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Bylaws of the Rotary E-Club of Global Trekkers D7690, North Carolina, USA

Article 1 Definitions

1. Board: The club's board of directors
 2. Director: A member of the club's board of directors
 3. Member: A member of the club, other than an honorary member
 4. Quorum: The minimum number of participants who must be present when a vote is taken: one-third of the club's members for club decisions and a majority of the directors for club board decisions
 5. RI: Rotary International
 6. Year: The 12-month period that begins on 1 July and ends on 30 June
 7. TRF The Rotary Foundation (TRF)
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Article 2 Board

The governing body of this club is its board of officers and directors, consisting of, at a minimum, the officers of president, immediate past president, president-elect, secretary, executive-secretary and treasurer. In addition to this the board will consist of up to 12 additional positions as indicated in Article 3 and detailed in Article 4.

Article 3 Elections and Terms of Office

Section 1 — One month before elections, members nominate candidates for president and any other open director position. The nominations may be presented by a nominating committee, by members from the floor, or both. Article 7 details the method of voting.

Section 2 — The candidate who receives a majority of the votes for each office is declared elected to that office.

Section 3 — If any director vacates his or her position, the remaining members of the board will appoint a replacement.

Section 4 — If any director-elect vacates a position, the remaining members of the board-elect will appoint a replacement.

Section 5 — The term of office for every director position is one year beginning on July 1st.

Article 4 Duties of Club Directors

Section 1 — The **President** presides at club and board meetings and performs other duties that pertain to that office. These include appointing committee chairs and members; conducting club assemblies; helping to create a budget and manage club finances; developing a safe environment for youth participants; working with the district and assistant governor; etc.

Section 2 — The **Immediate Past-President** serves as a director on the club board. In addition, this individual will mentor new members to the club.

Section 3 — The **President-elect** will run club and board meetings in the absence of the president and will be a member of all committees. Moreover, this individual will prepare for next year by assessing the club's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and risks in order to set goals; develop an action plan for achieving next year's goals; identify individuals who will serve as next year's committee chairs; plan to ensure continuity in leadership and service projects; attend presidents-elect training seminar; and attend district training assembly.

Section 4 — It shall be the duty of the **Executive Secretary** to keep membership records; work with the Sergeant-At-Arms to record and report meeting attendance; send out notices for club and board meetings; prepare an agenda for club and board meetings; record and disseminate the minutes to all members no later than 60 days after the meeting; report changes in membership; supervise and establish RI official magazine subscriptions; and perform other duties as usually pertain to the office of secretary.

Section 5 — The **Secretary** will work with the executive secretary to handle such administrative tasks that they decide to share.

Section 6 —The **Treasurer** manages club funds; bills and collects dues and fees; reports on the state of the club's finances; works with The Rotary Foundation; and helps develop the budget prior to each new Rotary Year. The treasurer must reside in the area serviced by the club's bank.

Section 7 — The **Foundation Chair** is the advocate and salesperson for The Rotary Foundation (TRF). The job includes helping to establish, monitor and report on Foundation giving goals; attending Grants Management Seminar; helping to write, administer and report on district and global grants; recruiting members to attend the district Foundation Banquet; and seeing that at least one regular club presentation about TRF is given during or near November – "Foundation Month."

Section 8—The **PolioPlus Chair** is the advocate for the End Polio campaign. The job includes creating and supporting opportunities for club members and the community to contribute towards polio eradication. This includes our "Happy Dollars" segment at weekly meetings, district level initiatives, World's Greatest Meal events and World Polio Day commemoration on October 24th annually.

Section 9 — The **Membership Committee Chair** job is also one of advocacy and committee leadership. Every member of the club is also a member of the "Membership Committee." It is the duty of the membership chair to devise and implement incentives – approved by the Board – to reward members who bring new people to the club.

Section 10 — The **Youth Services Chair** will administer the club's youth services projects.

Section 11 — The **Service Chair** will document information on all individual member projects and those group projects that do not specifically fall under other club departments

Section 12 —The **Public Relations/Public Image Chair** maintains the club's social media presence on the internet by posting or getting others to post material advertising club activities. This can include preparing information items for the Rotary Showcase. In addition, this individual monitors club activities looking for opportunities to advertise to other Rotary clubs or through traditional media outlets.

