

## RESOLUTION 2024-05

### Remove Section XIII, C

Resolution submitted by Mike Altomare and the Merced Sunrise President and Board of Directors

**Background:** Remove Section XIII, C from District Policies and Procedures. The text to be removed is as follows:

C. Resolutions presented to the District Governor, in writing, at any time prior to the opening of the business meeting of the District Conference, with the consent of the District Governor may be presented from the floor. Such resolutions require a two-thirds vote for passage (rather than a simple majority)

Changes proposed via resolution will have long-term implications for all members. The current process, excluding section C, allows for sufficient notification to District Members and allows for discussion and development of arguments for and against proposed resolution.

The issue with section C is that resolutions can be presented at the District Conference without prior notification to District members. Section C sets up an unfair situation in that members that may oppose the resolution will not have sufficient opportunity to establish an adequate opposition message. This does not fit the 4-way test in that it is not fair to all concerned.

The process to change Policy and Procedures within District 5220 utilizes a resolution that is put forth by members, clubs, committees within the District.

#### **Current language:**

#### XIII. MODIFICATIONS OR ADDITIONS TO DISTRICT POLICIES

A. Modifications or additions to District Policies shall be made by resolutions only, adopted at the Annual District Conference. Resolutions proposing a District policy change may only be initiated as detailed in this section.

1. On or before a date fixed by the Governor, and being at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual District Conference, the Governor, or Governor-Elect, any past Governor of District 5220 who resides within the District, any president or club secretary, may propose a resolution, in writing, and direct it to the Governor.

2. On or before fifty-five (55) days prior to the annual District Conference, the Governor shall forward all resolutions which propose a change or modification in the policy manual, and initiated according to the manual, to the District Resolutions Committee.

3. On or before thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for the District Conference, the District Resolution Committee shall prepare and distribute copies of all the resolutions, to be presented to the Conference, to each club President, President-Elect, Governor, Governor Elect, Governor-Nominee, and each past Governor of District 5220 who resides therein.

4. At a time and place during the District Conference, designated by the Governor, each resolution proposing a policy change or modification shall be presented by the Chairman for discussion and recommendation for Conference action.

B. All decisions and elections that these policies specify occur at the District Conference or the Assembly may be made by the clubs of the district with a ballot-by-mail. Such ballot-by-mail shall follow as nearly as possible by the procedures for voting at a District Conference.

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**Proposed Change:**

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**Action:** Review and consider for adoption and immediate implementation upon approval.