

**CONSTITUTION  
OF  
THE ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA**

**Article I  
Name**

The name of this organization shall be **THE ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA**. (Member of Rotary International)

**Article II  
Territorial Limits**

Section 1 - The territorial limits of the organization shall be as follows:

Peoria and immediate vicinity bounded on the North by US Route 150 (also known, in part, as War Memorial Drive); on the East of Illinois River; on the South by the South Line of Limestone Township; and on the East by the West Lines of Limestone and Kickapoo Townships.

**Article III  
Object**

Section 1 - The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

1. The Development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his/her occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his/her personal, business and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men/women untied in the ideal of service.

**Article IV  
Meetings**

Section 1 - This club shall meet regularly once each week on the day and at the time provided and that in an emergency, or for good cause, the board of directors of the club, may change the regular meeting of any week to a different day of the same week or to a different hour of the regular day, or to a different place, or cancel the regular meeting of any week when it falls on a legal holiday, or because of death of the club president or an epidemic or a disaster affecting the entire community.

Section 2 - An annual meeting for the election of officers of this club shall be held not later than the thirty-first day of December in each year as provided in the by-laws of this club.

**Article V  
Membership**

Section 1 - *Kinds*. There are four kinds of membership, namely: active, senior active, past service, and honorary.

Section 2 - *Active Memberships*. Each active member shall be an adult person of good character and good business or professional reputation;

(a) engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession;

or

(b) holding an important position in an executive capacity with discretionary authority in any worthy and recognized business or profession;

or

(c) acting as a local agent or branch representative of any worthy and recognized business or profession, having charge of such agency or branch in an executive capacity;

and

personally and actively engaged in the business or profession in which he/she is to be classified in the club and having his/her place of business or residence located within the territorial limits of this club or within the corporate limits of the city in which the club is located or within the territorial limits of an immediately-adjointing club.

Section 3 - *Classifications*.

(a) Each active member of this club shall be classified in accordance with his/her business or profession.

(b) The classification of each active member shall be that which covers the principal and recognized activity of the firm, company or institution with which he/she is connected, of if he/she be independently engaged in a business or profession, his/her classification shall be that which covers his/her principal and recognized business or professional activity.

(c) *How Corrected*. The board, in its discretion, may correct or adjust the classification of any member, whose membership has not terminated, if the circumstances warrant such action. Due notice of such proposed correction or adjustment shall be given to the member and he/she shall be allowed a hearing thereon.

Section 4 - *Limitations*. The active membership shall consist of but one person from each classification of business or profession, excepting the newspaper and religion classifications.

Section 5 - *Religion and Newspaper Classifications*. Representatives of more than one denomination and of more than one newspaper published within the territorial limits of this club may be eligible to active membership under the same classifications, provided that they otherwise possess the qualifications for active membership.

Section 6 - *Public Office Holders*. Persons elected or appointed to public office for a specified time only shall not be eligible to active membership in this club under the classification of such office. This shall not apply to persons holding a position or office in schools, colleges or other institutions of learning or to persons who are elected or appointed to the judiciary.

An active member of this club who is elected or appointed to public office for a specified period may during the period in which he/she holds such office continue as such active member in the club under the classification represented by him/her in the club immediately prior to such election or appointment.

Section 7 - *Local Preference*. No man or woman engaged as the local agent or branch representative of an outside concern shall be eligible to active membership when a suitable prospective member may be available whose principal place of business is within the territorial limits of this club.

Section 8 - *Senior Active Membership.*

(a) Any active member of this club

(1) who now is and has been an active member of this or other clubs for a total of fifteen or more years,

or

(2) who is of the age of sixty or more after having been an active member of one or more clubs for a total of ten or more years,

or

(3) who is a present or a past officer of Rotary International,

or

(4) any past service member of this club who had been an active member of this club and who, at the time he/she ceased to be an active member of this club, had the qualifications for senior active membership as hereinbefore set forth, may, at his/her option, become a senior active member of this club by notifying the secretary in writing.

(b) Any active member of a club who is of the age of sixty-five or more after having been an active member of one or more clubs for a total of five or more years shall automatically become a senior active member.

(c) This club may, at its option, elect to senior active membership in this club any former active member of any club, who was eligible to senior active membership, at the time he/she ceased to be an active member of a club, provided such former member resides within the territorial limits of this club or within the surrounding area.

