



Announcement

Dated : 21.05.2025

The election for Rotary Means Business Fellowship Board of Directors is hereby canceled and will be reset. An explanation is below:

When determining which region to represent, the choice is usually obvious, based on the candidate's citizenship or place of residence. Rtn.Nilesh Kapse requested to be listed as a candidate to represent North America. He presented citizenship documents for the United States of America, so he was allowed to list himself as a candidate for North America.

Subsequent to his assignment for the North American region, it was determined that he had not been a member of an American Rotary Club for 17 years. It was also determined that he had been a member of the Rotary Club of Bangalore, India, since 2016, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the club. Additionally he is a member of RMB Bangalore, India.

One of the key purposes of regional representation is that directors are physically close to the area they represent, and have current local knowledge, so that they can provide Fellowship services for members and local chapters in an efficient manner.

When it was determined that Rtn.Nilesh Kapse's primary Rotary connection was India, a number of members and Directors objected. Ultimately, a majority of the Rotary Means Business Fellowship Board of Directors filed written objections to Rtn.Nilesh Kapse representing North America, an area that is not his primary area of Rotary activity.

Based on the majority objection, the Board of RMB Fellowship has directed the Election Officer for 2025 to take the following actions:

1. Cancel the ongoing election, and reset all voting.
2. Offer Rtn.Nilesh Kapse to refile his candidacy from Asia region .
3. Reopen the election for our members to vote from 25th May, 2025 and close the ballot on 9th June, 2025.

This means that, if you have previously voted during this election, you must vote again, based on the new slate of candidates.

We apologize for the inconvenience, but the leadership of the Rotary Means Business Fellowship feels we must prioritize ethics, fairness, and transparency. We feel that this adjustment will support the 4-Way test, by being truthful and fair to all concerned.

- By the order of the Board -