

Minutes of the District 5130 District Conference Business Meeting

Fortuna River Lodge, Fortuna, CA

May 3, 2025

Attending:

Sergio Almeida, RI Global Support Seminar Lead Facilitator

Jim O'Grady, DG (2024-25)

Tom Boylan, PDG (2023-24)

Kristine Redko, DGE (2025-26)

Jeff Kolin, DGN (2026-27)

Jack Strange, DGNE (2027-28)

Penny Millar, District Secretary (2024-27)

Various other AG's, Club Presidents and President Elects

Total in attendance – 42

Call to order 4pm by Jim O'Grady.

Welcome and thanks for a great year.

Kristine Redko presented the District Budget for 2025-26. This budget was approved at PETS.

Discussion items:

No District dues increase for 2025-26. Future increases to be discussed and at a District Board Meeting.

RI dues increase – \$3.50 increase for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027, and \$3.75 increase for 2027-2028 and 2028-2029.

Request for Club Treasurer training, not during tax season, possibly fall. Possible multiple sessions and/or have the training recorded.

Tom Boylan gave a demonstration of the website GivingTime.org which was created to bring community awareness of Rotary clubs and the projects they are doing, and to encourage anyone interested in participating to contact the clubs. The site stems from a Zone 26 & 27 membership grant. It launched April 5, 2025. The number of views is encouraging.

Jeff Kolin discussed the District 5130 Crisis Communication and Management Policy that is in place. See **Appendix A**. He said the immediate PDG is the Chair of the Crisis Communication and Management Team, but this role is not specified in the ByLaws as one of the duties of the PDG. Jeff provided the necessary ByLaws change to Article XI Item 4a to add "and Chair of the Crisis Management Team." See **Appendix B**. Marilyn Lira moved to add this wording to the ByLaws; Cathie Gernhardt 2nd. The motion passed.

Sergio Almeida discussed four of the 86 Enactments at the Council on Legislation. PDG Kathy Flamson was the District 5130 Representative. The full set of enactments is attached in Appendix C. Sergio specifically talked about four enactment he felt could most impact our clubs.

25-07 – The change in the minimum number of members to start a new club has be decreased from 20 to 15 members.

25-28 – Allows RI to terminate the membership of an individual who engaged in egregiously bad behavior. While it is the obligation of the member's club to address the bad behavior, there may be instances where the club or the District do not act. RI's previous remedy was to revoke the club's charter or do nothing. There are appropriate due process controls to assure that an individual member has a right to present their side of the situation.

25-49 – RI dues increases for years 2025 through 2029. See amounts above as presented by Kristine.

25-72 – Removes the requirement for Districts to hold an annual District Conference.

Jim O'Grady managed the drawing of names of Rotary Clubs to be on the DG Election Committee. Ineligible are the clubs the DG, DGE and DGN are from. The list of Clubs were assigned a playing card number and suit. A card was selected at random. The matching club will be responsible to select a Rotarian to be on the Committee.

Selected Clubs:

Fortuna Sunrise

Napa Sunrise

Healdsburg Sunrise

Alternate Clubs:

Petaluma Sunrise

Rohnert Park Cotati

St. Helena

Meeting adjourned 5pm.