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JANUARY 2016 MEETING

Rotary International Board of Directors

The Rotary International Board of Directors held its third meeting of the year on 24–26 January 2016, in San Diego, CA, USA.

Present were: President K. R. Ravindran, President-elect John F. Germ, Vice President Greg E. Podd, Treasurer Per Hoyen, Executive Committee Chairman Şafak Alpay, other directors Manoj D. Desai, Robert L. Hall, Bradford R. Howard, Jennifer E. Jones, Hsiu-Ming Lin, Peter L. Offer, Julia D. Phelps, Saowalak Rattanavich, Eduardo San Martín Carreño, Guiller E. Tumangan, José Ubiracy Silva, Giuseppe Viale, Karen K. Wentz, and General Secretary John Hewko. Bryn Styles attended as trustee liaison. At the Board’s invitation, President-nominee Ian Riseley was also in attendance. Director Takanori Sugitani was unable to attend the meeting.

Andrew McDonald served as secretary of the meeting with assistance from Jennifer Faron and Matt Hohmann. Other staff present were David Alexander, Jim Barnes, Michele Berg, Joseph Brownlee, Lori Carlson, Peter Markos, John Osterlund, and Steve Routburg. Patrick Nunes, Sandra LeBlanc and Dora Calkins served as staff interpreters.

Under the guidance of the president, the general secretary had prepared an advance memorandum for this meeting containing items for consideration with background information and analyses. Those items, along with others initiated during this meeting, constituted the agenda of the meeting as reflected in the remainder of these minutes.

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96. Minutes of the October 2015 Board Meeting

Statement: The general secretary noted two errors in the October 2015 meeting minutes and reported that the minutes had been distributed to each director.

DECISION: The Board

1. noting a typographical error in the printed minutes, amends its decision 10, July 2015 as follows:

10. Selection of Zones to Nominate Directors for Election at the 2017 Convention


2. amends Appendix A, from its October 2015 meeting as follows:

8. Waiver of Qualifications for Governor-nominee, District 2390 (Sweden)

DECISION: The Board, the president acting on its behalf, in accordance with RI Bylaws section 15.070., excuses Rotarian Bengt Homström, Lars Munge, a member of the Rotary Club of Helsingborg-Berga, Sweden, from the qualifications for a governor-nominee set forth in RI Bylaws section 15.070.3

3. approves the minutes of its October 2015 meeting.

97. Ratification of Decisions Made by the President

Statement: As authorized, President Ravindran took several decisions on behalf of the Board.

DECISION: The Board ratifies the decisions shown in Appendix A made on behalf of the Board by President Ravindran from 1 September through 11 December 2015.

98. Ratification of Decisions Made by the General Secretary

Statement: As authorized, the general secretary took several decisions on behalf of the Board.
**DECISION:** The Board ratifies the decisions shown in Appendix B made by the general secretary on behalf of the Board during the period 1 September through 11 December 2015.

99. **Report of the General Secretary**

*Statement:* The general secretary reported on the work at the Secretariat since the Board’s October 2015 meeting and progress on Secretariat initiatives during 2015–16.

**DECISION:** The Board receives the general secretary’s report on the activities at the Secretariat.

100. **Report of the Treasurer**

*Statement:* Rotary Code of Policies section 29.040.6. requires the treasurer to report on the status of RI finances at each Board meeting.

**DECISION:** The Board thanks Treasurer Høyen for his report.

101. **Communications from the Trustees**

*Statement:* At their January 2016 meeting, the Rotary Foundation Trustees took several decisions of interest to the Board.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. notes the following decisions from the January 2016 Trustees meeting:

   Dec. 58. Communications from the Board
   Dec. 61. Approval of Proposed 2016–17 TRF Committee Appointments
   Dec. 62. Proposed Board and Trustee Meeting Schedules
   Dec. 63. Updates to RITS Travel Policy
   Dec. 64. Strategic Planning Committee Members Selection
   Dec. 79. Joint Committee on Alumni Relations
   Dec. 82. 2017 Presidential Peace Conference
   Dec. 90. Affinity Credit Card Royalties

2. requests the Trustees to agree to change the name of the Rotary Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award to the Rotary Alumni Global Service Award as recommended by the Joint Committee on Alumni Relations;

3. agrees to extend the term of the End of Polio Subcommittee through 2017–18.

102. **Proposed Board and Trustee Meeting Schedules**

*Statement:* The Board reviewed a proposed new meetings schedule for the RI Board and the Rotary Foundation Trustees that would increase the number of joint meetings and change the months the two boards met.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. thanks the working group comprising Chairman Klinginsmith and members of the Rotary staff for developing the proposal reviewed by the Board;

2. agrees that joint meetings of the Board and Trustees are beneficial to Rotary and requests future Presidents and Trustee chairs to schedule such meetings at mutually agreed upon times;

3. does not agree with the proposal to revise the current Board and Trustee meeting schedules as presented at this meeting.

103. **Petitions to the Board**

*Statement:* In decision 13, July 2015, the Board agreed to review any “regular” resolutions to the 2016 Council on Legislation at the October 2015 or January 2016 Board meetings if the proposers agreed to withdraw the legislation. The Board considered several of these resolutions at this meeting:

- from the Rotary Club of Runaway Bay, Australia (District 9640), requesting the Board to consider allowing Inner Wheel and Probus members to attend the RI convention.

- from the Rotary Club of Aundh, India (District 3131), requesting the Board to consider adopting new member orientation as an RI program.

- from District 1900 (Germany), requesting the Board to consider encouraging all clubs to give continuous attention to rejuvenation of membership.

- from District 2060 (Italy), requesting the Board to consider restating the source of the Rotary Anthem.
• from District 2060 (Italy), requesting the Board to consider updating the procedures for electing members.

• from the Rotary Club of Altrincham, England (District 1285), requesting the Board to consider allowing multiple clubs to meet together.

• from the Rotary club of Altrincham, England (District 1285), requesting the Board to consider membership figures for the entire Rotary year as a basis for awards.

• from the Rotary Club of Mangalore, North, India (District 3180), requesting the Board to consider revising the assistant governor selection criteria.

• from the Rotary Club of Belgrano, Argentina (District 4895), requesting the Board to consider recommending that districts and clubs establish ethics committees.

• from the District 3640 (Korea), requesting the Board to consider encouraging Rotarians to adopt a simple method to open and close a meeting by declaration of the chair.

• from the Rotary Club of Milwaukee (District 6270), requesting the Board to consider establishing a Global Networking Committee and officer.

• from District 6890 (USA), requesting the Board to consider designating May as Celebrate Women Month.

• from the Rotary Club of Once, Argentina (District 4895), requesting the Board to consider designating July as Friendship Month and 20 July as Friendship Day.

• from the Rotary Clubs of Calgary West, AB, Canada (District 5360); Tillsonburg, ON, Canada (District 7080); and Woodstock, ON, Canada (District 7080), requesting the Board and Trustees to consider investing consider investing in microfinance and community development institutions.

• from the Rotary Club of Hong Kong, South, Hong Kong (District 3450), requesting the Board to consider adopting a standard environmental policy and recommending that districts and clubs appoint a Preserve Planet Earth chair.

• from District 6890 (USA), requesting the Board to consider developing programming in the areas of water quality enhancement, sanitation and hygiene.

• from the Rotary Club of Lannemezan, France (District 1770), requesting the Board to consider recommending that clubs establish a club communication chair.

• from the Rotary Club of Villiers-sur-Marne-Le Plessis Trévise, France (District 1770), requesting the Board to consider requiring that clubs provide new members with a basic Rotary library including the most recent Manual of Procedure.

• from the Rotary Clubs of Dewas, Mad. Pr., India and Indore Central, Mad. Pr., India (District 3040), requesting the Board to recognize Hindi as an official language of RI.

• from the Rotary Clubs of Alexandra (District 9790) and Glen Waverley, Australia (District 9810), requesting the Trustees to consider making grandchildren of Rotarians eligible for Rotary Foundation award programs.

• from the Rotary Club of Chauny, Aisne, France (District 1670), requesting the Board to consider including the fight against violence towards women among the goals and objectives of the RI Strategic Plan.

• from District 4420 (Brazil), requesting the Board to consider promoting a new Rotary image based on modernization, faith, and investment in public image.

• from District 4420 (Brazil), requesting the Board to consider creating mechanisms that can make RI self-sustaining.

• from Districts 2220 and 2225 (Russian Federation), requesting the Board to merge the two districts into one district in Zone 15.

• from the Rotary Club of Taal-Lemery, Batangas Philippines (District 3820), requesting Board to expel a past district governor and to remove his title as past district governor.
The Board also considered three regularly submitted petitions:

- from the Rotary Club of Maebashi, Gunma, Japan (District 2480) requesting the Board to consider amending the Rotary International Constitution and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution with a disclaimer that the Object of Rotary should not be expanded or revised as the Avenues of Service expand or change.

- from District 3080 (India), requesting the Board to consider terminating a Rotary club on the grounds that it has incited conflict in the district in relation to the governor-nominee selection process.

- from the Rotary Club of Shiroli (M.I.D.C.), Mah., India (District 3170), requesting the Board to consider bifurcating District 3170.

**DECISION:** The Board, the Executive Committee acting on its behalf, requests the general secretary to follow-through on the petitions received at this meeting in accordance with discussion at this meeting.

104. **Updates to the Rotary Code of Policies**

**Statement:** Board policy requires the general secretary, at the conclusion of each Board meeting, to review the decisions taken by the Board at that meeting and to prepare a report listing the decisions that might be added to the Rotary Code of Policies. The general secretary provided suggested amendments to the Code based upon decisions taken by the Board at its October 2015 meeting. The general secretary also recommends amendments to the Code to reflect current practices, language, or other factors.

