



CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIAN DOCTORS

AMENDED - August 2004, June 2006, June 2009, May 2012

ARTICLE I - NAME

1. The name of the organisation shall be International Fellowship of Rotarian Doctors¹.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this Constitution is to set forth the mission, objectives, and internal procedures of the International Fellowship of Rotarian Doctors (hereafter "IFRD").
2. This fellowship operates in accordance with Rotary International policy, but is not an agency of, or controlled by Rotary International.

ARTICLE III - MISSION

1. The mission of IFRD is to develop a global friendly association of Rotarian Doctors and Allied Professionals who will support and promote Rotary International and its goals in their respective roles as physicians, scientists, and healers, to bring about world peace and understanding through high ethical standards in Service and Fellowship.

ARTICLE IV - OBJECTIVES

1. To encourage fellowship among Doctors and other health workers by arranging

regular meetings in each area/district/region, and

a get-together at International Conventions

an Annual General Meeting ("AGM").

¹ Constitutional amendment May 2012

2. To encourage participation in large scale health programs by volunteering, giving advice or service in other countries; also visiting and offering training, as well as, experiencing practice in other countries.
3. To maintain contact with other members of the Fellowship in adjacent or distant areas by visits, exchange programs or telemedicine and related activities.
4. To recognize individuals who have provided exceptionally unique service to their profession and to Rotary.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership is open to any Rotarian Doctor in good standing.
2. The term doctor will be used in its archaic meaning i.e. any person who treats disease; healer so that membership of the organisation will be open to Medical and allied Health Professionals worldwide within the Rotary movement.
3. Only 'Life members' may vote on any IFRD business or be elected as members of the Board. Associate and honorary members have voice in meetings and discussions, but not voting rights.
4. Life Members
 - 4.a These are eligible members, who pay the lifetime membership fee of £80 by paying it as a one-time fee at the time of joining.
 - 4.b Rotaract and Inner Wheel members cannot become Life members.
5. Associate Members
 - 5.a Rotary members, who leave Rotary become associate members by paying a one-time joining fee of £12.00
 - 5.b Associate members can also be Rotaractors, Inner Wheel members, spouses, family member, partners, or associates of Rotarians who gain their membership through the payment of a one-time joining fee of £12.00
6. Honorary Members
 - 6.a Honorary members are persons that the Board determines are of such unique and singular prestige or connection in their profession, that they

should be honoured with membership of the Fellowship.

- 6.b Any member may suggest an Honorary Member by writing to the Secretary.
- 6.c The Life membership fee may be paid by the nominator or waived by the Board.

ARTICLE VI - MEMBERSHIP FEES

- 1. Life members will pay a one- time fee of £80.00 at the time of joining
- 2. Associate members will pay a one-time fee of £12.00 at the time of joining.
- 3. The level of fees can be altered at the request of the Board but only with the approval by two-thirds majority of those voting paid up Members at the AGM (please see ARTICLE XI).

ARTICLE VII - DIRECTORS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: INTERNATIONAL BOARD

- 1. Fellowship Directors will include
 - 1.a Office Bearers - International Chairman, International Vice-Chairmen, International Secretary, International Membership Secretary, International Web Master and International Treasurer.
 - 1.b Immediate past Chairman, and up to five other Directors elected at the AGM.
- 2. The International Chairman will
 - 2.a Chair meetings of the Fellowship including meetings at the convention and represent the Fellowship to other organisations.
 - 2.b Coordinate, in consultation with other officers, the activities of the Fellowship including liaison with Rotary and other Fellowships in a democratic way.
 - 2.c Be the link person with Rotary International.
 - 2.d Help develop new Chapters of the Fellowship in areas/regions/districts.

