



Rotary Club of Furnitureland

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From: Phil Morris

To: Furnitureland Rotary Club Strategic Planning Committee

Attending: Jack Green, Barbara Frye, Geoff Eade, Bill Heard, Phil Morris

Absent: Jef Morgan, Randy Carda

References:

- [1994 Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws](http://www.furniturelandrotary.org/FRCweb/Board-Minutes-and-Notes/1994ClubBylaws.pdf)
<http://www.furniturelandrotary.org/FRCweb/Board-Minutes-and-Notes/1994ClubBylaws.pdf>
- [2004 Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws](http://www.furniturelandrotary.org/FRCweb/Board-Minutes-and-Notes/2004ClubBylaws.pdf)
<http://www.furniturelandrotary.org/FRCweb/Board-Minutes-and-Notes/2004ClubBylaws.pdf>
- [2007 Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws](http://www.furniturelandrotary.org/FRCweb/Board-Minutes-and-Notes/2007ClubBylaws.pdf)
<http://www.furniturelandrotary.org/FRCweb/Board-Minutes-and-Notes/2007ClubBylaws.pdf>

The Strategic Planning Committee discussed the adoption of the 2007 Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws. A significant reason to do so is that Rotary International is increasingly anticipates the 2007 leadership structure in its training and communication.

Rotary Club of Furnitureland adopted as its bylaws the 1994 version.

Every three years Rotary International holds a Council on Legislation to review its legal documents and operational procedures. Since 1994 the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws have been revised five times. Furnitureland Rotary Club has recognized some of the bylaw changes that have been made, but it has not revised its bylaws accordingly. Although we suspected that we were following our club's bylaws and the subsequent modifications to the 1994 version of the bylaws, we were following our club's bylaws only when it was convenient for us to do so.

The committee recommends the leadership structure outlined in the 2007 Rotary Club Bylaws, which is detailed in the Club Leadership Plan (245-EN). The details of what committees are to be assigned to each of the five basic committees were discussed, will be considered and will be assigned at a later date. This requires a change in the club bylaws:

"These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting, a quorum being present, by a two-thirds vote of all members present, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been mailed to each member at least ten days before such meeting. No amendment or addition to these bylaws can be made which is not in harmony with the club constitution and with the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International. (1994)"

The major change is in the structure of the club leadership, Article 7 – Committees.

The 1994 and 2004 Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws specifies the following committee structure:

- Club Service Committee
- Vocational Service Committee
- Community Service Committee
- International Service Committee

It continues to identify sub-committees for each of the four general committees. These bylaws indicate that it is the responsibility of the club president, subject to board approval, to appoint chairs to these committees

The 2007 Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws specifies the following committee structure:

- Membership
- Club Public Relations
- Club Administration
- Service Projects
- The Rotary Foundation

It does not directly identify specific sub-committees to be assigned to each of the five general committees. These bylaws indicate that the responsibility of the club president-elect, club president and immediate past club president to appoint chairs to these committees, ideally for three year term to promote continuity. Both editions of the bylaws are appended to these notes.

The committee recommends that the board of directors approve this change at its next regular board meeting scheduled for October 11 and upon approval of the board, in accordance to the amendment process described in the 1994 bylaws, the three sets of bylaws be sent by link in email to each of the members of the club. It is recommended that the club vote on the change to the club's bylaws by the end of October in time for it to provide the foundation for developing club leadership for the next year.



The committee also suggested that its members bring suggestions as to the formulation of the nominating committee for discussion at the September 20th meeting.