(d) A senior active member shall have all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of an active member except that he/she shall not be considered as representing a classification.

This club may admit to membership a qualified person in the classification of business or profession in which such senior active member may be engaged.

Section 9 - *Past Service Membership.*

(a) A former active member of this club whose active membership was terminated because of his/her retirement from active business or professional life, may be elected a past service member in this club provided he/she has been an active member in one or more clubs for three or more years or he/she has attained age of 55 years irrespective of the length of membership. Such former member may be elected to past service membership at the time of, or any time after, the termination of his/her active membership, provided he/she has all the other qualifications of a past service member. If his/her retirement from business or professional life occurs after he/she has ceased to be a member of a Rotary club, he/she is not eligible to past service membership. He/She must reside and continue to reside within the territorial limits of this club or within the surrounding area, unless he/she has been an active member in this club in which event he/she may reside and continue to reside in the locality of his/her residence at the time he/she ceased to be an active member in this club.

(b) A past service member shall have all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of an active member except that

(1) he/she shall not be considered as representing a classification.

(2) he/she may not exercise the option to become a senior active member (except as provided in Section 8(a) of this Article).

Section 10 - *Honorary Membership.*

(a) A person who resides or who has resided within the territorial limits of the club and who has distinguished himself/herself by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals there or elsewhere may be elected to honorary membership in the club.

(b) Honorary members shall be exempt from payment of admission fees and dues, shall have no vote and shall not be eligible to hold any office in the club; shall have no interest in any property of this club; shall not be considered as representing a classification, but shall be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all other privileges of the club. No honorary member of this club is entitled to any rights or privileges in any other club.

**Article VI  
Officers and Directors**

Section 1 - The governing body of this club shall be a board of directors to be constituted as the by-laws of the club may provide.

Section 2 - Except as herein otherwise specifically provided the decision of the board in all club matters shall be final, subject only to an appeal to the club. The board shall have general control over all officers and committees and may, for good cause, declare any office vacant. It shall constitute a board of appeal from the rulings of all officers and actions of all committees. Appeal may be taken from any decision of the board to the club. On such appeal the decision appealed from shall be reversed only by a two-thirds vote of the members present, at a regular meeting specified by the board, a quorum being present, notice of such appeal having been given by the secretary to all members of the club at least five days previous to such meeting.

Section 3 - The officers of this club shall be a president, one or more vice-presidents, all of whom shall be members of the board, and a secretary, a treasurer, and a sergeant-at-arms, any or all of whom may or may not be members of the board as the by-laws of the club shall provide.

Section 4 - Each officer shall take office on the first day of July following his/her election and shall hold office for the period of his/her election or until his/her successor has been elected and qualified.

Each officer and each director shall be an active, senior active, or a past service member in good standing of this club.

**Article VII  
Admission Fees and Dues**

Section 1 - Every active, senior active, and past service member of this club shall pay as an admission fee and as annual dues such sums as may be prescribed in the by-laws of this club except that a senior active or past service member who has held active membership in this club shall not be required to pay a second admission fee.

**Article VIII  
Duration of Membership**

Section 1 - *Period.* Membership shall continue during the existence of the club unless terminated as hereinafter provided.

## Section 2 - *How Terminated.*

(a) Active membership shall automatically terminate if, and when, an active member ceases to be personally and actively engaged within the territorial limits of the club in the classification of business or profession under which he/she is classified in the club or ceases to have his/her place of business or residence therein, or his/her connection with his/her business establishment is severed.

(b) Senior active membership shall automatically terminate if, and when, an elected senior active member ceases to reside within the territorial limits of this club or within the surrounding area. This provision does not apply to one who has become a senior active member automatically or at his/her own option.

(c) Past service membership shall automatically terminate if, and when, a past service member re-enters active business or professional life, or if, and when, he/she ceases to reside within the territorial limits of this club or within the surrounding area. The second of these provisions shall not apply to a past service member who has been an active member of this club. Such member may reside and continue to reside in the locality of his/her residence at the time he/she ceased to be an active member of this club.

(d) Honorary membership shall automatically terminate on the thirtieth day of June next after the date of election. However, the board in its discretion may, by resolution, from year to year continue such honorary membership for the ensuing year. Such honorary membership may be continued - by the board although the person so elected has ceased to reside within the territorial limits of the club.

