of its decision.

Section 3 — If the board approves the candidate's membership, a notification is sent to members inviting objections to the prospective member joining the club; by SMS, Email, or Whatsapp.

Section 4 - Members may raise a valid objection with the president within 3 days of the notification as described in section 3.

Section 5 - If no objections are received, the prospective member is admitted as a member upon paying the full dues as described in article 6.

## **Article 11 — Amendments**

These bylaws may be amended at any regular club meeting. Changing the club bylaws

requires sending SMS/Email/Whatsapp notice to each member at least 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.