**DECISION:** The Board, to record the decisions taken at its October 2015 meeting and previously, amends the Rotary Code of Policies as found in Appendix C, filed only with the official copy of these minutes.

105. **2016–17 RI Committee Appointments**

**Statement:** RI Bylaws section 16.010. mandates that the Board shall establish standing committees on communications, constitution and bylaws, conventions, districting, election review, finance, and Rotaract and Interact, as well as such other committees as it may determine are in RI’s best interest. The number of members and terms of office for all other committees are determined by the Board. President-elect Germ presented his 2016–17 committee appointments for the Board’s review.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. establishes upon President-elect Germ’s recommendation, the 2016–17 RI and joint RI/TRF committees as shown in Appendix D;

2. offers congratulations, encouragement, and support to each committee.

106. **Strategic Plan Update**

**Statement:** In decision 50, October 2015, the Board agreed to begin the process for developing a new vision and strategic plan for Rotary and agreed to reconstitute the Strategic Planning Committee in 2016–17 for this effort. The general secretary provided a report on preliminary actions taken toward this new plan and an update on measures for the current plan.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. receives an update on the next iteration of the RI strategic plan;

2. receives the update on the current RI strategic plan measures;

3. requests the general secretary to work with the Strategic Planning Committee to prepare a report of these current RI Strategic Plan measures to the Board at its September 2016 meeting and once annually moving forward at its second meeting, pending completion of the next plan iteration.

107. **Zone Liability Concerns**

**Statement:** In decision 53, October 2015, the Board requested the general secretary to develop a plan to address the potential legal, financial, and risk management issues facing Rotary zones and participants in zone-level activities, for report at this meeting. The general secretary noted that there is potential risk to those who operate zone functions in the US and Canada in the areas of contracts, personal injury, and property damage. The Board discussed how the incorporation of a zone could provide the necessary structure to protect against certain liability.

**DECISION:** The Board requests the general secretary to consult with directors in the United States and Canada regarding the possible incorporation of their zones, for report at the January 2017 Board meeting.
108. Interview Questions for 2018–19 RI Presidential Candidates

Statement: In accordance with RI Bylaws section 11.050.2., the Board develops three to five interview questions annually that candidates for RI president are asked to answer in writing.

DECISION: The Board

1. agrees that candidates for the office of 2018–19 RI president shall be asked to answer the following five questions in writing:

   Continuity
   The presidents and Boards in 2015–16, 2016–17, and 2017–18 have focused on continuity in policy and direction.
   - How important is continuity to you in setting direction and policy for Rotary?
   - What would your approach be to ensure such continuity going forward?

   Relationships and Collaboration
   Building strong relationships and collaborating with volunteers and staff are critically important to Rotary’s success. How would you build relationships between the Board, the Trustees, the general secretary and staff?

   Leadership
   Strong leadership, inspiration, and vision are critical to the successful performance of the RI president.
   - What are the top three characteristics of an effective leader and what makes you uniquely qualified to serve as RI president?
   - What is one thing you would change about Rotary if you could?

2. requests the general secretary to send these questions to those Rotarians who submit their names for consideration by the Nominating Committee for RI President and share the responses with the committee in advance of its meeting;

3. agrees that the vision and goals statement and answers to the questions above submitted by the candidate chosen by the Nominating Committee for RI President shall be made available to Rotarians.

109. Election Issues in District 3100 (India)

Statement: The Board discussed allegations of misconduct in District 3100.

DECISION: The Board recognizes that the many allegations of serious misconduct against District Governor Sunil Gupta have made it impossible for him to continue to lead District 3100 and strongly recommends that President Ravindran remove him from office in accordance with RI Bylaws section 15.110.

110. Election Issues in District 3230 (India)

Statement: The Board discussed disputes involving the governor-nominee election process in District 3230.

DECISION: The Board

1. directs the district governor of District 3230, in selecting the 2017–18 district governors of the new districts being formed in accordance with decision 129 from this meeting, to implement an electronic voting process that includes all of the clubs in each of the districts;

2. directs the district governor to work with the general secretary in the implementation of this process.

111. Voting Process for Governor-nominee in India

Statement: To address persistent governor election problems in India, the Board, in decision 260, May 2012, adopted the District Governor-Nominee Selection Procedures pilot. The Board revised the pilot annually to address current needs in the zones. Director Desai noted that the pilot has not resulted in fewer election complaints and disputes, and therefore suggested the Board cancel the pilot project and further suggested use of electronic voting to address the voting problems in the zones.

DECISION: The Board eliminates the District Governor-Nominee Selection Procedures pilot for districts in Zones 4, 5, and 6 effective 1 July 2016 and recommends that the districts in Zones 4, 5, and 6 utilize an electronic voting process including all the clubs in each district in the governor nominee selection process.

112. Election Review Committee Report

Statement: The general secretary received one election complaint since the Board’s October 2015 meeting. In accordance with Board policy, the Election Review Committee reviewed this complaint and made its recommendations to the Board.
DECISION: The Board receives the complaints of District 3080 (India) appealing the decision of the zone-level election complaint panel concerning the election of the 2017–18 governor of District 3080 and she represents. Upon the request of the Board, such director may be invited to answer specific questions relating to the election complaint.

114. Director Election in Zone 23A

Statement: The Zone 23A Director Nominating Committee dismissed consideration of Past Governor Gedson Junqueira Bersanete as a candidate for director due to a clerical error in his official suggestion form. While the committee followed procedures as proscribed on the form, the Election Review Committee chairman, in reviewing Mr. Bersanete’s official challenge to the zone nominating committee’s selection, agreed that steps could have been taken to address the error in the form. The Board discussed whether Mr. Bersanete should be allowed to challenge the zone nominating committee’s selection.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks the chair of the Election Review Committee for his report;

2. notes that the Nominating Committee for RI Director from Zone 23A unanimously found that the Official Suggestion Form submitted by one of the candidates was missing the candidate’s signature, but also notes that the reason the Official Suggestion Form was unsigned is unclear and may have been the result of circumstances outside of the control of the candidate;

3. observes that the convener of the nominating committee could have notified the candidate of the missing signature in advance of the deadline for submissions;

4. agrees that Past Governor Gedson Junqueira Bersanete was duly proposed to the Zone 23A Nominating Committee and is able to be proposed as a challenging candidate to the selection of the Committee;

5. pursuant to RI Bylaws section 12.030.10. extends the deadline for the mail ballot in Zone 23A to 15 April 2016.

DECISIONS 115–117

Board Council on Legislation Advisory Committee
Meeting 20 January, 2016, San Diego, California, USA
115. Withdrawn Legislation

Statement: The Board Council on Legislation Advisory Committee reviewed 18 items of legislation being submitted to the Council by the Board and recommended that the Board not propose the legislation that would provide for a second vice-chairman of the Council on Legislation.

DECISION: The Board rescinds its decision 56, October 14, thereby not submitting to the 2016 Council on Legislation the proposed legislation “To provide for a second vice-chairman of the Council on Legislation.”

116. Board Strategy for Legislation

Statement: In reviewing the proposed legislation for the 2016 Council, the Board Council on Legislation Advisory Committee identified items that the Board may wish to support or oppose and recommended a strategy for addressing these various items.

DECISION: The Board

1. revises its decision 46, October 2015 to submit to the 2016 Council on Legislation statements of support regarding the following items of proposed legislation:

   16-14  To add a fifth part to the Object of Rotary to encourage a new generation of global leaders
   16-21  To allow for flexibility in club meetings and attendance
   16-36  To allow for flexibility in membership
   16-39  To revise the provisions regarding membership of alumni
   16-40  To allow Rotaractors to be active members
   16-45  To provide for a new category of membership: associate membership
   16-55  To provide for the president-nominee to be a non-voting participant at meetings of the RI Board
   16-71  To amend the provisions regarding concurrences to challenges
   16-81  To authorize the RI Board to suspend or terminate a club for litigation-related actions and to amend the provisions for repeated election complaints from a district
   16-84  To revise the Board’s authority to change district boundaries

2. agrees to submit to the 2016 Council on Legislation statements of opposition regarding the following items of proposed legislation:

   16-56  To amend the rules for selecting the RI president-nominee
   16-59  To revise the qualifications for director
   16-97  To amend the subscription requirements for the Rotary magazine
   16-98  To support the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
   16-102 To waive per capita dues for one of the members when two married people are both members of the same club
   16-109 To provide for the distribution of minutes for the Council on Legislation

3. authorizes the Board Council on Legislation Advisory Committee to draft the statements of support and opposition, to be approved by the president;

4. endorses the legislative strategy presented by the Board Council on Legislation Advisory Committee at this meeting.

117. RI President Authorization

Statement: Noting that certain urgent matters regarding the Council may arise before the Board’s next meeting, the Board Council on Legislation Advisory Committee suggested the Board authorize the president, with the consent of the Board Council Advisory Committee chair, to act on its behalf on Council-related matters until the April 2016 Board meeting.
**DECISION:** The Board authorizes the 2015–16 president, with the consent of the Board Council Advisory Committee chair, to act on its behalf until its April 2016 meeting with respect to all matters relating to the Council on Legislation, including approving statements of support and opposition.

