

## **Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) Policy Rotary District 5960**

### 1. Expected PETS Outcomes

- Presidents-elect will be well prepared for their roles as club presidents.
- The district governor-elect and incoming assistant governors will have had the opportunity to motivate incoming presidents and to develop relationships with them.
- Presidents-elect will have built relationships among classmates and clubs.
- Presidents-elect will have learned from and met senior Rotary and Rotary Foundation leaders.

### 2. Rotary Policy Regarding PETS Attendance

Section 5 of the Standard Club Constitution for all Rotary Clubs will be strictly followed in this District. It states:

(a) *Terms of Officers other than President.* Each officer shall be elected as provided in the bylaws. Except for the president, each officer takes office on 1 July immediately following election and serves for the term of office or until a successor is elected and qualified.

(b) *Term of President.* A president-nominee shall be elected as provided in the bylaws, at least 18 months but not more than two years before the day of taking office as president. The nominee becomes president-elect on 1 July in the year before taking office as president. The president takes office on 1 July and serves a period of one year. When a successor is not elected, the current president's term is extended for up to one year.

(c) *Qualifications of President.* A candidate for president must be a member of this club for at least one year before being nominated, unless the governor determines that less than a full year satisfies this requirement. The president-elect shall attend the presidents-elect training seminar and the training assembly unless excused by the governor-elect. If excused, the president-elect shall send a club representative. If the president-elect does not attend the presidents-elect training seminar and the training assembly and has not been excused by the governor-elect or, if excused, does not send a club representative to these meetings, the president-elect shall not serve as club president. The current president then shall continue to serve until the election of a successor who has attended a presidents-elect training seminar and training assembly or training deemed sufficient by the governor-elect.

### 3. District 5960 PETS

Our District offers PETS to presidents-elect as a member of North Central PETS (NC PETS). NCPETS is generally held in March in either Rochester, Minnesota or Ames, Iowa. NCPETS generally begins on a Thursday evening and ends midday on

a Saturday. Participating districts 5950, 5960, 5970, and 6000 are located in Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

4. Other PETS Opportunities

The requirement to attend PETS before becoming the president of a Club in our District may be fulfilled by fully attending PETS offered by another district. There are numerous multidistrict PETS presented every year. A calendar listing the dates and locations of those PETS and website and contact information can be found via this link: <https://petsalliance.org/calendar>. A president-elect who desires to attend PETS sponsored by a District other than 5960 shall coordinate attendance with the 5960 District Governor-elect.

5. Expenses to Attend PETS

A fee is charged for all PETS registrants. This fee covers the cost of the event and specified meals. Attendees are responsible for their own lodging and transportation expenses. The Training Fee paid by each Club in the District does not cover any expenses for PETS.

6. President-Elect Nominees Encouraged to Attend

President-elect nominees are encouraged to attend PETS. A special track is provided for them at PETS.

7. Rotarians Who Have Attended a PETS for a Prior Rotary Year Not Exempt

Rotarians who have attended a PETS for a prior Rotary year are not exempt from attending PETS as a president-elect for the term which will begin the next July 1. Examples:

- a. If a current president-elect previously attended PETS the year before as a president-elect nominee, that person must attend PETS as a president-elect.
- b. A Rotarian who will be serving a second consecutive year as a club president beginning the next July 1 is a president-elect for that next Rotary year and must attend PETS as a president-elect, even though serving as a qualified president for the current year.
- c. A Rotarian who in a past year served as a Club president and attended PETS as a president-elect and who will be repeating as a president beginning the next July 1, must attend PETS as a president-elect.

8. This policy supersedes any prior District 5960 policies regarding PETS attendance.

Adopted by the Board of Director of Rotary District 5960 on October 2, 2019.