

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

A district conference is an enjoyable experience where Rotary programs and activities are discussed, friendships are made and strengthened, and various entertainment is shared.

It is also the place where some, most, or all of the district business is conducted. Business sessions are usually conducted in an amicable, friendly fashion.

However, on occasion, controversy may arise over budgetary matters, selection of a district governor or representative to the Council on Legislation, or other district procedure.

If he/she is certain about relevant provisions of the constitution or by-laws of RI or of the standard Rotary club constitution, the President's representative should quietly counsel with the district governor about the organization's rules or official policy.

On the other hand, the President's Representative should guard against becoming involved in district disputes, controversy, and disharmony. Where there is dispute or disagreement over interpretation of RI procedures or any other district matters -- particularly anything to do with an election -- it is important that the President's Representative maintain a neutral position and not appear to "take sides" with any group or individual. Even if requested, he/she should not agree to act as an observer at the counting of ballots or serve as a "referee" or "judge" on any such district matter. Should there be any dispute, the President's representative should encourage the group or individual to counsel with the RI General Secretary at headquarters in Evanston.