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**118. Rotary Global Rewards Update**

*Statement:* The Rotary Global Rewards Committee noted that the Board had not previously specified how revenue from the Rotary Global Rewards program should be allocated. The committee recommended that all revenue be contributed to The Rotary Foundation.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. receives the Rotary Global Rewards Committee’s report and requests a further update at its April 2016 meeting;

2. agrees that vendor revenues net of expenses generated by the Rotary Global Rewards program will be contributed to The Rotary Foundation.

**119. Rotaract and Interact Committee Report**

*Statement:* The Rotaract and Interact Committee met on 3–4 December 2015 in Evanston, IL, USA, and discussed the committee’s goals and influence, the possible transition of Rotaractors to Rotarians, Rotary club sponsorship and support of Interact and Rotaract clubs, Rotaract multidistrict information organization policies, and Rotaract and Interact’s visual identity, among other topics.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. suggests future RI presidents and TRF Trustee chairs appoint Rotaractors and other younger Rotary alumni to serve as members of key RI and TRF committees;

2. as part of Vision 2020, requests the RI Strategic Planning Committee to develop proposals for having Rotaractors and other young professionals serve as members of, or consultants to, the RI Board of Directors and Foundation Trustees;

3. requests the Membership Committee to consider the pilot for Rotaract clubs to form innovative and flexible Rotary clubs (as approved by the Board in its decision 59, October 2015) as one of the membership development models it is considering for report to the Board at its April 2016 meeting;

4. requests the general secretary, in cooperation with the 2016–17 Rotaract and Interact Committee, to study the feasibility and implications of charging dues to Rotaractors or Rotaract clubs, for report to the Board at its January 2017 meeting;

5. agrees that, through Rotaract and Interact, Rotary clubs invest in young leaders, and that the sponsor Rotary clubs hold important responsibilities for guidance, mentorship, and support of Rotaractors and Interactors;

6. amends the Rotary Code of Policies sections 41.010. and 41.020. as shown in Appendix E;

7. requests the general secretary to establish a timeframe for contacting those Rotaract and Interact clubs with more than three sponsors, their Rotary club sponsors, and their district leadership, to inform them of this policy.

**120. New Generations Committee Report**

*Statement:* The New Generations Committee met on 1–2 December 2015 in Evanston, IL, USA and discussed the committee’s goals, New Generations Service Exchanges, Rotary Youth Exchange alumni groups, and Youth protection in RYLA, among other topics.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. requests the general secretary to develop strategies for engaging the Family of Rotary, including Rotary’s programs for young leaders and alumni, in conjunction with the RI Strategic Plan and Rotary’s membership strategy, for report to the Board at its September 2016 meeting;

2. requests the Membership Committee to consider the pilot for Rotaract clubs to form innovative and flexible Rotary clubs (as approved by the Board in its decision 59, October 2015) as one of the membership development models it is considering for report to the Board at its April 2016 meeting;

3. affirms the value and contribution of Rotary Youth Exchange alumni groups;

4. requests the general secretary to encourage any existing organization of former Youth Exchange students to become part of the Rotary Alumni
Network by becoming recognized as an official alumni association.

121. **Youth Exchange Committee Report**

*Statement:* The Youth Exchange Committee met via correspondence and teleconference in September and November 2015. The committee discussed the importance of a new district Youth Exchange Committee chair having experience with the program and that to facilitate this experience, governors should create succession plans for the position.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. amends the Rotary Code of Policies regarding Youth Exchange as shown in Appendix F for the purpose of:
   a. recommending minimum program experience for new district Youth Exchange chairs;
   b. encouraging continuity and succession planning of district Youth Exchange committee appointments across regular district leadership changes;

2. extends its deepest condolences to the family of former 2015–16 Youth Exchange Committee Chair Guillermo Lopez Portillo Gerardo who passed away suddenly in November 2015, and expresses its appreciation for his lifetime of service to the program.

122. **Vocational Service Committee Report**

*Statement:* The Vocational Service Committee met on 8 December 2015 and discussed the vocational service breakout session at the Seoul convention, received reports from each member on meetings with young professionals, and discussed next steps for the committee.

**DECISION:** The Board thanks the Vocational Service Committee for its report.

123. **Rotarian Action Groups Committee Report**

*Statement:* The Rotarian Action Groups Committee met on 21 December 2015 by teleconference and discussed the current performance of Rotarian Action Groups, possible revisions to the Rotary Code of Policies regarding Rotarian Action Groups, and eligibility requirements for Rotarian Action Groups, among other topics. The committee also considered two proposals from prospective Rotarian Action Groups.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. thanks the Rotarian Action Groups Committee for its report;

2. recognizes the proposed Rotarian Action Group Addiction Prevention;

3. does not recognize the proposed Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Rotarian Action Group and requests the group to pursue its service efforts as part of the existing Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group;

4. amends the Rotary Code of Policies regarding Rotarian Action Groups as shown in Appendix G.

124. **Joint Committee on Alumni Relations Report**

*Statement:* The Joint Committee on Alumni Relations met on 2–3 December 2015 in Evanston, IL, USA and discussed the status of alumni associations, new alumni tools and reports to help Rotarians engage alumni, alumni involvement at Rotary conventions, alumni awards and communications, and the possible transition of Rotaractors to Rotarians, among other topics.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. encourages any existing organization of former Rotary Youth Exchange students to become part of the Rotary Alumni Network;

2. requests the general secretary to develop and refine strategies for engaging the Family of Rotary, including Rotary’s programs for young leaders and alumni, in conjunction with the RI Strategic Plan and Rotary’s membership strategy, for report to the Board at its September 2016 meeting;

3. amends Rotary Code of Policies section 43.100.2. as shown below:

   43.100.2. **Eligibility Criteria**

   1. Candidates must accept the award in person at the Rotary International Convention, with exception being granted in special circumstances.

   2. An individual may receive an award only once.
3. Individuals may not be nominated for, or receive an award, posthumously.

4. Current and past RI directors and Foundation trustees shall be ineligible to receive the award.

125. Reach Out to Africa Committee Report

Statement: The Reach Out to Africa Committee met on 20–21 September 2015 in Mombasa, Kenya and discussed a 2016 Council resolution to provide for a permanent RI director from Africa, a proposal to expand the committee to include immediate past governors, the various challenges Rotary faces in Africa, the possibility of establishing a Secretariat office in Africa, and administrative matters among other topics.

DECISION: The Board changes the name of the Reach Out To Africa Committee to Rotary in Africa Committee, effective 1 July 2016.

126. Timing for Service Above Self Award

Statement: The Service Above Self Award Committee recommended changing the deadline for submitting Service Above Self Award nominations to allow more time for the committee to adequately review all nominations. The committee further recommended changing the Board meeting at which these awards are approved, from the second to third meeting.

DECISION: The Board changes the deadline for Service Above Self Award nominations from 1 September to 1 October.

127. Convention Registration and Exhibitor’s Policy

Statement: The general secretary noted that before developing a strong sponsorship strategy at Rotary conventions, provisions in the current policy that provide up to six complimentary, full access convention badges to sponsors who contribute US$10,000, should be deleted.

DECISION: The Board amends the Rotary Code of Policies by deleting section 57.050.4. as follows:

“Convention sponsors of US$10,000 or more will be provided up to six complimentary full access convention badges for their representatives if requested before the March pre-registration deadline. Requests for additional badges, and requests received after the March pre-registration deadline shall be issued at the “Guest 19 Years and Over” registration fee.”

128. 2017 Atlanta Presidential Peace Conference and Preconvention Meetings

Statement: In their decision 82, January 2016, the Trustees agreed to combine the 2017 Rotary Peace Symposium with the Presidential Peace Conference as a preconvention event at the 2017 Atlanta convention. The Board considered additional elements to the Presidential Peace Conference and preconvention meetings that would serve to promote international understanding and peace, build goodwill, and celebrate all of Rotary’s peace building programs.

DECISION: The Board

1. agrees to cooperate with the Trustees in sponsoring a Presidential Peace Conference as a preconvention event for the 2017 Rotary convention in Atlanta, which will feature many of the Rotary programs that promote world understanding, goodwill, and peace;

2. agrees to share registration fees and costs for the Presidential Peace Conference, allocating net expenses of US$25,000 to RI and $25,000 to the Foundation;

3. agrees to incorporate the Rotaract and Youth Exchange Officers Preconventions into the 2017 Presidential Peace Conference as individual tracks;

4. suspends Rotary Code of Policies section 57.110.6. and sets the following dates and registration fees for the conference and preconvention tracks as follows:

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5. requests the general secretary to budget for the following:
a. Rotaract track: revenues of $29,400 (400 attendees at $73.50) and expenses of $65,800, net cost $36,400

b. Youth Exchange officers track: revenues of $33,000 (450 attendees at $73.50) and expenses of $70,000, net cost $37,000;

6. requests the general secretary to determine the ticket-price of the Youth Exchange Officers reception and banquet to occur on 8 June 2017 according to current practice;

7. requests the president-elect to appoint a convener for the 2017 Presidential Peace Conference;

8. requests the 2016–17 Rotaract and Interact Committee and the 2016–17 Youth Exchange Committee to coordinate the track-specific programming with the conference convener accordingly.

129. Report of the Districting Committee

Statement: The Districting Committee met via teleconference on 9 December 2015 and discussed new district reorganization proposals, a potential satellite district policy, and various membership development plan reports, among other topics.

DECISION: The Board

1. reorganizes the clubs in District 3230 into two new districts, effective 1 July 2017, as follows:

   **District 3231**
   INDIA—The revenue districts of Kancheepuram, Tiruvannamalai, Vellore and Tiruvallur.

   **District 3232**
   INDIA—The Chennai Corporation expanded limited (i.e., Chennai city and surrounding areas which comes under the Chennai Corporation).

   and requests the general secretary to notify District 3230 of this decision;

2. reorganizes the clubs in District 1270 into three surrounding Districts, effective 1 July 2016, as follows:

   **District 1040**
   ENGLAND—East Yorkshire, North Yorkshire, West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, Humberside, and North Lincolnshire.