Section 13 — The **Communications Chair** maintains and augments the club's video library

Section 14 —The **Family of Rotary (FOR) Chair** organizes "FOR" activities in which club members, family members and friends participate in service projects or fun activities which are intended to boost camaraderie.

Section 15 —The **President-Nominee** is to be a contributing member of all club committees.

Section 16 —The **Sergeant-At-Arms** maintains order in club meetings and performs other duties as may be prescribed by the president or the Board.

Section 17 —The **Partnership Chair** will develop and report on partnerships with outside organizations

Section 18 —The **Fundraising Committee Chair** will coordinate all fundraising projects within the club via a Fundraising Committee to develop a club plan directing fundraising profits to support club service projects, to monitor shortfalls in funding in relation to club commitments, and to continually generate and investigate possible new fundraising ideas.

Article 5 Meetings

Section 1 —An annual meeting of this club is to be held no later than 31 December to elect the officers and directors who will serve for the next Rotary year.

Section 2 —This club meets on **Monday at 6:00 PM (18:00)** New York City time (GMT – 4). There will be no club meeting during the weeks of Thanksgiving or Christmas. Club meetings will also be cancelled when a meeting occurs on the following dates: April 25-ANZAC Day (Australia) and July 4th - US Independence Day (USA). Reasonable notice of any change or cancellation of the regular meeting will be given to all club members.

Method of Meeting

Video-conferencing sessions will be initiated 10+ minutes prior to official start time. Typical meeting formats are at the discretion of the Club President. For example: Happy Dollars | Guest speaker with Q&A | Club business | Four-Way Test. Video-conferencing sessions are kept open for those who wish to continue visiting. Meeting is recorded for review for those who could not attend and for 'make-up meetings.'

Global Trekkers Dedicated Zoom Room: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82191334091>

Section 3 —Board meetings are held monthly – or as necessary – after or in place of the regular meeting. Special meetings of the board are called with reasonable notice by the president or upon the request of two directors. Board votes can be taken via email through “Flying Minutes.” However, such actions must be reported as information items in the minutes of the next regular Board meeting. In addition, if approval of the “Flying Minute” was not unanimous, vote on the item must be retaken at the next regular Board meeting.

Article 6 Dues

In Rotary we always pay in advance for the benefits we receive from our membership. Club dues are in US Dollars. Annual club dues include RI per capita dues, a subscription to The Rotarian or a Rotary regional magazine, district per capita dues, club fees, and any other Rotary or district per capita assessment.

Category of Membership	Amount per year
US Residents	US\$500 *
Non-US Residents	US\$300

* Membership Discount.

1. Dues for US Residents for membership during their first 12 months will be US\$250.
2. For International new members, the fee will remain \$300.00 US Dollars prorated by the number of months remaining in the first Rotary Year of their membership.
3. Family members who live in the same household will pay \$250.00 US Dollars each year, again prorated by the number of months remaining in the first Rotary Year of their membership.
4. Regardless of residency, and subject to the discounts listed above, student dues are US\$300 for all the years an individual remains a student and for one year, thereafter, as a transitional period between study and work.
5. US\$100 is deducted from membership dues and paid by the Club to Annual Fund Share.

All dues are paid as follows:

- (i) Preferably, annually in one lump sum in response to an invoice issued May 1st.
- (ii) Or in three equal installments in response to invoices issued on the 1st of May, September and January.

All invoices will state that payment is “Due Upon Receipt.”

Article 7 Method of Voting

The business of this club is conducted by voice vote. Regarding the election of directors: If more than one candidate emerges for any position, the nominations duly made shall be placed on a ballot in alphabetical order and shall be voted on by the general club membership prior to the time of the Annual General Meeting. Under this circumstance the members will email their votes to an executive committee consisting of the president, president-elect, executive secretary, secretary and treasurer who will identify the candidates who have received the majority of votes. The board may also provide a ballot for a vote on some resolutions.

Article 8 Committees

Section 1 — Club committees coordinate their efforts to achieve the club's annual and long-term goals. Each club should have the committees listed in Article 13, Section 7, of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution: club administration, membership, public image, TRF and service projects.

