

The Gyro Implementation Committee

December 4, 2025, 5:00 pm

Attendees:

Daniel Durbin - Chair	Colm Foy
Alan Pentney – Co-Chair	Greg Alexander
Mike Jenkins	Glee Stocker
Larry Duba	Richard Parnell
JD Dawson	Don Grieg
Dan Bliss	Steve Anderson

The Gyro Implementation and Restructuring Committee met on December 4th at 5 pm to review the discipline section of the Model Constitution and Bylaws. Alan, who has been working extensively on the document, was thanked for his efforts. The committee discussed the need to review and confirm the accuracy of the verbiage in the discipline section. Daniel noted that despite some members not being able to attend, those present were committed to the process.

Club Bylaws Review Meeting

The meeting focused on reviewing and discussing changes to the club's bylaws, particularly regarding membership discipline and director terms. Alan highlighted changes made by the Executive Committee, including adding "active" to membership requirements and making certain membership terms optional. The group discussed staggering director terms to maintain continuity, though Alan noted this was optional and not a necessity. Colm pointed out a need to clarify language regarding elected officers and directors in the bylaws.

Gyro Membership Dues Clarification

The group discussed membership definitions in Article 4, Item 1 of the Gyro International bylaws, clarifying that active members must be male and pay international dues, while clubs can have female members who pay only club dues. Alan explained that while there was an informal understanding about women's membership in some clubs, this was not formally agreed upon in 2017, as Mike Jenkins had understood. The discussion concluded with agreement to add a sentence

specifying international dues requirements for active members to provide greater clarity, as some clubs had been confused about the membership rules.

Document Language Review Meeting

The meeting focused on reviewing and clarifying language in a document, particularly regarding club operations and dissolution. Daniel and Alan discussed modifying wording to improve clarity, with Colm and others contributing to refine specific phrases. They agreed to remove "who are physically" from a section about insufficient active members. The group also briefly touched on electronic voting, though Alan noted it wasn't detailed in the current document.

Club Voting Procedures Discussion

The group discussed voting procedures outlined in the club bylaws, with a focus on electronic voting and proxy voting. They clarified that while proxy voting is not permitted, electronic voting is allowed under the current bylaws, though it was noted that such votes are not truly secret. Colm raised concerns about his club's requirement for majority approval, which differs from the template bylaws, and Richard confirmed that clubs can modify the template to suit their specific needs.

Club Policies and Role Clarifications

The group discussed club membership disqualification policies, agreeing to make it a recommendation that requires a specific percentage of votes rather than a fixed number, based on club size. They reviewed changes to the vice president role, clarifying that the position assists the president and acts in their absence. The group also approved financial policies requiring two check signatures for disbursements, with the treasurer being one of them, and clarified that no executive committee members can receive remuneration beyond normal expenses.

Robert's Rules and Nominations Review

The meeting focused on reviewing and revising documents related to Robert's Rules and district governor nominations. Alan presented a cheat sheet for Robert's Rules, which the group agreed to place on the website under Club Resources. They discussed changes to the district governor nomination form, including removing unnecessary language and adding email contact information. The group decided to approve the revised selection process by email before presenting it to the Board of Governors. They also agreed to schedule a follow-up meeting in December to finalize the Bylaws and Robert's Rules documents for the website.

Next steps

- Alan: Make specified changes to the model constitution and bylaws (e.g., clarify "active member" to include "paying international dues", revise dissolution wording, update finance section as discussed, italicize optional/recommendatory sections, etc.) and circulate updated version to committee for review.
- Daniel: Distribute meeting notes to all committee members.
- Alan/Daniel: Coordinate to send out the Robert's Rules "cheat sheet" and related resources to all club presidents, incoming district governors, and/or all club officers, and ensure it is posted on gyro.org under Club Resources.
- Alan: Officially appoint the three tentative chairmen for the District Governor Nominating Committees after January 1st.
- Alan/Daniel: After changes are made to the Bylaws and Robert's Rules documentation, seek approval from the Board of Governors at their February meeting.
- Daniel/Alan: Schedule and communicate the next meeting date (or confirm email-based consensus process) once all changes are ready for review.