   **District 1070**
   ENGLAND—North Bedfordshire, West Cambridgeshire, Leicestershire, South Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, and Rutland.

   **District 1220**
   ENGLAND—Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, South Yorkshire, Staffordshire, and North Lincolnshire.

   and requests the general secretary to notify Districts 1040, 1070, 1220, and 1270 of this decision;

3. grants an exemption from redistricting to District 1380 (Finland) until 1 July 2019 and requests the district to submit their membership activity reports to the Districting Committee by 31 July for three years from 2016 through 2018;

4. requests leadership in District 1380 to demonstrate club member involvement in the enactment of the membership development plan and to work through the district’s Future Planning Committee to focus on membership efforts beyond 2018;

5. requests District 4920 (Argentina) to

   a. use the membership development plan template to submit a viable plan to the Districting Committee by 15 February 2016;

   b. submit a membership activity and implementation plan report to the Districting Committee by 31 July 2016;

6. recommends that District 4920 merge with another district (effective 1 July 2017) if a membership development plan is not submitted by 15 February 2016 and the July 2016 district membership totals do not reach 1,100 members;

7. grants an exemption from redistricting to District 5670 (KS, USA) until 1 July 2017 and requests the district to submit a membership activity report to the Districting Committee by 31 July 2016;

8. grants an exemption from redistricting to District 7530 (WV, USA) until 1 July 2017 and requests the district to submit to the Districting Committee

   a. its membership development plan by 15 February 2016;

   b. a membership activity and plan implementation report by 31 July 2016;
9. grants an exemption from redistricting to District 7640 (NJ, USA) until 1 July 2017 and requests the district to submit to the Districting Committee:
   a. its membership development plan by 15 February 2016;
   b. a membership activity and implementation plan report by 31 July 2016;

10. grants an exemption from redistricting to District 9550 (Australia, and Timor Leste) until 1 July 2018 and requests the district to submit its membership activity reports to the Districting Committee by 31 July 2016 and 31 July 2017;

11. grants an exemption from redistricting to District 9910 (New Caledonia, New Zealand, Norfolk Islands and Vanuatu) until 1 July 2017 and requests the district to submit to the Districting Committee:
   a. its membership development plan by 15 February 2016;
   b. a membership activity and implementation plan report by 31 July 2016;

12. requests Director Silva and Special Representative Pretoni to submit a formal copy of a national membership development plan—including a report of any membership development activities undertaken by Brazilian districts—to the Districting Committee by 15 February 2016, and informs the leadership in Brazil that the Board will begin district consolidation if this development plan is not submitted to the Districting Committee by 15 February 2016;

13. notes that since District 4980 (Uruguay) has reached a district membership of over 1,100 members, the district is no longer required to submit reports to the Districting Committee;

14. requests District 7510 (NJ, PA, USA) to submit a copy of its membership development plan—including a plan of action for district consolidation—to the Districting Committee by 15 February 2016, and informs the leadership in the district that the Board will begin consolidation of the district’s clubs into neighboring districts if this development plan is not submitted to the Districting Committee by 15 February 2016 and if the district’s 1 July 2016 membership figures do not reach 1,100 members.

**130. Report on Additionally Supported Districts**

*Statement:* An “additionally-supported” district is a temporary designation that allows the Board to create or maintain a district that does not meet the minimum number of clubs or members as required by the RI Bylaws. Rotary Code of Policies section 17.010.7. authorizes annual funding support to such districts for additional training, membership development, promotion of participation in The Rotary Foundation. The Board reviews the status of additionally-supported districts annually at its January meeting.

**DECISION:** The Board, noting the positive membership growth in District 1912 (Slovenia) and District 1913 (Croatia) since 1 July 2012, removes the “additionally-supported” status and related funding granted to these two districts, effective 1 July 2016.

**131. E-club Committee Report**

*Statement:* The E-club committee reported on the status of its goals to 1) create a worldwide IT platform for e-clubs; 2) facilitate 10,000 new e-club members; and 3) create a 1 million click campaign on the internet for promoting e-clubs. The committee noted that it will work with the Membership Committee in pursuit of these goals.

**DECISION:** The Board receives the E-club Committee’s report on its goals and activities.

**132. District Governor Funding**

*Statement:* In decision 82, October 2015, the Board requested the general secretary to define criteria for sending governor funds directly to the qualifying districts, and to develop a process by which Rotary can certify the status of these funds. To help promote a clearer understanding of this project’s purpose, the general secretary suggested the Board approve an opportunity statement.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. receives the status update on the project to send district governor funding directly to districts;
2. approves the project’s opportunity statement:

   Simplify and streamline governor expense reporting procedures to increase accountability, transparency, and consistency regarding the stewardship of governor funds to the Rotary clubs, districts, and RI.
133. Non-Districted Status, District 2225 (Russian Federation)

Statement: In decision 80, October 2015, the Board agreed to place all clubs in District 2225 into non-districted status for three years unless the district governor, governor-elect, and council of past governors agreed in writing to a memorandum of understanding established by the Board. The general secretary reported that only the governor-elect had signed the memorandum.

DECISION: The Board

1. places the clubs in District 2225 into non-districted status effective 1 March 2016;
2. confirms that the last day of office for the 2015–16 governor, incoming governors, and other district officers will be 29 February 2016;
3. requests President Ravindran to name a special representative to support the non-districted clubs in point 1 of this decision.

134. Non-districted Status—District 3272 (Pakistan)

Statement: In decision 79, October 2015, the Board agreed to consider placing all clubs in District 3272 into non-districted status for three years unless the district met specific conditions determined by the Board. The general secretary reported that while the conditions had been met, there was still a concern regarding fictitious clubs that needs to be resolved.

DECISION: The Board

1. acknowledges District 3272’s efforts to meet the conditions imposed at its October 2015 meeting;
2. postpones placing all clubs in District 3272 into non-districted status;
3. requests the general secretary to review the district governor’s analysis of clubs with fictitious members, take appropriate action, for report at the April 2016 Board meeting.

135. Rotary Clubs in China

Statement: Noting recent successes in charting new and provisional clubs in China, the general secretary suggested changes to the review process for forming new Chinese clubs that would simplify the process administratively at the Secretariat and make it easier for prospective clubs to form.

DECISION: The Board revises the review process for forming new Rotary clubs in China as shown in Appendix H, filed only with the official copy of these minutes.

136. Triennial Review of Countries Exempt from Magazine Subscription

Statement: RI Bylaws section 20.030.2. allows exemption from subscription to The Rotarian or regional magazine for certain countries if the members are not literate in the language of the available magazine. Rotary Code of Policies section 31.030.12. authorizes the general secretary to act on the Board’s behalf to excuse clubs from this requirement and Code section 51.020.7. requires the general secretary to provide a report on counties exempt from magazine subscription every three years.

DECISION: The Board receives the general secretary’s report on countries exempted from subscription to The Rotarian or regional magazine as follows:

- Afghanistan
- Albania
- Azerbaijan
- Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Cambodia
- Croatia
- Estonia
- Greece
- Hungary
- Indonesia
- Kazakhstan
- Kosovo
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Moldova
- Montenegro
- Romania
- Slovenia
- Tajikistan

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Finance Committee Report
Meeting 9 December 2015 via webinar

137. Budget Assumptions for 2016–17 Draft Budget

Statement: The Finance Committee discussed assumptions—including enterprise projects—upon which the 2016–17 budget should be based. These assumptions factored projected membership figures, projected net investment returns, inflation, and Secretariat salaries.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks the Finance Committee for its report;
2. approves the draft 2016–17 budget assumptions as shown in Appendix I, filed only with the official copy of these minutes;

3. approves the preliminary list of enterprise projects for inclusion in the 2016–17 draft budget (subject to budget constraints and further review), as shown in Appendix I, filed only with the official copy of these minutes.

138. District Governor Funding Approval for 2016–17 Budget

Statement: In decision 167, May 2014, the Board agreed to approve a district governor funding budget annually at its January meeting. The Finance Committee reviews an historical analysis, recent trends, and projected expenses, among other factors when determining governor funding.

DECISION: The Board approves the 2016–17 district governors funding budget (including expenses for district governor-elect mailings, RIBI governor-elect expenses for attendance at GETS, and non-districted clubs) as shown in Appendix J, filed only with the official copy of these minutes.

139. 2017 RI (Atlanta) Convention Budget

Statement: At its annual January meeting, the Board approves the budget for the following year’s convention. Reviewing convention registration trends from the United States and considering a projected attendance of 22,500 registrants, the Finance Committee recommended a convention budget based on a preliminary registration fee of US$265. Noting that cancellation fees are standard in the meetings industry, the Finance Committee recommended that the Board amend its policy to charge a fee for each cancellation.

DECISION: The Board

1. approves the budget for the 2017 RI (Atlanta) Convention as shown in Appendix K, filed only with the official copy of these minutes;

2. sets the registration fee for the Atlanta convention based upon 22,500 registrants with corresponding registration fees;

3. amends its convention attendance cancellation policy to charge a cancellation fee to all registrants who cancel.

140. Host Organization Committee Request for Funding

Statement: The Brazil Host Organization Committee requested funds for Rotary International to help cover its remaining financial obligations from the 2015 São Paulo convention.