*Section 3 - How to Rejoin.* When the membership of an active member has terminated as provided in the foregoing Section 2, such person may make new application for membership, under the same classification or another classification. If elected to membership, he/she shall not be required to pay a second admission fee.

*Section 4 - Termination. Non-payment of Dues.* Any member failing to pay his/her dues within thirty (30) days after the prescribed time shall be notified in writing by the secretary at his/her last known address. If the dues are not paid on or before then (10) days from the date of notification said membership shall automatically terminate.

Such former member, at the discretion of the board, may be reinstated to membership upon his/her petition, and upon the payment of all indebtedness to the club. No former member can be reinstated to active membership if his/her former classification has been filled.

## Section 5 - *Termination - Non-attendance.*

(a) The membership of any active, senior active or past service member except as provided in this Article, who is absent from four (4) consecutive regular weekly meetings of this club shall automatically terminate, unless such absence is made up as hereinafter provided, or is excused by the board for good and sufficient reason.

Any member absent from a regular meeting of this club may make up such absence by attendance at a regular meeting of any other Rotary club on any of the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the day of absence, on the day of the absence itself, or on any of the fourteen (14) days immediately following the day of

absence and be given full credit for attendance in this club, provided notice of such attendance is given to this club by the secretary of the club visited or the member may make his/her own report.

In the event an active, senior active, or past service member of this club presents himself/herself at the regular time and meeting of such club, and such club has omitted, postponed, or changed the time or place of its meeting for said week, then such member shall be credited with attendance by this club of the week for which he/she would be entitled to credit had such meeting been held at the regular time and place, provided notice of such circumstances is given to this club by the secretary of the club visited or the member may make his/her own report.

Any active, senior active, or past service member of this club who is serving as an officer of Rotary International, or a committee person of Rotary International, or as a special representative of the district governor, or who is in the employ of Rotary International and absent from a regular meeting of this club on Rotary business shall be credited with attendance at such meeting missed while on such business, provided notice of such circumstances is given to this club by the member.

Any active, senior active, or past service member of this club absent from a regular meeting of this club while traveling with reasonable directness to or from a convention of Rotary International, an international assembly, a Rotary institute for past and present officers of Rotary International, a Rotary international conference, a Rotary International committee meeting, a Rotary district conference, a district leadership forum, a Rotary district assembly, or a regularly announced intercity meeting of Rotary Clubs shall be credited with attendance at such regular meeting of this club, provided notice of such circumstances is given to this club by the member.

Any active, senior active, or past service member of this club absent from a regular meeting of this club who attends a convention of Rotary International, an international assembly, a Rotary institute for past and present officers of Rotary International, a Rotary international conference, a Rotary International committee meeting, a Rotary district conference, a district Rotary information institute, a Rotary district assembly, or a regularly announced intercity meeting of Rotary clubs, on any of the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the day of absence, on the day of absence itself, or on any of the fourteen days (14) immediately following the day of absence shall be credited with attendance at such regular meeting of this club, provided notice of such attendance is given to this club by the member.

(b) The membership of any active, senior active, or past service member, except as hereinafter provided, whose percentage of attendance is less than sixty (60) percent during the first or second six months of the club's fiscal year shall automatically terminate, unless he/she is excused by the board for good and sufficient reason.

(c) Any active, senior active or past service member, who because of protracted ill health or impairment, is physically unable to comply with the provisions of this section may, during the period of its continuance, upon application to the board, be excused from complying with attendance requirements and his/her absence shall not be computed in the attendance record of the club.

(d) Any senior active or past service member who has been a member of one or more Rotary clubs for in the aggregate twenty

(20) years or more, and has reached the age of sixty-five (65) years, may notify the secretary in writing of his/her desire to be excused from complying with attendance requirements. If approved by the board such member's attendance or absence shall not be computed in the attendance record of this club.

*Section 6 - Termination for Other Causes.*

(a) The membership of any member who shall cease to have the qualifications for membership in this club may be terminated by the board by the votes of not less than two-thirds of the members thereof, at a meeting called for that purpose.

(b) The membership of any member may be terminated by the board, for a reason which the board may deem to be sufficient, by the votes of not less than two-thirds of the members thereof, at a meeting called for that purpose.

