

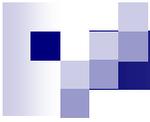
Preparation for the COL

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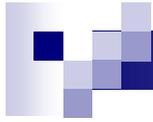


Your duties as a Representative

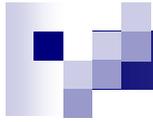
- Assist clubs in preparing their proposals for the Council
- Discuss proposed legislation at the district conference and/or other meetings
- Be knowledgeable of the existing attitudes of Rotarians within your district



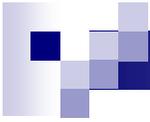
- Give critical consideration to all legislation proposed to the Council and communicate those views to the Council
- Act as an objective legislator of RI
- Attend the meeting of the Council for its full duration
- Report on the deliberations of the Council to your district's clubs



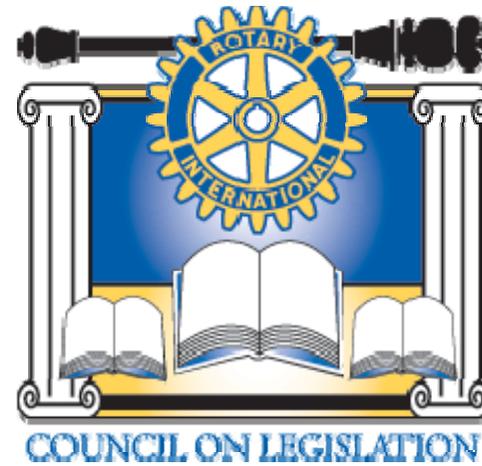
- Legislation books will be mailed to you by September 31st, 2009
- Study each item (refer to 2007 MOP)
 - Make a note of proposals you don't understand and if debate does not clarify your understanding, ask the Chair for information
 - Look at the broader context of the proposal
 - Is the proposal clear in its stated purpose?



- Have an open mind
 - Note your initial reaction but hold your opinions until you hear the proponents and opponents voice their arguments
- It is important that you are objective, acting in the best interest of all the worldwide clubs.



- Study the recommended *Rules of Procedure* but note that they are only RECOMMENDED and will only be adopted by the 2010 Council
- Try to solicit the views of your District's clubs and answer their questions
- Do not agree to be bound by a club's or your district's view as you must take into consideration Council debate



How will this affect
my club?

What is best for
Rotary International?



Spirit of the COL

1. Purpose of the Council:
 - What seems best for RI at this time?
 - Council is Rotary's agent for change.
 - Success is dependent upon atmosphere of tolerance and goodwill.
 - Members expected to conduct the Council's affairs with respect.
 - Disagreements must not be pursued in a disagreeable manner.
 - Never attack another representative's motives of character.



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2. The Council is conducted un the English Language:
 - Indicate the language in which they will be speaking.
3. State one's name and district number:
 - Speak slowly, distinctly, briefly.



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4. Other Practices:

- Go to the microphone when they have something to say which is substantive and necessary to add to the debate.
- Avoid speaking too often.
- Amendment to be presented in writing.
- The Chair and Vice Chair will do their best in presiding to be fair.