

History of the COL

PDG Y.H.Chang



In the beginning

- A Convention Resolutions Committee presented constitutional documents and resolutions to Convention for consideration

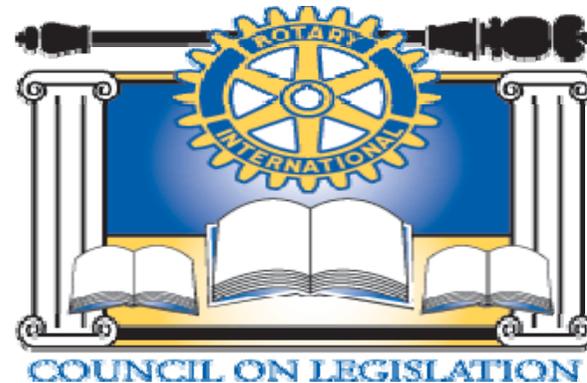


1934 Detroit Convention

- A 'screening body' to debate proposals and recommend action to the Convention
- First council consisted of current DGs or appointed Rotarians, including 9 representatives-at-large experienced in legislative matters
- 26 pieces of legislation discussed over three days and heard by about 100 attendees

Frequency of Councils

- Annually in first 20 years
- Bi-annually for next 20 years
- Tri-annually since 1974





Who were the delegates?

- After 1960 : could be governor, past governor, even incoming governor
- After 1974 : incoming governor allowed only if governor certified that no other qualified Rotarian was available



Today

- One representative per district – almost always a PDG
- All Past RI Presidents
- The General Secretary
- The RI Board
- Members of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee
- One TRF Trustee
- Maximum 3 members-at-large
- Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council



Its function

- Up to 1970 : a deliberative body which recommended action to the legislative body i.e. the Convention
- After 1972 : Council became the legislative body of RI with the authority to amend RI's constitutional documents



The Workload

- 1972 : 81 total proposals
- 1992 : 342 items*(272E*, 70R*)
- 1995 : 196 items (159E, 37R)
- 1998 : 282 items (196 E, 86 R)
- 2001 : 631 items (388 E, 243 R)
- 2004 : 476 items (250 E, 226 R)
- 2007 : 337 items (167E, 170R)

*Included 72 proposals from one club