(c) In either case (a) or (b) the member shall be given at least ten (10) days notice in writing of such pending action and an opportunity to submit to the board a written answer. He/she shall also have the privilege of appearing before the board to state his/her case. Service of such notice shall be made by personal delivery or by registered letter to his/her last known address.

(d) In case of a decision to terminate membership the secretary shall, within seven (7) days after the date of the board's decision, notify the member in writing of the decision of the board. Such member may, within fourteen (14) days after the date of such notice, give written notice to the secretary of his/her intention either to appeal to the club or to arbitrate as provided in Article XII of this constitution. In the event he/she appeals, the board shall set a date for a hearing of the appeal at a regular meeting of the club, to be held within twenty-one (21) days after the receipt of such written notice of appeal. At least five (5) days notice of such club meeting and its special business shall be given in writing to every member of the club, and only members of the club shall be permitted to be present when such appeal is considered at such meeting.

(e) When the board has terminated the membership of an active member as provided for in this Section, the club shall not elect a new member under his former classification until the time for hearing the appeal, if any, has expired and the club's decision or the decision of the arbitrators has been announced.

(f) The action of the board shall be final if no appeal to the club is taken and no arbitration is requested. If an appeal is taken the action of the club shall be final.

*Section 7 - Resignation.* The resignation of any member from this club shall be in writing (addressed to the president or secretary) and shall be accepted by the board, provided that all indebtedness of said member to the club has been paid.

*Section 8 - Property Interest-Forfeiture of.* Any person whose membership in this club has been terminated in any manner shall forfeit all interest in any funds or other property belonging to the club.

**Article IX  
Public Affairs**

Section 1 - The general welfare of the community is of concern to the members of this club and the merits of any public question involving such welfare may be fairly and intelligently studied and discussed before a club meeting for the enlightenment of its members in forming their individual opinion. However, this club

shall not express an opinion on any pending controversial public measure.

Section 2 - This club shall not endorse or recommend any candidate for public office and shall not discuss at any club meeting the merits or demerits of any such candidate.

**Article X  
Official Publication**

Section 1 - By acceptance of active, senior active, or past service membership in this club such member voluntarily becomes a subscriber to the monthly publication of Rotary International. A member's subscription shall be handled in six-month periods and shall continue as long as he/she is a member of the club and to the end of any six-month period during which he/she may cease to be a member of the club.

Section 2 - The amount of the subscription shall be collected by the club from each member semi-annually in advance. The secretary shall enter such subscriptions and amounts so collected in a special subscription account and remit to Rotary International.

Section 3 - The board of directors of Rotary International may prescribe this standard club constitution without this Article for the use of clubs outside of the United States and Canada.

**Article XI  
Acceptance of Object and Compliance with Constitution & By-Laws**

A member by payment of his/her admission fee and dues thereby accepts the principles of Rotary as expressed in its object and submits himself/herself to and agrees to comply with and be bound by the constitution and by-laws of this club, and on these conditions alone is entitled to the privileges of the club. No member shall be absolved from the observance of the constitution and by-laws on the plea that he/she has not received a copy of them.

**Article XII  
By-Laws**

Section 1 - This club shall adopt by-laws not inconsistent with the constitution and by-laws of Rotary International (and the rules of procedure for an area administration where established) and with this constitution, embodying additional provisions for the government of this club. Such by-laws may be amended from time to time as therein provided.

**Arbitration**

Should any dispute arise between any member or members, or a former member or members, and the club, or any officer or the board of the club, relative to membership or to any alleged breach of the constitution or by-laws, or the expulsion of any member from the club, or on any account whatsoever which cannot be satisfactorily settled under the procedure already provided for such purpose, the matters in difference shall be settled by arbitration. Each party shall appoint an arbitrator and the arbitrators shall appoint an umpire. Only members of a Rotary club may be appointed as umpire or as arbitrators. The decision arrived at by the arbitrators, or, in the event of their disagreement, by the umpire, shall be final and binding on all parties.

**Article XIII  
Amendments**

Section 1 - *Time*. Except as provided in Section 4 of this Article this constitution may be amended only by the council on Legislation or by the convention of Rotary International in the same manner as is established in the By-laws of Rotary International for the amendment of its By-laws.

