

BEST PRACTICES FOR HOLDING ONLINE MEETINGS

- 1. Familiarize yourself with a preferred online meeting platform (<u>Zoom</u>, <u>GotoMeeting</u>) and host a test call prior to your first meeting
- 2. Provide one-on-one tutorials with less tech-savvy Rotarians on how to use the online meeting format
- 3. Provide an agenda prior to the meeting
- 4. Set up a communication/etiquette plan for holding online meetings
 - a. Requesting all attendees mute themselves when not speaking
 - b. "Raising hands" to avoid multiple people speaking at once
 - c. Pausing for questions
 - d. Using the chatbox feature
 - e. Recording your meeting for those unable to attend
- 5. Utilize <u>TED Talks</u>, <u>Rotary's VIMEO</u>, and other pre-recorded speakers to watch online together and follow with a group discussion
- 6. Take the online courses at https://learn.rotary.org/learn
- 7. Select an article or short film to read/watch prior to meeting and discuss together
- 8. Determine the current needs of your community and promote an online service project/fundraiser
- Review District 6690's helpful guide to maintaining engagement with your club's members through virtual meetings and other strategies at https://rotary6690.org/maintaining-engagement/
- 10. Get in contact with another club that is used to utilizing online technology such as an 'e-club' in order to discuss. Use the 'E-Club' section of the 'Club Finder' on rotary.org or My Rotary. Alternatively contact your RMO for contact details.

