MINUTES

of the

JANUARY 2018

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
# General Officers

## 2017–18

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JANUARY 2018 MEETING
Rotary International Board of Directors

The Rotary International Board of Directors held its third meeting of the year on
22–25 January 2018 in Del Mar, CA, USA

Present were: President Ian H.S. Riseley, President-elect Barry Rassin, Vice President Dean Rohrs, Treasurer Mikael Ahlberg, Executive Committee Chairman Noel Trevaskis, other directors, Gérard Allonneau, Jorge Aufranc, Basker Chockalingam, Corneliu Dincă, James Ronald Ferrill, Peter Iblher, Keichi Ishiguro, Robert C. Knuepfer Jr., John C. Matthews, Eun-Soo Moon, Tadami Saito, Brian A. E. Stoyel, Gregory Yank, Paulo Augusto Zanardi, and General Secretary John Hewko. Mike Webb attended as Trustee liaison. Also present were Past District Governors Drew Kessler and Jodie Sparks.

At the Board’s invitation, also attending were President-nominee Mark Maloney and Directors-elect Francesco Arezzo, Yinka Babalola, Jeffry Cadorette, Larry Dimmitt, Rafael Garcia III, Akira Miki, David Stovall, and Piotr Wygnanczuk.

Andrew McDonald served as secretary of the meeting with assistance from Matt Hohmann. Other staff present were David Alexander, Jim Barnes, Michele Berg, Lori Carlson, Richard Kick, Brian King, Laurie McCarthy, Steve Routburg, Eric Schmelling, Tom Thorfinnson, and Nora Zei. Nobuko Andrews, Alain Drouot, Sandra LeBlanc, Ligia Lima, Marc Prevot, and Eiko Terao 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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66. Minutes of the September 2017 Board Meeting

Statement: The general secretary distributed the September 2017 Board meeting minutes to each director.

DECISION: The Board approves the September 2017 Board meeting minutes as distributed.

67. Ratification of Decision Made by the President

Statement: As authorized, President Riseley 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 Riseley during the period 12 August through 15 November 2017.

68. 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 11 August through 15 November 2017.

69. General Secretary’s Report

Statement: The general secretary reported on the work at the Secretariat since the Board’s September 2017 meeting and progress made on Secretariat initiatives during 2017–18.

DECISION: The Board receives the general secretary’s report on the activities at the Secretariat since the September 2017 Board meeting.

70. Treasurer’s Report

Statement: Rotary Code of Policies section 29.040.2. requires the treasurer to report on the status of RI finances at each Board meeting.

DECISION: The Board thanks Treasurer Ahlberg for his report on the status of RI finances.
71. Communications from the Trustees

Statement: At their January 2018 meeting, the Rotary Foundation Trustees took several decisions of interest to the Board. The Trustees had also requested the Board to amend its policy regarding budgeted official participants at the International Assembly.

DECISION: The Board

1. notes the following decisions from the January 2018 Trustees meeting:

   59. Communications from the Board
   61. Election of 2018–19 Vice-chair
   62. Approval of 2018–19 Committee Structure and Appointments
   63. Strategic Planning Committee Report
   64. 2019 Council on Legislation Board Enactments Affecting the Foundation
   67. Report on India Investigations—District 3190
   74. Rotary Peace Centers Future Planning Committee Report
   76. Rotary Peace Centers Committee Report
   78. Joint Young Leaders and Alumni Engagement Committee Report
   84. Participation of International PolioPlus Committee Chair at the International Assembly
   87. TRF Finance Committee Report

2. amends Rotary Code of Policies section 58.070.1. regarding the International Assembly’s official participants list by adding the International PolioPlus Committee Chair.

