

*Questions about Gyro?*

# *Gyro Composition*

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Gyro major elements are as follows:

Gyro International – the whole shebang!

Districts – geographical groups of clubs.

Clubs – individual groups of members.

Executive Council – elected as stewards of organization ... “Executive”

Board of Governors – representatives of each district ... “Legislative”

The Membership – via AGM ... “Judicial”

*Gyro Districts*

## *Purpose / Function of Districts*

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Early on, it was realized that to maintain efficiency, Gyro was divided into five parcels.

Having a more local administration allowed for regional compatibility by having nearby clubs act together in promoting new clubs and added membership.

## *Purpose / Function of Districts*

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Geographically the boundaries were set by density, i.e. D-I had many clubs in a smaller area, all within the US;

and/or by physical features, such as

D-IV with clubs in both the US & Canada but defined by the Rocky Mtns.

## *Purpose / Function of Districts*

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As Gyro increased its club locations and gained added membership ...  
It re-drew boundaries and added new Districts – now eleven in total.

District officers attend International meetings as members of the Board of Governors

# *Board of Governors*

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The Board of Governors consists of:

- ✓ District Governor\* of ea. District = 9
- ✓ Presidents of single club districts = 2
- ✓ Executive Council = 6

\*may be Lt. Governor or other appointed delegate

Only the members have a vote.

# *Board of Governors*

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The BOG is the legislative body of Gyro. They approve plans or expenditures as recommended by the EC.

They can make alterations to the Bylaws, but constitutional changes require AGM approval.

Any Delegate at the AGM may call into question any BOG decision thus requiring an AGM vote.



## *Does each District have the same voting power?*

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No. Voting is proportional to the size of clubs.

Votes are allotted as follows:

5 Votes for each club + one additional vote for each 10 members or major fraction thereof.

Example: a club with 17 members would have 7 votes (5+2) ... a club with 43 members would have 9 votes (5+4)

## *Votes are counted differently ~ BOG vs. AGM*

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If a counted vote is deemed appropriate during a BOG meeting, then the procedure is as follows:

Each Exec. Council member has 1 vote.

Each District Governor has 1 vote for each club in his district – no individual vote.

Governors may vote the total at his discretion, per majority, or split as desired.

# *BOG Meeting vote allocation*

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<u>District 1</u>	<u>District 2</u>	<u>District 3</u>	<u>District 4</u>	<u>District 5</u>	<u>District 6</u>	<u>District 7</u>	<u>District 8</u>	<u>District 9</u>	<u>District 10</u>	<u>District 11</u>
14	7	10	23	1	7	10	14	6	6	1

TOTAL VOTES AVAILABLE / GOVERNORS: 99

TOTAL VOTES AVAILABLE / EXEC. COUNCIL: 6

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TOTAL VOTES AVAILABLE: 105

SIMPLE MAJORITY: 53 VOTES

Note: Governors have one vote for each club in district / no individual vote  
Governors may vote entire total at his discretion regardless of club preferences  
Governors may split district votes according to club preferences  
Governors may vote all the district votes according to the majority wishes of district clubs

BOG amendments (by-laws) do not require approval by the general meeting, however any delegate may put the matter on the floor for reconsideration.

## *AGM Vote Allocation*

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If a counted vote is deemed appropriate during a AGM meeting, then the procedure is as follows:

The BOG and EC have no vote.

Each Club is represented by a delegate or proxy who has the votes as determined by the same formula:

5 for ea. Club + 1 for every 10 members

# *AGM Meeting vote allocation*

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District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	District 8	District 9	District 10	District 11
134	57	96	200	7	57	86	113	40	41	5

TOTAL VOTES AVAILABLE: 836

2/3 MAJORITY = 558 (Required for constitutional amendments)

SIMPLE MAJORITY = 419 (Required for by-laws amendments)

Note: Governors and EC have no individual votes

Any club more than 60 days in arrears in paying per capita dues has no vote

Club proxies may alter vote totals shown above

All constitutional amendments must be considered and voted upon at the general meeting.

# AGM Meeting vote allocation

<b>DISTRICT I</b>		<b>DISTRICT IV</b>		<b>DISTRICT VI</b>		<b>DISTRICT IX</b>	
Akron	8	Albernis	9	Charlottetown	8	Blacklake	9
Canton	8	Bellevue	6	Dartmouth	6	Coachella V.	0
Cincinnati	21	Bellingham	7	Kentville	8	Fresno	7
Cleveland Hts.	7	Burnaby	7	New Glasgow	12	Long Beach	9
Columbus	7	Camosun	11	Riverview	6	Oakland	6
Indianapolis	19	Fraser-Delta	7	Truro	8	San Jose	9
Marion	10	Hollyburn	8	Windsor	9		
NW Indiana	7	Kamloops	9			<b>DISTRICT X</b>	
Painesville	10	Kelowna	9	<b>DISTRICT VII</b>		Gasparilla	6
Powell	7	Kitimat	7	Ft. William	7	Gold Coast	7
Wadsworth	6	Nanaimo	14	McKenzie Is.	7	Naples	8
Western Res.	9	Olympia	8	Minneapolis	6	Palm Beaches	6
Wheeling	7	Osoyoos	6	Minn. Metro	10	Sarasota	7
Youngstown	8	Penticton	7	Minn. Northstar	6	Tampa	7
		Pr. George	10	Minn. Suburban	12		
<b>DISTRICT II</b>		Seattle	6	Nor-West	9	<b>DISTRICT XI</b>	
Chicago	6	Tacoma	13	Oryg	12	Central Texas	5
Clinton	10	Vancouver BC	9	Port Arthur	9		
Davenport	8	Vancouver WA	12	Winnipeg	8		
Des Moines	8	Vernon	8				
Dixon	9	Victoria	12	<b>DISTRICT VIII</b>			
Madison	7	Wenatchee	7	Calgary	12		
Milwaukee	9	Yakima	8	Castlegar	5		
				Cranbrook	7		
<b>DISTRICT III</b>		<b>DISTRICT V</b>		Edmonton	11		
Buffalo	9	Salt Lake City	7	Edmonton Xrd	6		
Etobian	6			Lethbridge	7		
Kitchner-W.	15			Nelson	10		
London	6			Regina	11		
Peterborough	7			Sherwood Pk.	11		
Port Colborne	8			Spokane	5		
Rochester	13			St. Albert	6		
St. Catharines	11			Stampede City	8		
Syracuse	14			Trail	6		
Toronto	7			Wallace	8		

