

MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE OF DISTRICT MANAGED PROGRAMS

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

At the January 2013 District Board meeting the Board resolved to adopt a formal policy for the term of service of members of management committees of District Managed Programs (DMPs).

The policy adopted reads –

“No person shall be eligible to serve on the same management committee of a District Managed Program for more than three (3) years. No person who has served on a management committee of a District Managed Program for three (3) years shall be eligible for subsequent appointment to the same committee. These provisions do not apply to an ex officio member of any committee. In calculating service on management committees of District Managed Programs this policy only applies to service on and from 1 July 2013.”

The important points to note are the following –

- (i) the policy applies only to DMPs not District Endorsed Programs (DEPs) by reason that DEPs are accountable to the sponsoring club whereas DMPs are accountable to the DG and the District Board;
- (ii) the policy is not retrospective and thus it is only service on and from 1 July 2013 that is used in calculating time of service on management committees;
- (iii) there is no impediment to a Rotarian spending more than three (3) years on management committees of more than one DMP, just a prohibition on serving more than three (3) years on the management committee of the same DMP.

The policy mirrors substantially the RI Bylaw regarding term of service on RI committees which is strictly enforced.

The Rotary model, which has worked so well for in excess of a century, aims to regularly refresh committees with the introduction of new members of committees with new ideas and enthusiasm.

The policy aims to achieve the objectives of –

- (i) regularly refreshing the composition of management committees;
- (ii) creating the need for succession planning for management committees;
- (iii) creating opportunities for more Rotarians in the District to become involved in DMPs;
- (iv) creating opportunities for Rotarians to become involved in multiple DMPs during their time in Rotary.

It will be the responsibility of Avenue of Service Chairs to assist management committees to develop succession plans for the introduction of new members to their committees and to enforce the policy in consultation with the DG of the day.