72. Petitions to the Board

Statement. The Board reviewed seven petitions:

- From the Rotary Club of Lagos, Lagos State, Nigeria, requesting the Board to examine the procedures used by District 9110 (Nigeria) when selecting its governor-nominee.
- From the Rotary Club of Alexandria Metro, LA, USA, requesting the Board to consider working in cooperation with water.org toward the common goal of clean drinking water.
- From the Rotary Club of Lake Union Neighborhood (Seattle), WA, USA, requesting the Board to clarify the meaning and applicability of the anti-discrimination language in the Code of Policies as it applies to the cooperating partners of district or global grants.
- From the Rotary Club of Skövde-Billingen, Sweden, requesting the Board to consider expanding Rotary’s Statement of Conduct for Working with Youth to apply to the behavior of all Rotarians.
- From the Rotary Club of Bareilly South, Utt. Pr., India, requesting the Board to remove the name of Past Governor Kamal Sanghvi from the election process for 2019–21 RI Director from Zone 6A.
- From the Rotary Club of Parys, South Africa, requesting the Board to consider making RI events and district conferences self-funding.
- From the Rotary Club of Copacabana, R.J., Brazil, requesting the Board to retranslated the name of The Rotary Foundation in Portuguese from Fundação Rotária to Fundação Rotary.

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.

73. 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 September 2017 meeting and further recommended amendments to the Code to reflect current practices, language, or other factors.

DECISION: The Board, to record the decisions taken at its September 2017 meeting and previously, amends the Rotary Code of Policies as found in Appendix C, filed only with the official copy of the minutes.
74. **2018–19 RI Committee Appointments**

*Statement:* RI Bylaws section 17.010. mandates that the Board 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 Rotary’s best interest. The number of members and terms of reference for all other committees are determined by the Board. President-elect Rassin presented his 2018–19 committee appointments for the Board’s review.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. approves President-elect Rassin’s appointments for the 2018–19 RI and joint RI/TRF committees as shown in Appendix D and requests the president-elect to invite the listed persons to serve in their respective roles;

2. offers congratulations, encouragement, and support to all of the committee members for the next Rotary year.

75. **Election Review Committee Report**

*Statement:* In accordance with Board policy, the Election Review Committee reviewed election complaints received by the general secretary since the Board’s last meeting and offered its recommendations to the Board.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. receives the complaint of the Rotary Club of Sofia, Bulgaria concerning the election of the 2019–20 governor of District 2482 (Bulgaria) and
   a. finds that the governor complied with RI’s election rules and procedures and conducted the election in a timely, clear, and transparent manner;
   b. upholds the results of the election, dismisses the complaint, and confirms the selection of Rotarian Mitko Markev Minov as the 2019–20 governor of District 2482;
   c. directs the district to determine its future method of selecting its governor-nominee at its next district conference pursuant to RI Bylaws 14.020.1.

2. receives the complaint of the Rotary Club of Sante Fe de Bogotá, Cund., Colombia, concerning the election of the 2019–20 governor of District 4281 (Colombia) and
   a. finds that the governor complied with RI’s election rules and procedures and exercised sound judgment in conducting the election for the 2019–20 governor;
   b. upholds the results of the election, dismisses the complaint, and confirms the selection of Rotarian Gustavo Triana as the 2019–20 governor of District 4281;

3. receives the complaint of the Rotary Club of Bahía de Caráquez, Man., Ecuador concerning the election of the 2019–20 governor of District 4400, and
   a. does not find that any of the evidence submitted definitively establishes the date on which Governor-nominee Robles joined Rotary;
   b. in view of his election by the district, dismisses the complaint, and confirms the selection of Leoncio Aníbal Robles as the 2019–20 governor of District 4400;

4. receives the complaint of the Rotary Club of Abuja Garki Neighborhood, Fed. Cap. Territory, Nigeria concerning the election of the 2019–20 governor of District 9125 (Nigeria) and
   a. finds that the governor acted correctly in determining that the nominating committee was unable to select a candidate;
   b. finds that the governor acted appropriately and in accordance with Rotary’s election rules and procedures and that allegations raised in the complaint are not substantiated;
   c. upholds the results of the election, dismisses the complaint, and confirms the selection of Rotarian Victor C. Onukwugha as the 2019–20 governor of District 9125;
   d. requests Director-elect Babalola, in consultation with the general secretary, to work with the leadership of District 9125 to ensure that they understand RI’s election rules and procedures.

