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**Dear Gyro Club President and Gyro Friend,**

Greetings from Gyro International.

You may remember that restructuring our organization is a response to continued declining membership in our fraternity. This decline created imbalances in the geographic distribution of our members with the result that some Districts had barely any clubs in them.

The solution that the International Executive Council (EC)<sup>1</sup>, proposed – and that was overwhelmingly adopted across Gyro – was to merge the existing nine Districts into three, roughly divided into Eastern (new District 1), Central (new District 2) and Western North America (new District 3)<sup>2</sup>. We list the following implications for your information and hope you will pass this on to your membership.

### ***Districts***

The new Districts, numbered 1 – 3, will have a different structure from the present one. There will be no Executive Boards and, hence, no Board members to be elected and no meetings to be recorded and reported to members.

### ***Fees***

Since there will be no Boards, there will be no separate District budgets, so Clubs will no longer pay District fees, as they have in the past. This will represent a saving, the size of which will depend on the number of Club members. Each District will, however, have a Governor (see below).

### ***Conventions***

Though co-operation between Clubs in the new Districts is expected – indeed, encouraged – the Annual District Conventions will be discontinued. This means that any joint activities between Clubs will need to be organised and funded separately. Nothing prevents Clubs from deciding to hold a District-wide event to keep in touch with Gyros who would formerly have met up at the District Convention.

### ***Current District Governors***

Currently, each District in Gyro elects its own Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer (if the post is separate from that of Secretary), and Secretary (assuming the post is not combined with that of Treasurer). The Governor or his nominee (usually the Lt Governor) participates in the Board of Governors. He is also mandated to attend the International Convention and

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<sup>1</sup> The International Executive Council is elected every year during the International Convention at the Annual General Meeting.

<sup>2</sup> D1: current Districts I, III, VI and X; D2: current Districts II, VII, and VIII; D3: current Districts IV and IX.

participate in the International AGM on behalf of his District's member-clubs if they have not sent their own delegate.

At the end of his term, the Governor automatically remains a Past District Governor (PDG), who participates in meetings as PDG and, importantly, assists the District in locating and recommending candidates for office. The role of PDG will take on new importance in the restructured Gyro.

### ***New District Governors***

The selection of the Governors for the three new Districts takes place in three stages starting after January 1, 2026:

1. A Gyro International appointed District Governor Nominating Chairman will convene a committee of PDGs and the current governors, to canvas club Presidents to seek expressions of interest from among their members. This may be done by polling their members or by approaching likely candidates. Potential candidates prepared to run for election as Governor must be approved by their Clubs.
2. Candidates who emerge from this process are reviewed by the Nominating Committee, and if appropriate their names will be forwarded to the EC for approval. The list of candidates are then sent to all clubs in the District for which they are running.
3. A Gyro International appointed District Governor Election Chairman will operate the election in each District where clubs will vote according to the amount of votes allowed in By-Laws Chapter 3. Article III. Section 1.

The role of the new Governors will be to guide inter-Club interactions in the District, mentor Clubs, and act as a conduit of communication between Clubs and the EC in consultation with District Advisory Committees made up of representatives from each club. In this last respect, the new District Governors will sit on the EC as full members.

### ***Timing***

The Executive Council has decided that the current nine District Governors will remain on the Board of Governors and represent their Clubs up to and including the Convention in 2026. As a result, the end of the existing structure will occur at the conclusion of the 2026 AGM on July 16, 2026. The new Executive Council that includes the new District Governors will be installed at the International Convention in Calgary, Alberta, Canada from 13 to 17 July. There is an attachment to this letter summarizing the implementation timeline described above.

A copy of this mailed letter has gone to your members by email so please discuss at a club meeting. I hope that all this is clear and, of course, the Executive Council stand ready to respond to enquiries from you and your club. Please address them by email to [SecretaryTreasurer@gyro.org](mailto:SecretaryTreasurer@gyro.org).

In Gyro Friendship,

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