*Gyro International*

# *International Office ~ Painesville, Ohio*

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Where is Painesville?

*Painesville is located about 40 miles east of Cleveland, OH along Lake Erie*

Why is an office needed?

*It is the central administrative location for coordination of information and training to districts and clubs, and is the symbolic “Home” of Gyro International.*



## *Annual cost to staff & operate?*

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The staff is composed of two ladies who work slightly more than half-days, and a now a third who works 10 hours per week.

The staff also consists of the full-time S/T, although located in a satellite location.

Current budget for this year is: \$74,000.

## *Annual cost to staff & operate?*

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In 1948 the office staff consisted of a full-time S/T, a personal secretary, an office secretary and a clerk.

The combined salaries were \$16,810.

Utilizing online inflation tables, that amount in today's dollars would be: \$157,000.

*More than twice as much as today.*

## *Annual cost to staff & operate?*

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The office was built in 1957 and is fully owned by International.

It has been re-furbished to almost new condition. The operating costs – utilities, taxes, etc. are approximately \$16,000 annually.

*Considerably less than renting elsewhere.*

# *What does International do?*

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International is the “glue” that binds the Districts & Clubs into a functioning entity.

- It provides:
- ✓ Administration
  - ✓ Conventions
  - ✓ Meetings
  - ✓ Training
  - ✓ Planning
  - ✓ Quarterly magazine
  - ✓ and much more!

## *How is International financed?*

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Each member pays dues to his club.  
Each club has its own dues structure, i.e.  
some pay for dinners in advance, etc.  
From the collected dues, the club then pays  
an established amount to their District and  
a per capita amount to International.

Currently the dues are: \$60 annually, which  
covers insurance & GyroScope for all.

# *Executive Council*

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The Executive Council has six members. President, 1-2-3 Vice President's, and an Immediate Past President, all elected. Their terms run for five years.

The EC also includes the Secretary-Treasurer as a voting member. The S/T is not elected but serves as an appointee of the EC.

## *Executive Council Duties*

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The EC, under the Constitution & By-laws, is authorized to conduct the business of Gyro – collecting dues, maintaining Funds, planning meetings, pursuing membership, maintaining the archives, updating the Database, provide guidance to districts & clubs, operate a website to inform Gyros and visitors, and produce and print a quarterly GyroScope magazine.

## *Executive Council Primary Duties*

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President – chairs all meetings, sets agendas, visitation schedule, assigns duties.

3 Vice Presidents – one is assigned as membership chairman; other assignments include overview of districts, club communication, convention report, etc.

3<sup>rd</sup> VP is hospitality manager/bartender.

IPIP is nominating chairman & banquet MC.



## *Executive Council Primary Duties*

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The Secretary-Treasurer collects all monies due, prepares plans, keeps records, administers the website, produces & prints the GyroScope magazine, arranges meetings, keeps the inventory, and any other duties as proscribed by By-laws. He further supervises and administers the Gyro home office and staff.

## *Past International Presidents*

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When in attendance at convention, the PIP's meet as a Nominating Committee. The IPIP acts as chairman and provides information and several candidates to be interviewed as a possible 3<sup>rd</sup> VP.

The current officers are reviewed and a slate of officers is presented to the AGM for approval.

## *Past District Governor's Meeting*

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In 1993 it was determined that PDG's were a valuable resource of experience, thus meetings were scheduled.

They meet at conventions & interims to discuss issues of importance, then make their report to the BOG meeting.

Their recommendations have no authority under the By-laws, however their advice is highly valued.

## *Other relative values re: International*

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2011 budget for EC travel is: \$35,000.

1968 budget for EC was: \$14,500.

In today's dollars = \$90,000.

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1968 budget for the GyroScope was:

\$10,507.50 – today's \$\$ = \$65,000

2011 budget is for: \$26,000

now in color and online as well as printed

# *International Associates*

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Upon petition to the Executive Council a member who, i.e. has moved to a new residence not located near an existing club, may become an International Associate.

If approved, the Associate pays dues to International only, not to any District. Doing so allows all the benefits of being a Gyro member, but he forfeits having a vote.