76. **India Investigation Reports**

*Statement:* In 2017 President Germ and President-elect Riseley appointed Trustee Ravindran to serve as a special
representative to South Asia to provide oversight of investigations into allegations of various types of misbehavior in South Asia. Trustee Ravindran reported his findings to the Board with regard to recent investigations.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. thanks Trustee Ravindran and his investigation teams for their reports;

2. with regard to the complaint of financial malpractice in District 3190 (India):
   a. looks with disappointment at the manner in which funds have been solicited from non-Rotary institutions, including Lions clubs, and the public for projects that were never done;
   b. notes with disapproval that funds collected for the district conference were wrongly channeled through the district’s charitable trust account;
   c. admonishes 2015–16 District Governor K.P. Nagesh for the irregular manner in which district finances were handled;
   d. prohibits Past District Governor K.P. Nagesh from holding any RI or zone positions for the years 2018–19, 2019–20, and 2020–21;

3. with regard to the complaint of financial malpractice in District 2981 (India):
   a. looks with disapproval at the manner in which 2016–17 District Governor A. Mani conducted the financial affairs of the district during his term;
   b. requests the 2017–18 district governor to arrange for a new audit of the 2016–17 district accounts prepared through a reputable auditor, named in consultation with Director Chockalingam, to be filed with the general secretary and circulated to the clubs in the district by 1 April 2018;
   d. agrees that Past District Governor A. Mani shall no longer be considered a Past District Governor by Rotary International;
   e. requests the general secretary to send a letter on behalf of the Board to the Rotary Club of Pondicherry Cosmos requesting the club to consider whether the actions of Past District Governor A. Mani indicate that he no longer meets the qualifications for membership in a Rotary club;

4. with regard to the complaint of electioneering in District 2981 (India):
   a. notes that the ongoing election process has been suspended by Director Chockalingam pending Board action;
   b. recognizes with concern that there are credible allegations of electioneering in violation of the RI Bylaws;
   c. notes that the proper procedure for reviewing such allegations is through the election complaint procedures provided for in RI Bylaws section 11.070.;
   d. will consider such allegations if they are submitted pursuant to an election complaint.

77. **Strategic Planning Committee Report**

*Statement:* The Strategic Planning Committee met on 4–5 December 2017 in Evanston, IL, USA and discussed the potential of a new, post-polio eradication corporate project and the possible criteria, process, and timeline for such a project, potential strategic priorities, updates on recent strategic plan research, the Council on Resolutions, the Council on Legislation, and updates from working groups on communications and strategic planning, among other topics.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. thanks the Strategic Planning Committee for its report;

2. approves the criteria, process, and timeline as shown in Appendix E (filed only with the official copy of these minutes) if Rotary undertakes a new corporate initiative.
78. Interview Questions for 2020–21 RI Presidential Candidates

Statement: As part of the nomination process, candidates for RI president are asked to respond in writing to up to five questions developed by the current president, president-elect, and president-nominee, with input from directors.

DECISION: The Board

1. requests the president, president-elect, and president-nominee to develop the questions that the candidates for the office of 2020–21 RI president shall be asked to answer in writing in accordance with RI Bylaws section 12.050.2;

2. requests directors to submit proposed questions to the president, president-elect, and president-nominee no later than 1 May so that the final questions can be developed and made available to Rotarians no later than 31 May;

3. 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 at the time of its meeting.

79. Possible Incorporation of North American Zones

Statement: In decision 93, January 2017, the Board, to address possible liability risks related to zone-sponsored activities, requested the general secretary to consult with North American directors regarding whether their zones already are or have plans to be incorporated. The general secretary reported that all US-based zones, with the exception of the Northeastern US, either are incorporated or are in the process of becoming incorporated. The zone covering Canada is not incorporated.

DECISION: The Board thanks the general secretary for his update on the possible incorporation of North American zones.

80. Location of District Events

Statement: Noting that travel to district events can become a financial burden to some participants, Director Chockalingam suggested that the Board amend its policy to encourage district leadership to hold events within the district’s boundaries.

DECISION: The Board

1. recommends that district meetings referred to in Article 20 of the Rotary Code of Policies should, when possible, be held within the district boundaries so as to limit participant costs;

2. requests the general secretary to draft amendments to the Rotary Code of Policies reflecting this decision, for review by the Board at its April 2018 meeting.

81. Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report

Statement: The Constitution and Bylaws Committee met on 9–10 November 2017 in Evanston, IL, USA and discussed the recent Council on Resolutions and the 2019 Council on Legislation. The committee further reviewed legislation submitted by the RI Board, Rotary clubs, and districts, and determined whether those proposals were defective, not duly proposed, could be improved with amendments, or could be submitted as drafted.

