

Memo – Concerning the Agenda for the “General Meeting” on June 9, 2025 for Former District 2410

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The reason for this memo is that I have observed actions that do not align with Rotary's values and guidelines. As a Rotarian, I feel obligated to act—and I choose to do so openly and clearly through this document.

! Fundamental Issues:

District 2410 ceased to exist on July 1, 2024, and no longer functions as a legal or organizational entity within Rotary. Holding a 'general meeting' under its name is therefore not in line with Rotary's structural or procedural principles.

! Risk Areas in the Agenda:

1. Adoption of new bylaws (item 9): A formally dissolved district cannot adopt bylaws. There is no legal or organizational basis to do so.
2. Election of board and auditors (items 10–11): These suggest an attempt to maintain a parallel decision-making structure, which risks causing division within the district.
3. Decision on signatories and powers of attorney (item 12): Granting financial authority under a defunct district framework raises serious concerns.
4. Project Fund (item 14): Any such fund must now be managed under District 2405. Operating it separately risks undermining financial transparency and trust.

Third “General Meeting” – Despite Formal Dissolution:

This would be the third 'general meeting' convened for a district that has already been formally dissolved. Calling another meeting under the old structure creates confusion, concern, and undermines the message of unity within the district.

Reference – Minutes from March 12, 2025:

- District 2410 was formally dissolved.
- Remaining funds were to be transferred to District 2405 and managed as a common project fund.
- Clubs from former District 2370 were to be informed and invited – which did not happen.
- The meeting ended with the decision to close District 2410.

Despite this, a third 'general meeting' is now being called without inclusion of 2370 clubs, which goes against Rotary's principles and earlier decisions.

Lack of Broad Support and Clear Anchoring:

It is unclear whether the clubs from former District 2370 have responded to the proposal to participate in the project fund, or whether they accept the proposed fee of SEK 275 per member. Launching financial commitments without consensus and transparency from all affected clubs contradicts Rotary's core values.

Additionally, this fund must not be perceived as an alternative or competitor to The Rotary Foundation. Creating a parallel structure can lead to confusion and erode Rotary's global coherence.

Comment on Message Sent May 12, 2025:

The latest message to clubs in the former District 2410 confirms that there is now an attempt to transform the old district structure into a new non-profit organization called 'Project Fund of Rotary District 2405'.

It is important to clarify that this is not an official Rotary body and has not been sanctioned by District 2405 or Rotary International. Using Rotary's name in this context, without formal approval, is misleading and may confuse clubs and undermine trust.

Non-profit organizations and project funds may of course be formed, but this must be done clearly outside of Rotary's official district framework, without giving the impression that it is part of the official structure.

Summary Assessment:

The meeting planned for June 9, 2025, is now presented as an 'Extra General Meeting' for the non-profit organization registered under 832401-3542, formerly linked to District 2410. A name change to 'Project Fund of Rotary District 2405' is proposed.

Even though this is formally a meeting of a separate legal entity, it is evident that Rotary's name, structure, and trust are being used in a context that is not aligned with District 2405 or Rotary International.

I strongly recommend that we as the District Team clearly state that this is not an official Rotary structure, and that the name may not be used without formal approval from the district and Rotary International.

It is essential that the non-profit organization either immediately aligns itself with Rotary's guidelines and establishes an open, transparent collaboration within the framework of District 2405 — or clearly declares that it operates outside the Rotary organization, and therefore may not use Rotary's name, brand, or structure.

Transparency, unity, and respect for Rotary's shared framework must apply in these matters as well.

Kind regards,
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