Section 2 - *Who May Propose*. Amendments to this constitution, except as provided in Section 4 of this Article, may be proposed only by a club, by a district conference, by the general council or the conference of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, by the Council on Legislation, or by the Board of Directors of Rotary International.

Section 3 - *Procedure*.

1) Any proposal to amend this constitution shall be delivered to the General Secretary of Rotary International not later than the first day of May in the Rotary year preceding that in which the Council on Legislation is to meet.

2) The General Secretary of Rotary International shall mail a copy of all duly proposed amendments to all members of the Council on Legislation and to the secretary of each club not later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the date the council shall be convened.

3) The Council shall consider and act upon each duly proposed amendment transmitted to the Council and any duly proffered amendment thereof.

Section 4 - *Article I (Name) and Article II (Territorial Limits)* of this constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of this club a quorum being present by the affirmative vote of a majority of members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been mailed to each member at least ten (10) days before such meeting, and provided further, that such amendment shall be submitted to the Board of Directors of Rotary International for its approval and shall become effective only when so approved. In the event of reconsideration of a decision not to relinquish or share territory for the organization of an additional club, as directed by the district governor or Board of Directs of Rotary International, as provided in Article 1, Section I (f) of the By-laws of Rotary International a two-thirds vote is required to sustain the previous negative decision.



**BY-LAWS  
OF  
THE ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA**

**Article I  
Election of Officers and Directors**

At the Annual Meeting of the club, the president shall, with the advise and approval of the Board of Directors, appoint a Nominating committee consisting of five (5) members of the club, all of whom have been members for a least two (2) years, and none of whom shall have served on the Nominating Committee of either of the two (2) years immediately preceding. At least one of the

members appointed shall be a member of the current Board of Directors.

It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to report to the club a least thirty (30) days before the ensuing annual meeting a list of nominees for president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and two members of the board of directors to be elected at said annual meeting. At the annual meeting the presiding officer shall receive such additional nominations for such officers and directors, as any member of the club may desire to make. A majority of votes cast shall be required to elect an officer or director.

Section 2. At the first meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors they shall appoint some member of the club to act as Sergeant-At-Arms.

Section 3. A vacancy in the Board of Directors or any office shall be filled by the remaining members of the board.

**Article II  
Board of Directors**

Section 1. The governing body of this club shall be the Board of Directors, consisting of eleven (11) members of this club; namely the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and immediate past president, and six (6) directors elected from the club - two directors shall be elected each year for a term of three (3) years.

**Article III  
Duties of the Officers**

Section 1. *President*. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at meetings of the club and board of directors and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to this office.

Section 2. *Vice President*. It shall be the duty of the vice president to preside at meetings of the club and board of directors in the absence of the president, to serve as General Chairperson of the Program Committee, and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to this office.

Section 3. *Secretary*. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep the records of the membership, record the attendance at meetings, send out notices of meetings of the club, board and committees, record and preserve the minutes of such meetings, make the required reports to Rotary International, including the semi-annual reports to Rotary International, including the semi-annual reports of the membership on January 1st and July 1st of each year, and the report of changes in membership, which shall be made to the Secretary of Rotary International, the monthly report of attendance at the club meetings which shall be made to the district governor immediately following the last meeting of the month, and perform such other duties as usually pertain to this office.

Section 4. *Treasurer*. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to have custody of all funds, accounting for same to the club at its annual meeting and at any other time upon demand by the board of directors and to perform such other duties as pertain to this office. Upon his/her retirement from office, he/she shall turn over to his/her successor or to the president all funds, books of accounts or any other club property in his/her possession.

Section 5. *Sergeant-at-Arms*. The duties of the sergeant-at-arms shall be such as are usually prescribed for this office and such other duties as may be prescribed by the president or the board of directors.

#### **Article IV Meetings**

Section 1. *Annual Meetings.* The annual meeting of this club shall be held during December in each year at a time and place established by the board of directors, at which time the election of officers and directors to serve for the ensuing year shall take place.

Section 2. The regular weekly meetings of this club shall be held as follows: every Friday noon except as provided in Article IV of the Constitution.

Due notice of any such change in or canceling of the regular meeting shall be given to all members of the club.

Section 3. One-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum at the annual and regular meetings of this club.