3. International Vice-Chairmen
 - 3.a Will be a Member of the Board and chair the meetings or take action, in the International Chairman's absence and undertake any other duties assigned to him or her by the Board.
 - 3.b Number - generally, one but may be up to five. The number is to be determined by the Board.
4. International Membership Secretary will
 - 4.a Respond to enquiries, correspond with members and potential members; keep an up-to-date membership list, membership dues and other membership related issues in consultation with the Board.
 - 4.b Keep members informed of changes and important issues.
 - 4.c Communicate primarily by electronic means.
5. International Secretary Will
 - 5.a Organise meetings and activities of the Fellowship in consultation with other Directors, and
 - 5.b Decide upon the time and venue of meetings of the Board.
 - 5.c Be responsible for website, publications including Newsletter and correspondence (generally by electronic means) as required.
6. International Treasurer will
 - 6.a Keep accounting records concerning income and expenditure and undertake related correspondence for the Society.
 - 6.b Liaise with the Banks and Credit Card Companies.
 - 6.c Present a verified account at the Annual General Meeting each year.

ARTICLE VIII - INTERNATIONAL BOARD WILL

1. Consist of Directors with office (Article VII, Section 1a), Immediate Past-Chairman and up to five other Directors elected at the Annual General Meeting (Article VII, Section 1b).

2. Be the authority to undertake the business of the Fellowship.
3. Form a quorum with a third of total membership of the Board.
4. Have the power to Co-opt members of the Fellowship to the Board, as and when required.
5. Fill casual vacancies not otherwise provided by the constitution. .

ARTICLE IX - ORGANIZATION OF IFRD

1. Geographic

- 1.a IFRD is a worldwide organization of all Doctors and IFRD is responsible for all its activities anywhere in the world.
- 1.b In order to serve areas of the world more effectively, there may also be, subject to BOARD recommendations and approval by IFRD at any AGM, subordinate IFRD Areas and Zones.

2. Area/Zone Structure

- 2.a Will be on a similar basis with an Area or Zone, which is generally multidistrict depending on the geography.
- 2.b There will be an Area Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer within a local Executive body.
- 2.c The officers are subject to the same qualifications, nomination and election procedure set forth herein for IFRD.
- 2.d If a vacancy exists that is not immediately filled by that Area or Zone, the IFRD Chairman may appoint a successor, with the concurrence of the IFRD Board.
- 2.e The Area/Zone Committee shall submit a report annually to the International Board, ahead of the Convention.

3. Fund Solicitation

- 3.a No IFRD Area or Zone will solicit funds for IFRD or any of its component parts without approval of the IFRD Board.
- 3.b Areas and Zones are encouraged to create special promotional and recognition items, which must be approved in advance by the IFRD Board, but, once approved, may be sold to help generate funds for that specific Area/Zone.

4. Annual Election - Nominating Committee

- 4.a Chairman shall appoint a Nominating Committee, which will prepare a list of officers to be elected and submit them to the Board Chairman and Secretary, not less than thirty (30) days before the AGM, so that those names may be notified to the members in advance of the AGM.
- 4.b At the AGM, that list shall be presented to the AGM, subject to any additional nominations made from the floor.
- 4.c Members so nominated must give their consent and accept to undertake the duties, if elected.

5. Election

- 5.a Election or re-election of office bearers and members of the Board shall be held at the Annual General Meeting.
- 5.b Election is by majority vote of those paid up members present and eligible to vote (no proxies).
- 5.c Robert's Rules of Order shall guide all meeting processes.

ARTICLE X - SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

- 1. A special general meeting may be convened, at the request of a minimum of, twelve Members of the Fellowship. Notice shall be in writing to the Secretary.
- 2. Upon receipt of such notice, the Board shall call a Special General Meeting giving, at least, thirty days notice to the membership.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. The constitution can be amended or rescinded only at an Annual or a Special General Meeting with the consent of, at least, two thirds of the Life Members present and eligible to vote at the meeting.
2. Any member of IFRD may submit proposed Amendments to this Constitution, in writing, to the Board no later than three months prior to the next AGM.
3. The Board shall review and recommend approval or amendment or denial of any such proposal. The Board's decision will be final.
4. Each proposal with any amendments shall be voted upon separately, by the members in attendance at that AGM.

ARTICLE XII - DISSOLUTION

1. In the event of discontinuance of the activities of IFRD, the Board shall direct the Treasurer to donate the entire treasury balance, after payment of all debts, to The Rotary Foundation.

APPROVED AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 27th MAY 2012

Signed

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