**CLUB BALLOT IN ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Check one:** £ District governor: Rotary year 20\_\_\_ - 20 \_\_\_

£ Council representative: Rotary year 20\_\_\_ - 20 \_\_\_

£ Nominating committee for RI director: Rotary year 20\_\_\_ - 20 \_\_\_

**Ballot Instructions:**

If there are more than two candidates, balloting shall be by the single transferable ballot system, as described below. RI Bylaws provide that each club is entitled to at least one vote and one additional vote for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members (excluding honorary members), based on the club invoice dated 1 July. However, any club whose membership in RI has been suspended by the RI Board shall not be entitled to participate in the voting. The governor shall prepare one ballot for each club. If a club is entitled to cast more than one vote, the club shall cast all votes for the same candidate on the single ballot provided by the governor. Votes are based on club membership total as follows:

Up to 37 members = 1 vote 88 to 112 members = 4 votes

38 to 62 members = 2 votes 113 to 137 members = 5 votes

63 to 87 members = 3 votes 138 to 162 members = 6 votes

Your club has \_\_\_\_\_ members (excluding honorary members) per the 1 July invoice, thus entitling your Rotary club to \_\_\_\_\_ vote(s).

**Mail this ballot to your governor to be received no later than** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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Name of the district nominating committee candidate, if applicable

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, member, Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, member, Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, member, Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Rotary Club of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

President’s name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary’s name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Single Transferable Ballot**

On the ballot a "1" is placed within the space containing the name of the candidate who is the club's first choice. Every vote given by placing the figure "1" in such space shall be a “first preference vote.”

In addition, the figure "2" is placed within the space containing the name of the club's second choice, the figure "3" within the space containing the name of the club's third choice, and so on, in the order of preference.

The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast, taking into account the second and subsequent preference votes in the event that a majority is not obtained without so doing shall be declared elected.

An example of the manner in which the ballots are counted follows:

Four candidates for one office: A, B, C, and D.

First choice ballots are put into four piles and counted.

On the first count, no one has a majority of all votes cast.

C is the candidate with the fewest votes and therefore is eliminated.

Each ballot in that pile is placed in the pile of the remaining candidates based on who had a "2" marked by the name.

If, however, the transfer of these votes still does not result in a majority for any one of the three (3) remaining candidates, the process listed above is followed again and thus continued until one candidate has a majority of the votes.

A ballot that indicates less than the available choices is counted only for the choices marked. Then it is considered un-transferable and is disregarded thereafter. An “X” is considered as an indication of first choice. A ballot that carries a “1” or an “X” for more than one name is considered as spoiled.

If two candidates each receive 50% of the votes in an election and one of the candidates is the nominee of the nominating committee, the nominee of the nominating committee shall be declared the governor-nominee. If neither of the candidates is the nominee of the nominating committee, the governor shall select one of the candidates as the governor-nominee. (RI Bylaws section 12.050.3.)