Section 4. Regular meetings of the board of directors shall be held at least once a month at a time and place designated at the immediately preceding regular meeting. Special meetings of the board of directors shall be called by the president whenever deemed necessary, or upon request of two members of the board, due notice having been given.

Section 5. A majority of the board members shall constitute a quorum of the board of directors.

Section 6. The membership of a director on the Board of Directors, shall automatically terminate should he/she be absent for three (3) consecutive meetings, or a total of four (4) meetings in any fiscal year (provided that such absence is not due to a confining illness or absence from the city attending a convention of Rotary International.) This section shall apply to directors who assume office July 1, 1968 or thereafter.

#### **Article V Fees and Dues**

Section 1. The admission fee shall be one hundred (\$100.00) to be paid before the applicant can qualify as a member. Of this sum, ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be for The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Section 2. The membership dues shall be one hundred and forty (\$140.00) per annum payable quarterly on the first day of July, October, January, and April, which includes subscription to "The Rotarian" magazine, \$3.00 subscription to the *Green Light*, one dollar (\$1.00) for the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, five dollars (\$5.00) for projects of the club, and five dollars (\$5.00) for The Bradley Scholarship Fund of the club.

Section 3. Members shall pay for meals in advance each quarter, in addition to the dues, an amount established from time to time by the Board of Directors, except those members whom the Board of Directors may excuse for good reason. This section shall not apply to Senior Active members who are 65 years of age and a member 20 years. Members who do so pay their meals in advance shall be entitled to a credit on the next quarter's billing for any missed meeting made up, for an amount established by the Board of Directors.

#### **Article VI Method of Voting**

The business of this organization shall be transacted by *viva voce* vote.

#### **Article VII Committees**

Section 1. *Committee structure.*

(a) The president shall, subject to the approval of the board of directors, appoint the following principal and standing committees:

Classification Committee  
Membership Committee  
Program Committee  
International Service Committee  
Rotary Foundation Committee

and any other committees that the president may deem necessary for the internal administration of club affairs.

(b) The president shall, subject to the approval of the board of directors, also appoint any other committees that the president may deem necessary on particular phases of community service.

(c) The president shall be an ex-officio member of all standing and special committees.

Section 2. Each committee shall transact such business as is delegated to it in the by-laws and such additional business as may be referred to it by the president or the board of directors. Except where special authority is given by the board of directors, such committees shall not take final action until a report shall have been made to the board and approved by them.

#### **Article VIII Duties of Committees**

Section 1. *Classifications Committee.* This committee shall make a classification survey of the community; shall compile from the survey a roster of filled and unfilled classifications using the outline of classifications as a guide; shall urge upon the members the importance of proposing names for the unfilled classifications; shall review, where necessary, existing classifications represented in the club; and shall counsel with the board of directors on all classification problems.

Section 2. *Membership Committee.* This committee shall consider all proposals for membership from the personal side and shall thoroughly investigate the character, business, social and community standing and general eligibility of all persons proposed for membership and shall report their decisions on all applications to the board of directors.

Section 3. *Program Committee.* This committee shall prepare and arrange the programs for the regular and special meetings of the club.

Section 4. *International Service Committee.* This committee shall devise and carry into effect plans which will guide and assist the members of this club in discharging their responsibilities in matters relating to international service. In the event committees are appointed on particular phases of international service, this committee shall supervise and coordinate the activities of such committees.

Section 5: *Rotary Foundation Committee.* This committee shall devise and carry into effect plans to give the members, especially the new members, adequate understanding of the Rotary foundation and to promote its activities.

**Article IX**  
**Leave of Absence**

Upon written application to the board of directors, setting forth good and sufficient cause, leave of absence may be granted, excusing a member from attending the meetings of the club for a specified length of time.

**NOTE:** Such leave of absence does operate to present a forfeiture of membership; it does not operate to give the club credit for the member's attendance. The excused member must be recorded as absent (unless he attends a regular meeting of some other club.)  
**Dues and meals must also be paid during such leave.**

**Article X**  
**Finances**

Section 1. All funds of the club shall be deposited in such depositories as the board of directors selects from time to time.

Section 2. After approval by the board of directors, all bills shall be paid by checks or orders signed by any two of the president, treasurer, secretary and executive secretary.

Section 3. The fiscal year of the club shall extend from July 1st to June 30th.