DECISION: The Board

1. authorizes use of RI convention reserve funds up to US$90,000 to settle all host organization committee financial obligations remaining from the 2015 São Paulo Convention;

2. notes that no additional funding will be requested by the host organization nor considered by the Board;

3. requests the RI Finance Committee to review the host organization committee’s closing financial statements, with a settlement of outstanding liabilities due by 30 June 2016.

141. RI Five-Year Financial Forecast

Statement: The Finance Committee updated its five-year forecast for Rotary in light of revised assumptions for 2015–16 and a possible dues increase to be considered by the 2016 Council on Legislation.

DECISION: The Board

1. receive the RI Finance Committee’s updated report on RI’s five-year financial forecast and its assumptions, as shown in Appendix L, filed only with the official copy of the minutes;

2. note the impact on RI’s reserves from the 2014–15 net investment losses and from the year-to-date investment losses in 2015–16;

3. note the recommendations of the Finance Committee for a dues increase that will ensure RI’s long-term financial sustainability, including the ability to meet the challenges of maintaining IT infrastructure and to remain a global leader in the world.

142. Expenses Reductions

Statement: In decision 91, October 2015, the Board, in preparation for developing the 2016–17 RI budget, requested the Finance Committee to evaluate specific RI
activities for possible reduction or elimination. The Finance Committee reported on the status of several elimination ideas.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. receives the Finance Committee’s recommendations for potential expenses reductions throughout Rotary;

2. requests the Secretariat and the Finance Committee to continue to recommend and explore expense reductions and to provide their recommendations for further consideration when developing the 2016–17 budget, for report to the Board at its May 2016 meeting.

**143. Proposed Changes to RI Resolutions on Financial Accounts and Services**

**Statement:** The RI Resolution on Financial Accounts and Services delegates authority to specific staff regarding the establishment and operation of Rotary’s bank accounts. With the recent filling of the newly establishment deputy general secretary position, amendments to the resolutions were necessary.

**DECISION:** The Board amends the Resolutions on Financial Accounts and Services as shown in Appendix M.

**144. Currency Calculation Rate in Venezuela for Club Invoicing**

**Statement:** Due to current unfavorable economic conditions in Venezuela, the general secretary suggested the Board change the currency calculation rate used for club invoicing in that country.

**DECISION:** The Board authorizes the general secretary to

1. implement the calculation of club invoices in Venezuela at the SICAD rate, which will be different from the market rate used for translating financial results;

2. determine when to resume using a standard Rotary exchange rate for the calculation of Venezuelan club invoices.

**145. Modifications to the Budget in 2015-16**

**Statement:** At the conclusion of each meeting, the Board reviews all actions taken during that meeting affecting the RI budget.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. notes no modifications to the RI budget for 2015-16, as approved through July 2015, as follows:

   **2015-16 Budget (US$):**
   - Revenues: $103,432,000
   - Expenses: (103,663,600)  
   - **Change in net assets before pension adjustment:** (231,600)  
   - Pension settlement: (5,200,000) 
   - Pension valuation adjustment: 9,000,000  
   - **Change in Net Assets:** 3,568,400  
   - Convention reserves: 102,000  
   - GSF Funded Expenses: 1,663,000  
   - **Total change in net assets (net of convention reserve/GSF):** $5,333,400

2. approves budget variances for 2015-16 as indicated below:

   - **Expenses:**  
     - July 2015 Board Meeting – approved variances: 11,240  
     - October 2015 Board Meeting – approved variances: 3,870,000  
     - January 2016 Board Meeting Dec. 140 São Paulo HOC request for Funding: 90,000  
   
   - **Total January Board Meeting variances to the 2015-16 budget:** 90,000  
   - **Total FY16 Board Meeting Variances to the 2015-16 budget:** $3,971,240  
   - **Funding from GSF/Reserves:**  
     - October 2015 Board Meeting - Approved variances: 4,000,000  
     - January 2016 Board Meeting Dec. 140 São Paulo HOC request for Funding: 90,000
Total 2015-16 Board meeting funding
Variances to the 2015-16 budget: 4,090,000

**Total 2015-16 change in net assets including variances:** 5,452,160

3. notes the following decisions at this meeting impacting future years:

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Adjournment

The foregoing is a true record of the proceedings at the January 2016 Rotary International Board of directors meeting.

K. R. Ravindran
President

Andrew McDonald
Secretary of the Meeting

ATTEST:

John Hewko
General Secretary, RI
APPENDIX A

RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS MADE BY THE PRESIDENT
(Decision 97)

1. Vacancy in the Office of Governor-elect, District 2570 (Japan)

Statement: District 2570 reported that Governor-elect Toshihiro Ino is unable to perform the duties of office due to health reasons. The Council of Past Governors recommended that Osami Maejima, a member of the Rotary Club of Kumagaya, Saitama, Japan be appointed as governor-elect. Director Sugitani concurred with this recommendation and Rotarian Maejima indicated that he is willing to perform this duty.

DECISION: The Board, the president acting on its behalf, in accordance with RI Bylaws sections 6.120.1. and 13.070., appoints Rotarian Osami Maejima, a member of the Rotary Club of Kumagaya, Saitama, Japan, to serve as governor of District 2570, assuming all the powers and privileges of the office.

2. Vacancy in the Office of Governor-elect, District 3282 (Bangladesh)

Statement: District 3282 reported that Governor-elect Mohamed Mizanur Rahman is unable to perform the duties of office due to health reasons. Current District Governor A.B.M Wadud Ullah recommended that Governor-nominee Shohid Ahmed Chowdhury, a member of the Rotary Club of Jalalabad, Bangladesh be appointed as governor-elect. Director Rattanavich concurred with this recommendation and Rotarian Chowdhury indicated that he is willing to perform this duty.

DECISION: The Board, the president acting on its behalf, in accordance with RI Bylaws sections 6.120.1. and 13.070., appoints Rotarian Shohid Ahmed Chowdhury, a member of the Rotary Club of Jalalabad, Bangladesh, to serve as governor of District 3282, assuming all the powers and privileges of the office.
APPENDIX B

RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS MADE BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY
(Decision 98)

Statement: The general secretary reported that, in accordance with instruction and authorization from the Board, he made the following decisions on behalf of the Board during the period 1 September through 11 December 2015.

1. Admission of Clubs

Statement: Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may approve provisional clubs’ applications for membership in RI in accordance with established procedure and policy.

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, approves admission of the following Rotary clubs to membership in RI:

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<td>Mokpo Hanggu, Jeonranan, Korea, Republic of Mokpo Namdo, Jeonranan, Korea, Republic of Nam Jeju, Jeju, Korea, Republic of Taoyuan Ai-Yue, Taiwan</td>
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<td>Molina de Segura, Spain</td>
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2. Amendment of Club Constitution – Change in Name of Clubs

**Statement:** Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may amend a club constitution to change the name of the club.

**DECISION:** The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, approves an amendment to the following clubs’ constitution whereby the names of the clubs are changed as follows:

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<td>Aledo (East Parker County), Texas, USA</td>
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<td>Belmont, California, USA</td>
<td>Belmont &amp; Redwood Shores, California, USA</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bruck an der Leitha, Austria</td>
<td>Bruck/Leitha-Neusiedl/See, Austria</td>
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<td>Central DuPage County AM, Illinois, USA</td>
<td>Wheaton A.M., Illinois, USA</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chittur, Kerala, India</td>
<td>Chittur Palghat, Kerala, India</td>
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<tr>
<td>Colwood, British Columbia, Canada</td>
<td>Westshore Sunrise, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada</td>
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**Zone 14**
Rhein-Main International, Germany

**Zone 15**
Viimsi, Estonia

**Zone 16**
Elbląg Centrum, Poland
Kharkiv Nadiya, Ukraine

**Zone 17**
SR1, Sunderland, England
Tameside, England

**Zone 19**
Deva Castrum, Romania
Zagreb-Donji Grad, Croatia

**Zone 20**
Abomey-Calavi Nokoué, Benin
Abuja Federal, Fed. Cap. Territory, Nigeria
Abuja Lugbe Sunrise, Fed. Cap. Territory, Nigeria
Abuja Lugbe, Fed. Cap. Territory, Nigeria
Addis Ababa Arada, Ethiopia
Adikpo Town, Benue State, Nigeria
Akure City, Ondo State, Nigeria
Butembo Semuliki, The Democratic Republic of Congo
Cape Coast-Central, Ghana
Debre Berhan, Ethiopia
Dera, Ethiopia
Hoedspruit, South Africa
Ibadan Bodija Estate, Oyo State, Nigeria
Ibadan Onireke Neighborhood, Oyo State, Nigeria
Ilorin Fate Neighborhood, Kwara State, Nigeria
Jalingo Metro, Taraba State, Nigeria
Kano Dala Sunrise, Kano State, Nigeria
Makurdi Bay, Benue State, Nigeria
Marangu Kibo Kilimanjaro, Tanzania
Minna New Dawn, Niger State, Nigeria
Mpeketoni, Kenya
Nigeria 9125, Fed. Cap. Territory, Nigeria
Offa Metro, Kwara State, Nigeria
Omu-Aran, Kwara State, Nigeria
Owode-Onirin Kosofe, Lagos State, Nigeria
Sokoto City, Sokoto State, Nigeria
Uromi Metropolitan, Edo State, Nigeria
Yola Bridge, Adamawa State, Nigeria

**Zone 21**
Bogotá D.C., Cundinamarca, Colombia
Ciudad Madero Miramar, Tamaulipas, Mexico
Gomez Palacio el Vergel, Durango, Mexico
Guadalajara Internacional, Jalisco, Mexico
Mexicali Empresarial, Baja California, Mexico
Orizaba Granate, Veracruz, Mexico
Veracruz Costa Diamante, Veracruz, Mexico
Zona Esmeralda-Atizapán, México, Mexico

