

**QUESTIONS
OFTEN
ASKED
BY GYROS**

WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE EC?

- **EC IS COMPOSED OF SIX GYROS, FIVE SELECTED BY A NOMINATING COMMITTEE.**
- **THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF PIPs IN RESIDENCE AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION.**
- **EACH YEAR THE COMMITTEE, AFTER INTERVIEWS, NOMINATES A CANDIDATE TO BE A NEW 3RD UP.**
- **THEY REVIEW CURRENT OFFICER PERFORMANCE.**
- **THE SLATE OF OFFICERS IS PRESENTED TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR ELECTION.**

WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE EC?

- **ELECTED ARE: PRESIDENT, 1 VP, 2 VP, 3 VP, IPIP.**
- **EACH SERVES FIVE YEARS IN ASCENDING ORDER.**
- **EACH OFFICER HAS ONE VOTE ON ISSUES.**
- **S/T IS ALSO A VOTING MEMBER OF THE EC.**
- **S/T HOWEVER IS APPOINTED BY THE EC ONLY, AND SERVES AT THEIR PLEASURE UNDER CONTRACT.**
- **THUS, EC IS COMPOSED OF SIX MEMBERS.**

WHAT DO THEY DO?

PRESIDENT:

- **Presides at all meetings, of the Convention, the Board of Governors and the Executive Council.**
- **It is the duty of the President to generally supervise direct and control, the affairs of this organization, the execution of an annual visitation program and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of the President.**

WHAT DO THEY DO?

1ST VICE PRESIDENT:

- **Performs all the duties of the President, in the event of his absence or disability.**
- **In the event of the death or resignation of the President, the 1st Vice President succeeds to the office of the President to serve for his unexpired term.**
- **Generally, the 1st Vice-President is charged with attention to external and internal expansion.**

WHAT DO THEY DO?

2ND VICE PRESIDENT:

- **Represents this Organization in his respective area, and to execute such assignments and duties as are delegated to him by the Executive Council.**
- **The 2nd Vice-President is expected to communicate by letter at least once each year with all large clubs and with each new club joining the Organization.**
- **Other duties as may be assigned by the BOG.**

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3RD VICE PRESIDENT:

- **Represents this Organization in his respective area, and to execute such assignments and duties as are delegated to him by the Executive Council.**
- **The 3rd Vice-President is expected to communicate by letter once every year, with the International Associates and each Gyro club with less than 25 members.**
- **Other duties as may be assigned by the BOG.**

WHAT DO THEY DO?

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:

- Serves as a member of the **Executive Council**, but he is not an **Officer of the Organization**.
- He serves as the **Chairman of the Nominating Committee** for all elective offices of the **Organization** and acts as the **installing officer** at the **International Convention**.
- It is also his responsibility to act as a resource to the other members of the **Executive Council**.
- Other duties as may be assigned by the **BOG**.

WHAT DO THEY DO?

SECRETARY-TREASURER:

- **Keeps accurate records of all business transacted, at all meetings of the Convention, the Board of Governors and the Executive Council.**
- **He is the keeper of the Official Seal and is responsible for the safe keeping and perpetuation of the books and records of the Gyro Organization.**
- **He actively encourages and assists in the extension of Gyro throughout the world.**

WHAT DO THEY DO?

SECRETARY-TREASURER:

- **He must constantly be communicating, in writing, with all clubs and Districts to keep advised of their activities and progress.**
- **The Secretary-Treasurer is required perform all other duties as prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws.**
- **He is expected to perform the duties associated with the Offices of Secretary and Treasurer, as well as, duties assigned to him by either the Convention, the Board of Governors and the Executive Council.**

WHAT DO THEY DO?

