

7 October 2019

Dear district governors and club presidents in Zone 8

In accordance with RI Bylaws section 11.020., the Nominating Committee for RI Director in Zone 8 recently certified that it selected Rotarian Jessie H. Harman, a member of the Rotary Club of Wendouree Breakfast, as a RI director in 2021–23. Rotarian Harman has stated that she is willing and able to serve as director, if elected.

RI President Maloney will declare Rotarian Harman as director-nominee from your zone on 1 December 2019 unless another qualified Rotarian has been duly proposed as a challenging candidate before 1 December. Any club in your zone at its regular meeting may adopt a resolution proposing a challenging candidate for RI director, provided that the challenger was among the candidates previously considered by the Nominating Committee. The following procedures must be followed to propose a challenge to the Nominating Committee's selection:

1. The club must submit a resolution to the governor, signed by the club president or secretary, naming a candidate who was previously suggested to the Nominating Committee.
2. The governor, either at the district conference or through a ballot, asks each club in the district if it concurs with the challenge resolution. If a majority of clubs in the district concur, the governor will forward the challenge to the general secretary **by no later than 1 December 2019**. Any challenges received by the general secretary after 1 December or that are incomplete cannot be considered.
3. If a valid challenge is received, the Secretariat will prepare and distribute an electronic ballot by 31 December, listing the choice of your zone's Nominating Committee and any challenging candidates who were endorsed by a majority of the clubs in the district.

Please note RI Bylaws section 13.010., which in part states:

Rotarians shall not campaign, canvass, or electioneer for elective position in RI, or allow any such activity, for either themselves or others. Unless expressly authorized by the board, this prohibition includes any distribution or circulation by themselves or others of brochures, literature, letters, materials, electronic media, or other communications to any clubs or members of clubs.

Any candidate who undertakes, or on whose behalf is undertaken, unauthorized and improper activities to further his or her candidacy is in violation of the bylaws and may

be disqualified by the RI Board.

Thank you in advance for your adherence to these procedures. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Corporate Governance staff at corporate.governance@rotary.org

Sincerely,

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