**Zone 22**
Araguaína-Lago Azul, Tocantins, Brazil
Augustinópolis, Tocantins, Brazil
Coronel Fabriciano-Melo Viana, Minas Gerais, Brazil
Distrito 4310, Brazil
Guaxupé-Cafezais, Minas Gerais Brazil

**Zone 23**
Capitão Leônidas Marques, Paraná, Brazil
Central Ica, Ica, Peru
Ciudad CABA, C.F., Argentina
Pato Branco-Cristo Rei, Paraná, Brazil
Ponta Porã-Pedro Juan Caballero-Guarani, Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil
Porto Alegre-Cidade Baixa, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil
Puerto Suarez, S.C., Bolivia
Santa Clara do Sul, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

**Zone 24**
Hanwell, New Brunswick, Canada

**Zone 27**
Zion Canyon-Springdale, Utah, USA

**Zone 31**
Antlers, Oklahoma, USA

**Zone 33**
Ashland, Virginia, USA
Kent Island, Maryland, USA
### Minutes of the January 2016 RI Board of Directors Meeting

#### From
- Cropani-Rita Levi
  - Montalcini, Italy
- Danielson, Connecticut
  - USA
- Fleurus, Belgium
- Giza-Metropolitan, Egypt
- Grafsvaart, Germany
- Grand Cayman Islands
  - Cayman Islands
- Grants, New Mexico
  - USA
- Herkimer, New York
  - USA
- Humble Intercontinental
  - Texas, USA
- Indraprasta, Semarang
  - Indonesia
- Las Vegas Fremont
  - Nevada, USA
- Mont Kiara, Kuala Lumpur
  - Malaysia
- Mt. Vernon, Washington
  - USA
- Osaka Chiyoda, Osaka
  - Japan
- Porirua Sundown
  - New Zealand
- Rio de Janeiro-Leblon
  - Brazil
- Rovaniemi-Ounasvaara
  - Finland
- San Antonio Evening
  - Texas, USA
- San Antonio-Northeast
  - Texas, USA
- San Carlo-Trezzano sul Naviglio
  - Italy
- Semarang Bukit Sari
  - Indonesia
- Tamworth North
  - New South Wales, Australia
- Ulsan-Cheongsol
  - Ulsan, Korea, Republic of
- Victor Valley Sunrise
  - (Victorville), California, USA
- Wanganui Daybreak
  - New Zealand

#### To
- Cropani, Italy
- Killingly-Brooklyn
  - Connecticut, USA
- Fleurus-Aéropole, Belgium
- Giza Metropolitan, Egypt
- Kamp-Lintfort / Grafsvaart
  - Moers, Germany
- Central Cayman Islands
  - Cayman Islands
- Grants-Milan, New Mexico
  - USA
- Mohawk Valley, Herkimer
  - New York, USA
- Humble, Texas, USA
- Semarang Indraprasta
  - Indonesia
- Downtown Las Vegas
  - Nevada, USA
- Mont Kiara Gateway, Kuala Lumpur
  - Malaysia
- Mount Vernon, Washington
  - USA
- Sakai Risho, Osaka
  - Japan
- Porirua, New Zealand
- Rio de Janeiro-Leblon
  - Brazil
- Rovaniemi Santa Claus
  - Finland
- San Antonio Alamo Ranch
  - Texas, USA
- San Antonio Northeast
  - Texas, USA
- Milano Navigli Vinciani
  - Italy
- Semarang Lawang Sewu
  - Indonesia
- E-Club of District 9650
  - New South Wales, Australia
- Ulsan Munhwahyeon
  - Ulsan, Korea, Republic of
- The High Desert - Hesperia
  - California, USA
- Whanganui Daybreak
  - New Zealand

### Amendment of Club Constitution – Change in Locality

#### Statement:
Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may approve requests from clubs to amend Article III of the club constitution to revise the club’s locality.

#### DECISION:
The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, approves amendments to the constitution of the following Rotary clubs, thereby revising their localities:

- Adelaide South, South Australia, Australia
- Ballarat West, Victoria, Australia
- Ballarat, Victoria, Australia
- Belrose, N.S.W., Australia
- Bruck/Leitha-Neusiedl/See, Austria
- Cambridge, New Zealand
- Camperdown, Victoria, Australia
- Charlton, Victoria, Australia
- Chatswood, New South Wales, Australia
- Cobden, Victoria, Australia
- Colac West, Victoria, Australia
- Colac, Victoria, Australia
- Corio Bay, Victoria, Australia
- East Gosford, New South Wales, Australia
- E-Club of District 9650, New South Wales, Australia
- Endeavour Hills, Victoria, Australia
- Fleurus-Aéropole, Belgium
- Frankston North, Victoria, Australia
- Gisborne West, New Zealand
- Gladstone Midday, Queensland, Australia
- Gladstone Sunrise, Queensland, Australia
- Hamilton East, New Zealand
- Hamilton, Victoria, Australia
- Hastings Western Port, Victoria, Australia
- Hazelwood, Victoria, Australia
- Highton, Victoria, Australia
- Kenthurst, New South Wales, Australia
- Lindisfarne, Tasmania, Australia
- Maffra, Victoria, Australia
- Matsuyama East, Ehime, Japan
- Mortlake, Victoria, Australia
- North Rocks, New South Wales, Australia
- North Ryde, New South Wales, Australia
- North Sydney, New South Wales, Australia
- Northlakes Toukley, New South Wales, Australia
- Otumoetai, New Zealand
- Padstow, New South Wales, Australia
- Scottsdale, Tasmania, Australia
- Somerset, Tasmania, Australia
- Somerville Tyabb, Victoria, Australia
- St. Helens, Tasmania, Australia
- Taradale, New Zealand
- Tauranga, New Zealand
- Tauranga-Te Papa, New Zealand
- Te Awamutu, New Zealand
- Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia
- Traralgon, Victoria, Australia
- Wonthaggi, Victoria, Australia
4. Extension of Time Limit for the Selection of District Governor

Statement: Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary in accordance Rotary Code of Policies section 31.030.3. may extend the time limit for the selection of a district governor in cases where the governor states that special circumstances warrant such action. The districts assured the Board that it will comply with RI Bylaws section 13.010. for nomination of all future governors.

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, extends the time limit for the selection of governor from District 3502 in 2017-18.

5. Incorporation of Rotary Clubs

Statement: Under the terms of the Board’s delegation of authority, the general secretary may approve all applications for incorporation that are in conformity with the general provisions for articles of incorporation.

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, offers no objection to the incorporation of the following Rotary clubs under the proposed articles of incorporation as submitted by those clubs:

- Adelaide South, South Australia, Australia
- Fitzroy, Victoria, Australia
- Kwinana, Western Australia, Australia
- Pioneer Valley, Queensland, Australia
- Scottsdale, Tasmania, Australia
- Somerset, Tasmania, Australia
- St. George Next Gen, N.S.W., Australia
- St. Helens, Tasmania, Australia

6. Incorporation of Rotary Districts

Statement: Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may approve all applications for incorporation that are in conformity with the general provisions for articles of incorporation.

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, offers no objection to the incorporation of District 9820 (Australia) under the proposed articles of incorporation as submitted by those districts.

7. Merger of Clubs

Statement: Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may approve the application of two or more Rotary clubs to merge into a single new club, in accordance with established procedure and policy.

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, approves the merging of the following Rotary clubs in RI:

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<th>Club Name</th>
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<td>Bombay Bandra, Maharashtra, India</td>
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<td>Rotary E-Club of Cybercity District 3140</td>
<td>Modesto Metro, California, USA</td>
<td>29 Apr 1959</td>
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<td>Modesto North, California, USA</td>
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<td>Newburgh, New York, USA</td>
<td>Greater Newburgh, New York, USA</td>
<td>17 Jun 1917</td>
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<td>New Windsor Cornwall, New York, USA</td>
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<td>Pittwater, New South Wales, Australia</td>
<td>Narrabeen Lakes, New South Wales, Australia</td>
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<td>South Louisville/Okolona, Kentucky, USA</td>
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<td>St. Matthews, Kentucky, USA</td>
<td>Taupo, New Zealand</td>
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<td>Taupo Moana, New Zealand</td>
<td>Lake Taupo, New Zealand</td>
<td>30 Jun 1957</td>
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8. Reinstatement of Membership in Rotary International

Statement: Under the terms of the Board’s delegation of authority, the general secretary may reinstate the membership of a club that was terminated for non-payment of financial obligations to RI, if such obligations have been met.

DECISION: In accordance with Rotary Code of Policies section 31.030.05. and in view of the fact that the clubs listed below have met the conditions of that
policy, the Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, reinstates the following Rotary clubs.

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<td>Delhi Westend, Delhi, India</td>
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<td>3090</td>
<td>Sirsa Midcity, Haryana, India</td>
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<td>4170</td>
<td>Ixtapan de la Sal, Edo. de México, Mexico</td>
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<td>7490</td>
<td>Paramus-Bergen Community College, New Jersey, USA</td>
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<td>9010</td>
<td>Casablanca-Californie, Morocco</td>
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9. Resignation of Membership in Rotary International

Statement: Under the terms of the Board’s delegation of authority, the general secretary may cancel a club’s charter upon the governor’s recommendation if the club has ceased to exist.