SECRETARY-TREASURER:

- **The Secretary-Treasurer is responsible for the collection all monies due to the Organization and the disbursement of the same, and must present a detailed report to the Convention, the Board of Governors and the Executive Council.**
- **The Secretary-Treasurer is appointed by the Executive Council and serves under a mutually agreed upon contract at an agreed upon compensation.**
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SECRETARY-TREASURER:

- **He is also Managing Editor of the GyroScope magazine.**
- **If so appointed he may also act as Editor of the GyroScope, responsible for creativity, production, printing & mailing.**
- **As Editor, he is also responsible for creating and update of the International website.**
- **As Editor, he is also responsible for other similar efforts as may from time to time by required.**
- **The Editor serves under contract to the EC**

EC ROLE, GOVERNANCE, AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

- **Its duties and authority are set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws and as delegated to it by the Convention or the Board of Governors.**
- **The Council sets the individual duties and responsibilities of its members. Among these is the assignment of a group of member clubs to each International Officer for all such friendly follow-ups as maybe for the good of the order, both externally and internally.**
- **Also assigned visitations to District Conventions with individual club meetings, as often as feasible, so that all clubs are visited by an International Officer once every three years.**

PDG ROLE, GOVERNANCE, AUTHORITY

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS:

- PDGs have been organized as a quasi-official group to utilize their expertise and offer advice to the EC & BOG. Any PDG in residence at the meeting is considered a member of the group.**
- They set their own agenda and discuss current meeting agenda items or other issues deemed important.**
- They meet at length at Interim meetings, and again at conventions for a summary review.**
- They have no authority or vote on any issue.**

PIP ROLE, GOVERNANCE, AUTHORITY

PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS:

- **PIPs meet officially once each year at the annual convention.**
- **Any PIP in attendance is automatically part of the nominations committee to select a new 3rd VP.**
- **The IPIP acts as chairman and researches candidates. The committee interviews candidates and reviews current officer performance. They agree on a slate of officers for the coming year and present same to the delegates for approval.**
- **The PIPs have no other vote or official activity.**

BOG ROLE, GOVERNANCE, AUTHORITY

BOARD OF GOVERNORS:

- BOG IS COMPOSED OF ALL DISTRICT GOVERNORS OR THEIR DELEGATES, THE PRESIDENTS OF ANY ONE CLUB DISTRICTS, AND THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.**
- BOG DELEGATES (10) HAVE VOTES BASED UPON THE NUMBER OF CLUBS IN EACH DISTRICT; THE EC (6) HAS ONE VOTE EACH. COLLECTIVELY THE DISTRICTS HAVE 200 VOTES, THE EC 6.**

BOG ROLE, GOVERNANCE, AUTHORITY

BOARD OF GOVERNORS:

- **Subject to Convention instructions and Constitutional provisions this board is all-powerful in-between Conventions.**
- **Among its Constitutional duties are the setting of annual fees, the adoption of the annual budget, defining the policies of the Organization, the allocation of Conventions and the interpretation of the Constitution and By-Laws.**

AGM ROLE, GOVERNANCE, AUTHORITY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ~ THE CONVENTION:

- **Delegates to the AGM are the supreme authority in Gyro.**
- **The control of Gyro is the annual Convention - each club is entitled to representation in direct proportion to its numerical strength. Thus the delegates of the majority decide the action to be taken.**
- **The Convention consists of the following: 1) Each club in good standing (dues paid current) is entitled to send five delegates at large, plus one additional delegate for each 10 members (or major fraction thereof). All delegates must be members in good standing with their own club.**

AGM ROLE, GOVERNANCE, AUTHORITY

ANNUAL CONVENTION:

- **The International Officers, the Governors, the Past International Officers have no vote unless they are representing a club as an official delegate. Thus the number of votes cast are always determined by the number of clubs represented and qualified.**
- **Voting by qualified proxy is permitted.**

VOTING BALANCE

AT ANNUAL CONVENTION MEETINGS:

- The delegates vote based upon clubs and membership totals as noted previously.
- Any official club delegate can advance a motion, participate in debate and vote accordingly.

AT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETINGS:

- The Governors vote the number of clubs in their district, and may vote the total as a block vote, or as a percentage, or as a split vote representing each individual club.
- The EC, also members of the BOG, have one vote each.