Section 2 — The president, president-elect and president-nominee are ex officio members of all committees and, as such, have all the privileges of membership.

Section 3 — Each committee's chair is responsible for the regular meetings and activities of their committee, supervises and coordinates its work, and reports to the board on all committee activities.

Article 9 Finances

Section 1 — Before each fiscal year starts, with the special assistance of the treasurer, the board prepares an annual budget of estimated income and expenditures.

Section 2 — The treasurer deposits club funds in a financial institution or institutions designated by the board, divided into three accounts: one for club operations, one for district grants money, and one for other service projects. Additionally, separate accounts for any global grants must be established.

Section 3 — Bills are paid by the treasurer or another authorized officer. Only one signature on a check is required. Individuals with signature authority must reside in the geographic area served by the club's bank. These individuals include the treasurer and, generally, also an executive secretary and secretary. Before a check is signed, written (email or otherwise) approval must be given by at least two entities: president, treasurer, secretary, executive secretary or the Board.

Section 4 — The treasurer conducts a thorough annual review of all financial transactions and reports to the board.

Section 5 — Club members will receive an annual financial statement of the club.

Section 6 — The fiscal year is from 1 July to 30 June.

Article 10 Method of Electing Members

Section 1 — A member proposes a candidate for membership to the board, or another club proposes one of its transferring or former members.

Section 2 — The board approves or rejects the candidate's membership within 30 days and notifies the proposing member of its decision.

Section 3 — If the board approves the candidate's membership, the prospective member is invited to join the club.

Section 4 — Referral Incentive Program - A \$25 honorary donation will be awarded to the home club of any Rotarian who successfully facilitates a new membership referral to the Rotary E-Club of Global Trekkers.

Article 11 Corporate Memberships

Corporate membership is permitted. With this form of alternative membership, an individual is to be included as an Active member with all the benefits that other Active dues paying members enjoy. The dues follow guidelines outlined in Article 6. However, attendance at regular club meetings is not required. Each corporate membership is associated with one and only one person. This type of membership is designed to accommodate individuals who wish to belong to the club but generally cannot attend meetings due to time conflicts with business or other obligations.

Article 12 Friend Category of Membership

A special Global Trekker category of membership called "Friend" is permitted. This category of membership recognizes an affiliation between the individual and the club. There are no dues, and the bearer of this title has no rights or privileges as a Rotarian or as a Global Trekker. However, it is a way of recognizing a bond between a person and our club. Designation as a "Friend" will be made by an affirmative vote of the Board at any time. The Board can remove any individual from this classification at any time, although this status requires annual evaluation. Movement to become a RI recognized member of Active or Honorary in Global Trekkers comes with automatic removal as a "Friend."

Article 13 Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular club meeting. Changing the club Bylaws requires sending written notice to each member 10 days before the meeting, having a quorum present for the vote, and having two-thirds of the votes support the change. Changes to these Bylaws must be consistent with the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, the RI Constitution and Bylaws, and the Rotary Code of Policies.

Article 14 Organizing Principles

The Object of Rotary and of the Rotary E-Club of Global Trekkers D7690 North Carolina USA is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- First.* The development of acquaintances as an opportunity for service;
- Second.* High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarians occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarians personal, business, and community life;
- Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The purpose of the Rotary E-Club of Global Trekkers: to pursue the Object of Rotary International, contribute to the advancement of Rotary by strengthening membership, support The Rotary Foundation, develop leaders beyond the club level, and carry out successful service projects based on the seven avenues of focus: peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; community economic development, and support the environment.

The intent of this Rotary club is that it is organized exclusively for charitable purposes under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Our Charter: The effective date of our organization was 1 July 2017. The Rotary E-Club of Global Trekkers (Club #6087), D7690 North Carolina USA has and will continue to function as an unincorporated association. Pursuant to the requirements of Rotary International, the Rotary E-Club of Global Trekkers D7690 North Carolina USA has adopted the prescribed standard Rotary club constitution.

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions if furtherance of the purposes described in Section 501 (c)(3) of the USA Internal Revenue Code. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

These revised Bylaws are approved with Board Approval in the Rotary year 2026-2027.