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, accepts the resignation of the following clubs and declares their charters null and void:

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<td>4195</td>
<td>San Andrés Tuxtla, Veracruz, Mexico</td>
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<td>4390</td>
<td>Maceió-Jatiúca, Alagoas, Brazil</td>
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<td>4651</td>
<td>Florianópolis-Ingleses, Santa Catarina, Brazil</td>
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<td>4670</td>
<td>Gravataí-Do Vale, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil</td>
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<td>5650</td>
<td>Clarinda, Iowa, USA</td>
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<td>6890</td>
<td>SouthShore-Ruskin, Florida, USA</td>
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<td>9400</td>
<td>Orange Grove (Johannesburg), South Africa</td>
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<td>9675</td>
<td>Balmain, N.S.W., Australia</td>
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10. Termination of Membership in RI – Disbanded

Statement: Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may terminate the charters of clubs where further effort to rehabilitate the club is futile.

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, terminates the membership in RI of the following Rotary clubs:

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<th>District</th>
<th>Club Name</th>
<th>Admitted</th>
<th>Terminated</th>
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<td>4540</td>
<td>Cristais Paulista, São Paulo, Brazil</td>
<td>17 May 2007</td>
<td>16 Nov 2015</td>
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<td>4849</td>
<td>Mercedes Servicio y Amistad, S.L., Argentina</td>
<td>18 Nov 2013</td>
<td>1 Jul 2015</td>
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<tr>
<td>5010</td>
<td>Whitehorse Midnight Sun, Yukon Territory, Canada</td>
<td>17 Jan 2007</td>
<td>14 Oct 2015</td>
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<td>5030</td>
<td>North Seattle, Washington, USA</td>
<td>22 Jan 1951</td>
<td>12 Oct 2015</td>
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<td>5280</td>
<td>Glendale Moonlight, California, USA</td>
<td>20 Jun 2012</td>
<td>11 Sep 2015</td>
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<td>5300</td>
<td>Upland-Rancho Cucamonga-Claremont, California, USA</td>
<td>27 May 2010</td>
<td>5 Nov 2015</td>
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<td>5520</td>
<td>Fort Sumner, New Mexico, USA</td>
<td>13 Mar 1939</td>
<td>3 Sep 2015</td>
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<td>5750</td>
<td>Billings, Oklahoma, USA</td>
<td>22 Nov 1947</td>
<td>19 Oct 2015</td>
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<td>6490</td>
<td>Forsyth Sunrise, Illinois, USA</td>
<td>13 Apr 2000</td>
<td>20 Oct 2015</td>
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<td>7030</td>
<td>St. Lucia-South, St. Lucia</td>
<td>20 Dec 1975</td>
<td>2 Sep 2015</td>
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<td>7255</td>
<td>North Shore Long Island, New York, USA</td>
<td>6 Nov 2003</td>
<td>6 Sep 2015</td>
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<td>7640</td>
<td>Salem Sunrise, New Jersey, USA</td>
<td>25 Jan 2006</td>
<td>15 Oct 2015</td>
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<td>7780</td>
<td>South Portland Sunrise, Maine, USA</td>
<td>10 May 2004</td>
<td>5 Nov 2015</td>
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11. Termination of Membership in RI – Failure to Function

Statement: Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may terminate the charters of clubs where further effort to rehabilitate the club is futile.
**DECISION:** The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, in accordance with RI Bylaws section 3.030.2., terminates the membership in RI of the following Rotary club:

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<td>7020</td>
<td>E-Club of The Virgin Islands and Caribbean</td>
<td>16 May 2013</td>
<td>23 Oct 2015</td>
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**12. Termination of Membership in RI – Non Payment of Per Capita Dues**

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<td>Vitia</td>
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<td>56</td>
<td>Herat</td>
<td>Afghanistan</td>
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<td>1580</td>
<td>Amsterdam Sloterdijk</td>
<td>Netherlands</td>
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<td>1700</td>
<td>Gaillac</td>
<td>France</td>
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<td>1710</td>
<td>Lyon Montchat-Monplaisir</td>
<td>France</td>
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<td>1910</td>
<td>Mostar</td>
<td>Bosnia and Herzegovina</td>
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<td>1910</td>
<td>Breko Alpe Adria</td>
<td>Bosnia and Herzegovina</td>
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<td>1912</td>
<td>Ljubljana Center</td>
<td>Slovenia</td>
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<td>1960</td>
<td>Lisboa-Lumiar</td>
<td>Portugal</td>
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13. Modification of District Boundaries – Transfer of Area with No Clubs

Statement: With the approval of a majority of clubs in each district, the governors of Districts 5840 and 5870 requested the transfer of Horseshoe Bay from D5840 to D5870 to facilitate the formation of a new Rotary club there.

As a result of this transfer, the new boundary descriptions for the two districts are:

**District 5840:** USA - TEXAS, that portion east of the western boundaries of the counties of Terrell, Crockett and Crane, south of the northern boundaries of the counties of Crane, Upton, Reagan, Tom Green, Runnels, Concho, McCulloch and San Saba, west of the eastern boundaries of the counties of San Saba, Llano (excluding the city of Horseshoe Bay), Blanco, Hays, Caldwell, Gonzales, Dewitt, Karnes and Bee, and north of the northern boundaries of the counties of San Patricio, Live Oak, McMullen and Webb.

**District 5870:** USA - TEXAS, that portion west of the western boundaries of the counties of Ellis, Henderson, Anderson, Houston, Madison, Brazos, Washington, Austin, Colorado and Jackson, east of the eastern boundaries of the counties of Victoria, Dewitt, Gonzales, Caldwell, Hays, Blanco, Llano (including the city of Horseshoe Bay) and San Saba, north of the northern boundary of San Saba County, and south of the northern boundaries of the counties of Mills, Hamilton, Bosque, Hill and Navarro.

**DECISION:** The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf in accordance with the provisions of section 17.0.010.4(10) of the Rotary Code of Policies, approves the transfer of the area of land previously held in District 5840 to move to District 5870, effective 1 July 2016.


Statement: Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may approve all applications for incorporation of Global Networking Groups, in conformity with Rotary Code of Policies section 42.030.

**DECISION:** The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, offers no objection to the incorporation of the following Global Networking Groups under the proposed articles of incorporation as submitted by those entities:

- Rotarian Action Groups
- Rotarian Action Group Healthy Pregnancies/Healthy Children (RAGES) Rotarian Action Group for Endangered Species

15. Recognition of new proposed Rotary Fellowships

Statement: Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary is authorized to recognize Rotary Fellowships, in consultation with the Rotary Fellowships Committee.

**DECISION:** The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, recognizes the following new Rotary Fellowships:

- 4X4 International Fellowship for Rotarians
- International Fellowship of Rotarian Educators
16. Request to Join Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organization—District 5010 and District 5110

Statement: In accordance with the policy established by the Board with respect to multidistrict activities, the governors and Rotaract representatives of Districts 5010 and 5110 requested the Board’s approval to participate in Rotaract activities on a multidistrict level.

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, in accordance with established policy concerning multidistrict activities, authorizes the governors and Rotaract clubs in Districts 5010 and 5110 to participate in Big West Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organization Representing Districts 5000, 5010, 5030, 5100, 5110, 5130, 5180, 5220, 5240, 5280, 5320, 5330, 5340, 5490, 5500, and 5510, subject to the activities being organized and conducted in accordance with RI policy.

17. Request to Join Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organization—District 3271

Statement: In accordance with the policy established by the Board with respect to multidistrict activities, the governor and Rotaract representative of District 3271 requested the Board’s approval to participate in Rotaract activities on a multidistrict level.

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, in accordance with established policy concerning multidistrict activities, authorizes the governor and Rotaract clubs in District 3271 to participate in Rotaract South Asia Multidistrict Information Organization Representing Districts 2980, 3000, 3020, 3030, 3051, 3060, 3070, 3080, 3110, 3120, 3131, 3132, 3140, 3150, 3160, 3170, 3180, 3190, 3201, 3202, 3211, 3230, 3240, 3250, 3261, 3262, 3271, 3272, 3282, 3291, and 3292, subject to the activities being organized and conducted in accordance with RI policy.
# APPENDIX D

## 2016–17 RI COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

(Decision 105)

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APPENDIX E

AMENDMENTS TO THE ROTARY CODE OF POLICIES REGARDING ROTARACT AND INTERACT
(Decision 119)

41.010. Interact

The "Interact Statement of Policy" is as follows:

13. An Interact club may be organized and sponsored jointly by more than one up to three Rotary club(s) under the following conditions:

a) The governor must approve in writing that, in the governor's considered judgment, the best interests of the district, the Rotary clubs concerned and the Interact program would be served by the proposed joint sponsorship.

b) A substantial percentage of the members of the proposed Interact club must be drawn from the local community.

c) The circumstances must be such that the organization of separate Interact clubs, each sponsored by a single Rotary club, would create an artificial division of what is essentially a single body of students within the school or community.

d) A joint Interact committee must be created with effective representation from each of the sponsor Rotary clubs.

In addition, Interact clubs may be sponsored jointly by more than three Rotary clubs with the governor's written approval if, in the governor's considered judgment, the best interests of the district, the Rotary clubs, and the Interact club concerned would be effectively served.

25. Rotaract activities beyond the district level

b) Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organizations. Districts may develop a multidistrict organization for the purpose of disseminating information and facilitating communication between Rotaract clubs in the districts concerned, provided that funds needed to implement the organization's activities (i.e. production and distribution of regional club directories and newsletters, dissemination of Rotaract program information, general correspondence) shall be obtained on a voluntary basis only and cannot be made enforceable.