Section 4. At the beginning of each fiscal year the board of directors shall prepare or cause to be prepared a budget of estimated income and estimated expenditures for the year, which, having been agreed to by the board, shall stand as the limit of expenditures for the respective purposes unless otherwise ordered by action of the board.

**Article XI**  
**Method of Electing Members**

Section 1. The name of newly proposed member, having been proposed by two members in good standing, shall be submitted first to the board of directors, through the secretary, on a form known as the proposal card.

The board of directors shall then refer it to the Membership Committee who shall consider the eligibility of such proposed member from the standpoint of classification and declare the classification filled or unfilled and the proposed classification proper or improper.

The Membership Committee, after making due investigation of the character, business, social standing and general eligibility of the person proposed for membership, shall then proceed to vote and if not to exceed one negative vote is cast the name of the proposed member shall be considered eligible. The Membership Committee shall then report back to the board of directors the action that it has taken thereon.

The board of directors shall then review the action of the Membership Committee and sustain or reject their decisions or refer it back to the Membership Committee for further consideration and action.

If the Membership Committees has reported favorably upon the name of the newly proposed member and the board of directors has sustained the action, the secretary shall notify each member of the club in writing, giving the name of the proposed candidate, the firm represented and the classification under which he/she seeks

membership. A ten (10) day period shall then be allowed during which any member objecting to the election of the applicant shall notify the board of directors in writing, stating reasons for his/her objection. If no objection is received in such period, the applicant shall be considered duly elected.

If any objects have been filed, the board shall consider the same at any regular or special meeting and proceed to ballot on the application. If not to exceed one negative vote is cast, the proposed member shall be considered duly elected.

The applicant and the proposer shall then be notified by the secretary of the applicant's acceptance or rejection.

Section 2. *Honorary Members.* The names of proposed candidates for honorary membership shall be submitted to the board of directors in writing, and the election shall be in the same form and manner as prescribed for an active member, no signed application being required.

Section 3. *Past Service Members.* A former active member of a Rotary club, who became ineligible to active membership because of his/her retirement from active business or professional life and who has all the other qualifications for past service membership, may apply or may be proposed for past service membership. If his/her election is recommended by the board of directors, the secretary shall notify in writing all members of the club. A ten (10) day period shall then be allowed during which any member objecting to the election of the candidate shall notify the board of directors in writing, stating reasons for the objection. After the expiration of ten (10) days the board shall meet and consider such objections as may have been submitted. The board shall then proceed to ballot and if not to exceed one negative vote is cast, the proposed past service member shall be notified of his/her election.

**Article XII**  
**Resolutions and Subscriptions**

Section 1. No resolution or motion to commit this club on any matter shall be considered by the club until it has been considered by the board of directors. Such resolutions or motions, if offered at a club meeting, shall be referred, without discussion, to the board, which after having given consideration to the matter, shall submit its recommendations to the club. Having received the recommendations of the board the club may then proceed to take such action as may seem proper to the majority.

Section 2. Any appeal to the club, or to its members as Rotarians, for charitable or other subscriptions shall be handled in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Section 1 of this Article.

**Article XIII**  
**Order of Business**

Luncheon  
Meeting called to order  
Invocation  
Singing of America  
Introduction of visiting Rotarians & Guests  
Reading of correspondence and announcements  
Committee reports or announcements by committee chairpersons  
Discussion  
Address  
Adjournment

**Article XIV**  
**Amendments**

These by-laws 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 (10) days before such meeting. No amendment or addition to these by-laws can be made which is not in harmony with the club constitution and with the constitution and by-laws of Rotary International.

RESOLVED, That the foregoing Constitution and By-Laws, be and they are hereby adopted as the Constitution and By-Laws of THE ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA, and all previous acts of this Club which in any way may be in conflict with this Constitution or these By-Laws are hereby repealed, provided that noting in this Constitution or these By-Laws shall be construed to affect in a retroactive manner the members of any person now a member in good standing in this Club.

Peoria, IL, April 25, 1940  
Amended, June 28, 1950  
Amended, June 3, 1955  
Amended, April 25, 1957  
Amended, December 6, 1957  
Amended, June 1968  
Amended, September 1968  
Amended, July 1977  
Amended, September 1980  
Amended, July 1, 1988  
Amended, July 1, 1989  
Amended, August, 1991  
Amended, December 1994

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