DECISION: The Board

1. amends the following enactments for the 2019 Council on Legislation as show in Appendix F, filed only with the official copy of these minutes:

   File 003: To amend the composition of clubs
   File 012: To modernize and streamline the Bylaws of Rotary International without making any substantive changes
   File 023: To provide for a uniform process for removing officers and committee members
   File 031: To authorize consideration of legislation before the in-person meeting
   File 032: To authorize consideration of legislation before the in-person meeting;

2. pursuant to its decision 37, September 2017, notes the following enactments submitted to the 2019 Council on Legislation, as shown in Appendix G, filed only with the official copy of these minutes:

   File 038: To admit Rotaract clubs to RI membership
   File 044: To amend the process for filling a vacancy in the president-elect or president-nominee role
   File 045: To revise the name of the General Surplus Fund and the calculation of its target
   File 046: To amend the club report dates
   File 047: To increase per capita dues
File 048: To reduce per capita dues for members of the same club who reside at the same address
File 049: To provide for a new category of membership: household membership
File 050: To reduce per capita dues for younger members;

3. agrees that the following files containing proposed legislation for the 2019 Council on Legislation are not defective at this time:

   001-E  006-E  011-E 018-E 026-E 032-E 039-E
   002-E  007-E  013-E 020-E 027-E 033-E 040-E
   003-E  008-E  014-E 023-E 029-E 034-E 041-E
   004-E  009-E  015-E 024-E 030-E 035-E 042-E
   005-E  010-E  017-E 025-E 031-E 036-E 053-E

4. agrees that the following files containing proposed legislation for the 2019 Council on Legislation are defective at this time: 019-E, 021-E, and 022-E;

5. agrees that legislation that is not duly proposed, defective, or not within the framework of the program of RI shall not be transmitted to the Council on Legislation.

82. Council on Legislation Board Advisory Committee Report


DECISION: The Board

1. pursuant to decision 37, September 2017, notes the following enactments submitted to the 2019 Council on Legislation, as found in Appendix H:

   File 068: To amend the rules for selecting the RI president-nominee
   File 079: To amend the rules for selecting the RI president-nominee

2. agrees to withdraw File 027, “To admit Rotaract clubs to RI membership” from consideration at the 2019 Council on Legislation;

3. in accordance with Rotary Code of Policies section 60.050., requests the 2018 Rotary Institutes conveners to schedule plenary sessions to discuss the substance of the following selected proposals to be considered at the 2019 Council on Legislation, for the purpose of allowing voting representatives the opportunity to hear the views of Rotarians from their area of the world:

   File 012: To modernize and streamline the Bylaws of Rotary International without making any substantive changes
   File 013: To modernize and streamline the Standard Rotary Club Constitution without making any substantive changes
   File 031: To authorize consideration of legislation before the in-person meeting
   File 032: To authorize consideration of legislation before the in-person meeting
   File 037: To amend the process for selecting representatives to attend the Council on Legislation
   File 038: To admit Rotaract clubs to RI membership
   File 043: To provide for a biennial Council on Legislation

4. requests the Board Council on Legislation Advisory Committee to provide institute conveners appropriate discussion points regarding legislation identified in point 3 above for use in such plenary sessions;

5. authorizes the 2017–18 president, with the consent of the Board Council on Legislation Advisory Committee chair, to act on its behalf until the April 2018 Board meeting with respect to all matters relating to the Council on Legislation, including amending Board-proposed legislation.

83. Council on Legislation Review Committee Report

Statement: In decision 38, September 2017, the Board requested the Council on Legislation Review Committee to draft legislation for possible submission to the 2019 Council that provides for districts to be paired with another district and to alternate sending a representative to the biennial COL. Noting that the deadline for submitting legislation to the 2019 COL was before the Board would next meet, the Board authorized the president to approve this legislation on its behalf. The Council on Legislation Review Committee met via
correspondence in October and November 2017 to draft this legislation and submitted it to President Riseley for his review and approval.

**DECISION:** The Board, pursuant to its decision 37, September 2017, notes the following enactments submitted to the 2019 Council on Legislation, as shown in Appendix I:

File 037: To amend the process for selecting representatives to attend the Council on Legislation

File 043: To provide for a biennial Council on Legislation

**DECISIONS 84–99**

2017 Council on Resolutions Requests

The 2017 Council on Resolutions was held online from 15 October–15 November 2017. Seventeen resolutions were sent to the Board for consideration.