41.020. Rotaract

Rotaract Statement of Policy

12. A Rotaract club may be organized and sponsored jointly by more than one up to three Rotary club(s) under the following conditions:

a) The governor must approve in writing that, in the governor’s considered judgment, the best interests of the district, the Rotary clubs concerned and the Rotaract program would be served by the proposed joint sponsorship.

b) The circumstances must be such that the organization of separate Rotaract clubs, each sponsored by a single Rotary club, would create an artificial division of what is essentially a single body of young adults within the community or university.

c) A joint Rotaract committee must be created with effective representation from each of the sponsor Rotary clubs.

In addition, Rotaract clubs may be sponsored jointly by more than three Rotary clubs with the governor’s written approval if, in the governor’s considered judgment, the best interests of the district, the Rotary clubs, and the Rotaract club concerned would be effectively served.
APPENDIX F

AMENDMENTS TO THE ROTARY CODE OF POLICIES REGARDING YOUTH EXCHANGE
(Decision 121)

17.030.3. Additional Committees
[Text omitted]

C. District Youth Exchange Committee
To promote Youth Exchange as an opportunity for the development of international understanding, governors are encouraged to appoint Youth Exchange committees and officers. Governors are encouraged to observe a three-year limitation on the consecutive length of service of the district Youth Exchange chair. Recognizing that the special technical knowledge and experience required by the Youth Exchange program encourages a multi-year tenure of the district Youth Exchange chair and may sometimes necessitate the continuation of the chair’s length of service for a longer period than three years in order to provide for an adequately trained successor.

To be effective, the district Youth Exchange committee must have continuity of leadership and succession planning. If a change in the district Youth Exchange chair is desired, the governor-elect is highly encouraged to consider candidates with a general knowledge of Rotary and a strong enthusiasm for the Youth Exchange program. A minimum experience of three years in a key position on the district Youth Exchange committee is also strongly encouraged for established Youth Exchange programs. Ability to communicate in English and attendance at a Youth Exchange conference beyond the district level should be regarded as positive attributes. Consultation with the current district governor, the district Youth Exchange chair, and district Youth Exchange committee members as well as the governor-nominee can provide valuable insight into the selection process by the governor-elect. Such cooperative efforts are instrumental in ensuring success given the recommended district Youth Exchange committee experience of the person selected as well as the desired multi-year tenure of that position subject to the recommended three-year limitation on consecutive length of service. Governors are encouraged not to change more than 50% of the Youth Exchange committee at any time in order to ensure the continuity of the program.

[Text omitted]

19.020. Responsibilities of the Governor-nominee
[Text omitted]

Assignments to the Governor-nominee
The governor and governor-elect shall provide the governor-nominee with the opportunity to
1. request specific responsibilities or assignments in connection with district committees or district organization
2. attend as an observer any or all district meetings
3. be part of the organizing committee as an observer
4. participate in all strategic planning efforts and long term appointments in the district
5. serve as an ex-officio member of the district Youth Exchange committee.
APPENDIX G

AMENDMENTS TO THE ROTARY CODE OF POLICIES REGARDING
ROTARIAN ACTION GROUPS
(Decision 123)

42.020. Rotarian Action Groups

42.020.1. Purpose and Membership
A Rotarian Action Group shall be an association of Rotarians, family members of Rotarians, program participants and alumni who have as their purpose the advancement of the Object of Rotary by providing assistance and support to Rotary clubs, districts, and multidistricts in planning and implementing large-scale, community development and humanitarian service projects.

42.020.2. Relationship with Rotary International
Rotarian Action Groups are a resource to Rotary clubs and districts in their specialty. Rotarian Action Group activities must be in harmony with RI policy. Rotarian Action Groups may not be used to promote religious beliefs, political issues, or other non-Rotary organizations, or for the primary sole purpose of advocacy.

42.020.3. Governance and Membership
Rotarian Action Groups must adhere to standard bylaws as approved by the Board. Rotarian Action Groups shall be governed by a board of directors with at least five members. Each officer and director must be an active Rotarian.

A group’s membership shall be open to all Rotarians, family members of Rotarians, program participants and alumni.

3) Distribute a print or electronic newsletters to all members of the Rotarian Action Group in good standing, at least once three times during each Rotary year, and file the newsletter and other important communications and documents with the general secretary.

4) Hold an annual forum by way of a newsletter, annual meeting, or other activity appropriate to the group, through which members in good standing can interact.

5) Respond to inquiries from members, potential members, and the general secretary.

6) Submit an annual report of activities to its members with a copy to the general secretary by 1 October each year, including incorporation status, a summary of service activities demonstrating the action group’s involvement in at least three large-scale projects, with budget and a description of beneficiaries, organizations involved and project outcomes. Additionally, the report should include incorporation status, a financial statement showing beginning balances, revenues and expenditures during the previous Rotary year, and a statement of funds on hand at the time of the report, to its members with a copy to the general secretary by 1 October in each year. Groups’ annual reports shall be reviewed by the general secretary to determine whether they are maintaining the criteria for recognition.

42.020.7. Promotion of Rotarian Action Groups

Governors shall be trained at the RI Assembly in the purpose, operation, composition, and targeted expertise of Rotarian Action Groups. This should include how to use Rotarian Action Groups to assist clubs and districts in supporting RI strategic plan priorities.

42.020.11. Rotarian Action Group Dues and Fundraising

[Text omitted]
Rotarian Action Groups may solicit funds, including on their websites, from individuals and/or organizations, provided that donations are for the purpose of supporting:

--a Rotary club, district, or multidistrict for a specific project
--The Rotary Foundation
--a separate implementing organization working with Rotary clubs on a project (provided there is no conflict of interest between the Rotarian Action Group, its officers and/or directors, and the entity receiving the funds)

Rotarian Action Groups may solicit and hold donations for the groups listed above in an amount not to exceed US$25,000 US$50,000.
APPENDIX M

RI RESOLUTIONS ON FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS AND SERVICES
(Decision 143)

RESOLVED, that the General Secretary, Deputy General Secretary (or in his/her absence, the General Counsel) acting in concert with any one of the General Manager & Chief Financial Officer; Controller; Director of Investments and Treasury; or Manager, Treasury, have the authority on behalf of Rotary International (hereinafter the “corporation”) to:

- open and close accounts at banks, trust companies, savings associations, safe deposit companies, custodians, brokers, brokerage firms, investment companies, and other financial institutions (hereinafter collectively referred to as, “financial institutions”) as needed and arrange for all necessary services with respect to the financial assets of the corporation or with respect to such accounts of any branches or affiliates or any trusts, investment agreements, partnerships, or common or pooled income funds that it may manage or administer as trustee or agent or in any related capacity;
- open, rent, hold, surrender, and exchange the lease on safe deposit boxes, on behalf of and in the name of the corporation or as agent or as trustee of any trusts or similar relationships;
- enter into any financial institution agreement and provide instructions concerning the operation of the corporation’s accounts or safe deposit boxes;
- enter into any agreement with respect to the management of the corporation’s assets or investments;
- appoint, change, modify, or revoke the naming and authority of designated persons to execute checks, drafts, electronic funds transfers, or orders against funds of the corporation by delivery to the financial institution in written or approved electronic form notification of such appointments, changes, modifications, or revocations.

RESOLVED, that any two of the General Secretary; Deputy General Secretary; General Counsel; General Manager & Chief Financial Officer; Controller; Director of Investments and Treasury; Manager, Treasury; or any other person(s) appointed by the General Secretary, Deputy General Secretary, (or in his/her absence, the General Counsel) acting in concert with the General Manager & Chief Financial Officer, have the authority on behalf of Rotary International to:

- make, sign, draw, accept or endorse checks, drafts, notes, bills of exchange, acceptances, undertakings and orders for the payment of money from any financial account of the corporation; and use facsimile signatures or stamps in connection with banking transactions;
- authorize, issue, and execute any written, telephonic, oral, or electronic banking and financial services transactions;
- deposit into and withdraw from, electronically or otherwise, financial institutions any moneys or other property and examine or receive related records, including canceled checks;
- purchase, sell and exchange foreign currencies, or enter into foreign exchange contracts, letters of credit, travelers checks, export instruments and similar instruments and, on behalf and in the name of the corporation, incur liabilities in connection therewith and in connection with the purchase, sale or negotiation of any bills of exchange, letters of credit, travelers checks, acceptance, drafts, and bills of lading and similar instruments;
- receive and receipt, sign, execute, and deliver orders, applications, and agreements in connection therewith, which orders, applications, and agreements may contain such provisions as shall seem proper;
- borrow or obtain a loan from and give security for such borrowings or loans to any source for the purpose of short-term overdrafts or other short-term treasury needs; pay principal and interest wholly or in installments on such borrowings or loans;
- purchase, retain, transfer, convert, endorse, sell, assign, set over, and deliver any and all shares of stock, bonds, debentures, notes, subscription warrants, evidences of indebtedness, participation or other certificates, or other securities, now or hereafter standing in the name of or owned by the corporation; and make, execute and deliver any and all written instruments of assignment and transfer necessary or proper to perform the foregoing; and to guarantee signatures and endorsement thereon, or on power of attorney executed in connection
therewith, and to authorize and direct charges to the corporate accounts at any bank for the cost of the purchase of such securities.

RESOLVED, that each of the foregoing resolutions shall continue in force and effect until express written or electronic notice of rescission or modification thereof has been received by such financial institutions;

RESOLVED, that the General Secretary, Deputy General Secretary, or in his/her absence the General Counsel or the General Manager & Chief Financial Officer, may deliver certified copies of these resolutions, certificates of incumbency, or any other documents as necessary to confirm the authority granted herein.
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