



## "Why do you like your Fire Department, assuming you do?"

Lincoln Fire and Rescue Chief Despain will join us this Tuesday to review reasons why people might like, or not like, their fire and EMS department, and discuss criteria that community members should consider before making decisions to support, or not support Fire Department initiatives.



Michael Despain, Lincoln Fire & Rescue

The presentation will include the process Lincoln Fire & Rescue incorporated to ensure the community drives the future of their fire department. Join us for this timely topic and bring someone you would like to introduce to Rotary!



## Club Bylaws Update Proposal Introduced

The 2016-17 Board of Directors adopted proposed changes to our Club Bylaws at their May and June meetings. The proposal was introduced at last week's Club meeting and will be presented again on August 15th. Here is a summary of the proposed changes:

- Allows voting for the Board of Directors to be conducted by a method other than US Mail (e-mail)
- Eliminates the Election Committee
- Gives voting rights to the Club Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant-At-Arms
- Allows for the President-Elect to determine the outcome of the Board of Directors election in the event of a tie

- Establishes the use of proxy voting by members of the Board of Directors
- Clarifies election procedure for Club officers
- Adds District annual meeting to the events the board will select delegates to represent the interests of Club #14, in addition to the International Convention
- Add "Rotary District 5650" to list of required reports for the Secretary; Deletes specific duties from the Secretary that are out-of-date
- Changes the number of required board meetings from monthly to a minimum of four held quarterly
- Establishes a Finance Committee appointed by the Board of Directors, chaired by the Treasurer and responsible for preparation of the annual budget
- Deletes references to the "Membership Review Committee"
- Removes Article XII – Order of Business
- Replaces references to the Executive Director to the "Secretary, or a third party contracted with to conduct club business"
- MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES:
  - Removes reference to Directors for each "Avenue of Service"
  - Removes capitalization of all titles
  - Deletes required board action to approve the action of committees
  - Adds an article of Definitions RI Manual of Procedure requirements
  - Change "person hired to handle club business" to "third party"

A "track changes" version of the bylaws can be found [here](#) or a printed copy can be obtained from Mary Buckley. A vote on the proposal is scheduled for Tuesday, August 29th. Concerns or objections should be communicated to President Jennifer Brinkman or Mary Buckley by August 25th.

### **This Week in Rotary -**

**August 10:** 4:30 pm NEOS Meeting at Zipline Beer Hall, 5740 Hidcote Drive (56th & Pine Lake Rd)

**August 11-12:** Rotary District 5650 Annual Conference in Omaha  
[Register today!](#)



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