84. Resolution 17R–01 from District 2790 (Japan)

*Statement:* Noting that strengthening of individual clubs is critical to their success, District 2790 recommended that the Board amend the Rotary Club Bylaws to provide that each club should have a strategic planning committee to better leverage the club’s unique characteristics and to sustain its development.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. thanks District 2790 (Japan) for its resolution requesting the Board to consider recommending that each club have a strategic planning committee;

2. while encouraging clubs to have a strategic plan, agrees that the creation of a strategic planning committee at the club-level is best decided by individual clubs.

85. Resolution 17R–04 from the Rotary E-Club of District 9790 (Australia)

*Statement:* Noting that accurate records of past members who rejoin Rotary can be beneficial to clubs, the Rotary E-Club of 9790 Latrobe requested the Board to consider collecting and retaining the initial membership numbers, including starting dates of returning members, and making them available for the club’s use.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. thanks the Rotary E-Club of 9790 Latrobe, District 9790, Australia for its resolution requesting the Board to consider retaining original membership information for returning members;

2. affirms that Rotary does collect and retain initial membership ID numbers and starting dates of returning members.

86. Resolution 17R–05 from District 3860 (Philippines)

*Statement:* Noting that a club may be terminated for reasons other than “non-payment of Rotary dues,” which the district may be better positioned to address and monitor, District 3860 requested that the Board establish policy requiring terminated clubs to obtain the district’s endorsement and participate in a district orientation before being reinstated.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. thanks District 3860 (Philippines) for its resolution requesting the Board consider having terminated clubs obtain the district’s endorsement before being reinstated;

2. notes that only termination for “non-payment of RI dues” has a reinstatement process and that the RI Bylaws and Rotary Code of Policies provide other options for dealing with weak and non-compliant clubs, including suspension, club merger, and permanent termination for “failure to function;”

3. further notes that seeking district approval and requiring participation in a district orientation session could significantly impact the timeliness of the collection of outstanding dues, place an additional burden on districts, and lead to an increase in district disputes;

4. declines to establish additional procedures for the reinstatement of terminated clubs.

87. Resolution 17R–06 from District 2840 (Japan)

*Statement:* Noting that legislation approving greater flexibility in the operations of Rotary clubs should be analyzed to determine what effect these changes have had on clubs, District 2840 requested the Board to consider conducting annual research on the status of those clubs that have introduced flexibility into their operations and to disclose the results of this research.
DECISION: The Board

1. thanks District 2840 (Japan) for its resolution requesting the Board to consider researching the impact of club flexibility;

2. requests the general secretary to incorporate research and analysis of club flexibility into its ongoing research efforts.

88. Resolution 17R–07 from District 2680 (Japan)

Statement: Noting that allowing clubs access to data on the status of current pilot programs could strengthen clubs and make them more effective, District 2680 requested the Board to consider regularly releasing detailed information on the Rotary website regarding the progress of current pilot programs in all official RI languages.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks Rotary District 2680 (Japan) for its resolution requesting the Board to consider releasing information on the pilot programs;

2. notes the general secretary releases pilot program findings to relevant committees, which are then used to inform Board decisions and Council on Legislation enactments;

3. further notes that examples of clubs implementing innovative and flexible approaches to meeting format, frequency and membership types are regularly promoted to the Rotary world via rotary.org, The Rotarian magazine, e-newsletters, blogs, and training and promotional publications;

4. encourages all clubs and districts seeking guidance on how to implement innovative approaches to membership to visit www.rotary.org/flexibility and consult their Rotary coordinator, district leadership, or Secretariat staff.

89. Resolution 17R–10 from the Rotary Club of Takayama Chuo, Gifu, Japan

Statement: The Rotary Club of Takayama Chuo, Gifu, Japan requested the Board to consider reaffirming that the Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks the Rotary Club of Takayama Chuo, Gifu, Japan, for recommending that the Board consider reaffirming that the Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise;

2. noting that the Object of Rotary is a core tenet of our organization and helps to inform the current and future strategic plans and further noting that one of three primary goals in the Strategic plan is “focus and increase humanitarian service,” does not agree to the Rotary Club of Takayama Chuo’s proposal at this time.