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ROLE OF THE DISTRICTS

“I pledged I would uphold the constitution of my club, the district and International. What is the purpose of districts?”

- Districts are organized to be a central administrative body among geographically collective clubs to promote fellowship, training and membership extension.**
- Districts collect per capita dues for operating funds.**
- Administrative duties include: collecting dues; visitations to all clubs; support in membership gains; knowing club executives; and informing the membership of activities.**

ROLE OF THE DISTRICTS

- **Communication duties include: constant communication between executives; correspondence with club execs and International; informative bulletins to the members.**
- **Prepare an agenda and organize, arrange and chair District meetings.**
- **Ceremonial duties include: attending and/or by appointed representative, preside at club installations.**
- **Prepare and oversee club training seminars at district meetings.**

DISTRICT ARRANGEMENT?

- **As Gyro membership and clubs grew in size, it was determined that better control would be exercised by having a local administrative body.**
- **Districts were geographically allotted because of location, i.e. west of the Rocky Mountains, or because of density of clubs, or because of prospective opportunities.**
- **As growth continued, some districts were split, i.e. D-IV to the south became D-IX; others were re-aligned to fit new clubs being added.**
- **Districts vote in proportion to their membership size.**

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

- **International maintains an office in Painesville, Ohio. The office sits on the dividing line between the towns of Painesville and Mentor.**
- **The office is located about 30 miles NE of Cleveland, Ohio.**
- **The location was the heart of the early Gyro and was near the home of the first full-time Secretary-Treasurer.**
- **In 1957 it was determined that because of Gyro growth, the organization needed a permanent home. A brick building was constructed, and after recent refurbishment, remains a viable asset for long term use.**

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

- **The office is the repository for 100 years of Gyro records, memorabilia and history.**
- **It is the visual and emotional center of Gyro.**
- **It is staffed (currently) by two part-time ladies ~ an Office Manager and a Membership Secretary, each working half-days, and is open for business from 9 to 4:30 each day.**
- **Annual expense to maintain the office is approx. \$16,000.**
- **Annual costs for staffing and operation is approximately \$50,000.**

DUES STRUCTURE

TO INTERNATIONAL:

- **Current per capita dues are \$60 per member.**
- **A cap limit is set by the BOG, currently \$60. Dues cannot be increased unless the cap limit is adjusted.**

TO DISTRICTS:

- **Each district sets it's own dues amount according to the district membership.**

ALL MEMBERS PROVIDE EQUAL SUPPORT TO BOTH DISTRICT AND INTERNATIONAL.

CANADIAN & US DOLLARS ARE CONSIDERED EQUAL.

DOES GYRO HAVE FUNDS? YES!

MEMORIAL FUND:

- **A perpetual fund wherein members or a club can make a donation in memory of a deceased member; to honor another living member; or to simply donate for the good of the order. Donations are acknowledge by a card and publication in the GyroScope. Controlled by trustees.**

BETTERMENT FUND:

- **A fund designed to accumulate via donations sufficient seed money to assist requesting clubs in efforts to increase membership, both internal and external. Controlled by a Board of Directors who respond to formal requests.**

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATES?

- **GYRO HAS A PROVISION TO ALLOW A CLASS OF MEMBERSHIP THAT IS AFFILIATED ONLY TO INTERNATIONAL.**
- **UNDER SEVERAL DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES, SUCH AS AGE OR GEOGRAPHICAL DISTANCES, A MEMBER MAY APPLY FOR ASSOCIATE STATUS.**
- **ASSOCIATE STATUS ALLOWS FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP IN GYRO, BUT NOT AS A CLUB MEMBER, ALTHOUGH SUCH A MEMBER IS WELCOME ANYWHERE IN GYRO.**
- **AN ASSOCIATE PAYS DUES DIRECTLY TO INTERNATIONAL, BUT NOT TO ANY CLUB.**

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