90. Resolution 17R–12 from District 2650 (Japan)

Statement: Noting the importance of organizing Rotary’s principles and objectives to reflect Rotary’s core values, District 2650 requested the Board to consider proposing legislation to a future Council on Legislation that would add the core values and mission of Rotary, as promoted in Rotary’s Strategic Plan, to the RI Constitution and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, in a way that is consistent with the Object of Rotary.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks District 2650 (Japan) for requesting the Board to consider proposing legislation to a future Council adding core values and mission of Rotary to the RI Constitution and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution;

2. noting that the organization’s mission and values can change over time and further noting that placing Rotary’s mission and values in the constitutional documents could unduly burden the Board if it wishes to further develop the mission and values, does not agree to the district’s proposal.

91. Resolution 17R–17 from the Rotary Club of Bourg-en-Bresse-Revermont, Ain, France

Statement: The Rotary Club of Bourg-en-Bresse-Revermont requested adding sustainable development and environmental protection as an area of focus of The Rotary Foundation.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks the Rotary Club of Bourg-en-Bresse-Revermont, Ain, France for submitting a proposal recommending that sustainable development and
environmental protection be added as an Area of Focus;

2. refers this matter to the Foundation Trustees for their consideration.

92. Resolution 17R-21 from the Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast, Mah., India

Statement: Noting that providing effective administrative support to Rotaract clubs can improve the partnership between Rotary clubs in the district with local Rotaract clubs, the Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast, Mah., India requested the Board to consider adding the endorsement of the district Rotaract representative (wherever possible), along with the endorsement of the district governor, on the Rotaract club certification form.

DECISION: The Board thanks the Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast, Mah., India for its request to consider revising the Rotaract Club Certification Form; however, does not make any changes to the process for certifying new Rotaract clubs at this time.

93. Resolution 17R-23 from the Rotary Club of Creston, BC, Canada

Statement: The Rotary Club of Creston requested adding a link in the global grant application process that directs applicants to an application template specific to water projects.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks the Rotary Club of Creston, District 5080, Canada and USA for their proposal to consider including a water project application template in the global grant application;

2. refers this matter to the Foundation Trustees for their consideration.

94. Resolution 17R-29 from District 2660 (Japan)

Statement: Noting that three 2016 Council enactments to amend the Object of Rotary were referred to the Board and that the issues raised in these and other enactments are important in relation to Rotary’s guiding principles, District 2660 requested the Board to consider disclosing its deliberative processes and the results of its deliberations after each Board meeting on rotary.org.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks District 2660 (Japan) for recommending that the Board consider disclosing its deliberative process on enactments that are referred to the RI Board;

2. notes that the Board considered proposed Council enactments 16-17, 16-18, and 16-20 at its January 2017 meeting and did not agree that the Object of Rotary should be amended at this time;

3. notes further that the minutes of its meetings containing all the decisions of the Board are posted to the Rotary website within 60 days of each meeting;

4. agrees that its deliberations during its meetings should be considered confidential and that maintaining confidentiality within the boardroom is necessary to allow directors to discuss the merits of items coming before the Board.

95. Resolution 17R-30 from District 1710 (France)

Statement: Noting that being provided the five-year forecast before the start of the Council on Legislation would allow delegates the necessary time to familiarize themselves with the document, District 1710 requested the Board to consider sending all delegates the five-year forecast 15 days before the start of the Council.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks District 1710 (France) for its request to consider sending the five-year financial forecast 15 days before the start of the Council;

2. agrees that due to the timing of Board meetings and the time required for thorough review, for translations, and preparation, it cannot guarantee a specific time for delivery of the five-year financial forecast.

96. Resolution 17R-31 from District 2840 (Japan)

Statement: Noting that the US$4 increase in per capita dues approved by the 2016 Council on Legislation resulted in difficulties for some clubs and that the RI Board should work to improve the financial soundness of Rotary, District 2840 requested the Board to consider making efforts to avoid any incremental changes to the per capita dues at the 2019 Council.

DECISION: The Board
1. thanks District 2840 (Japan) for its resolution requesting the RI Board to consider not increasing Rotary’s per capita dues at the 2019 Council;

2. affirms that per capita dues are determined by careful review of the five-year forecast and while it recognizes the effect per capita dues can have on Rotarians, agrees that it must recommend dues based on the needs of the organization as a whole.

97. Resolution 17R–36 from Districts 2650, 2680, and 2840 (Japan)

Statement: Noting that amendments to the Rotary Code of Policies cannot be easily identified, Districts 2650, 2680, and 2840, requested the Board to consider showing recent amendments to the Code through editorial marks.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks Districts 2650, 2680, and 2840 (Japan) for recommending that the Board consider indicating any changes in the Rotary Code of Policies with deleted points marked by strikethrough lines and additions marked by underlining;

2. requests the general secretary to produce and make available a document that provides information on amendments made to the Rotary Code of Polices whenever that document is updated.

98. Resolution 17R–37 from District 3070 (India)

Statement: Noting that Hindi is the national language of India and that 12 percent of global membership comes from India, District 3070 requested that the Board consider publishing the annual presidential theme in Hindi.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks District 3070 (India), for recommending that the Board consider publishing the annual presidential theme in Hindi;

2. requests the general secretary, in consultation with Rotary senior leaders in Hindi-speaking countries, to provide the annual presidential theme into Hindi.

99. Resolution 17R–38 from the Rotary Club of Kushiro, Hokkaido, Japan

Statement: Noting that delegates at the Council on Legislation are often unfamiliar with the electronic voting equipment, the Rotary Club of Kushiro requested the Board to consider holding a training session on use of the voting equipment before the Council officially opens.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks the Rotary Club of Kushiro, District 2500 (Japan) for recommending that the Board consider training Council representatives on how to use voting equipment at the Council on Legislation;

2. notes that training on voting equipment is currently provided at the Council on Legislation and requests the Council Operations Committee and general secretary to consider how to better inform delegates of this opportunity.

100. Proposed Council Enactment 007: To Revise the Deadline to Submit the Annual District Statement

Statement: In decision 129, January 2017, the Board amended the Rotary Code of Policies to extend the deadline for submission of the annual statement and report of district finances from three to 12 months after completion of the governor’s term in office. The Board further requested the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to draft legislation for possible submission to the 2019 Council that would institute a single deadline of 12 months. In decision 36, September 2017, the Board revised the legislation by shortening the deadline to six months. Subsequent to this decision, the general secretary noted that records show two-thirds of districts submit their annual statements in the second half of the Rotary year in conjunction with their district conferences, therefore, the general secretary recommended the deadline be set at 12 months.

DECISION: The Board amends 2019 Council on Legislation enactment 007 (To revise the deadline to submit the annual district statement) as shown in Appendix J.

101. Young Past Governors Task Force Report

Statement: To explore opportunities for making membership in Rotary more attractive to young people, President Riseley appointed a Young Past Governors Task Force in 2107–18. The task force met via teleconference and presented several ideas for the Board’s consideration at this meeting.
**DECISION:** The Board

1. thanks the Young Past Governors Task Force for its report;

2. requests the President to appoint a working group of directors to examine the ideas presented by the Young Past Governors Task Force at this meeting, for report to the Board at its April 2018 meeting.

**102. Global Networking Groups Committee Report**

**Statement:** The Global Networking Groups Committee met on 23–24 October 2017 in Evanston, IL, USA and discussed the committee’s composition and terms of reference, how the committee might work with the Membership Committee to support Rotary’s membership priorities, the communications platforms by which Global Networking Groups programs and activities are most prominently promoted, Global Networking Groups’ use of the Rotary Marks, how Rotary Action Groups (RAGs) can support the strategic planning effort, the relationship between RAGs and Rotary’s areas of focus, a RAG’s possible establishment of charitable entities, the project enhancement initiative to use regional technical experts to help plan sustainable, high-impact, large-scale global grants, RAGs annual reports, new RAG applications, Global Networking Groups presence at GETS and the International Assembly, and an overview of Rotary Fellowships, among other topics.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. thanks the Global Networking Groups Committee for its report;

2. requests the Membership Committee to consider how Rotary Fellowships and Rotarian Action Groups support the organization’s member attraction, engagement, and retention priorities;

3. requests the Trustees, through its Programs Committee, to create a mechanism to better engage and measure Rotarian Action Groups’ support of Foundation global grant projects at its next in-person meeting and to report its recommendations to the Global Networking Groups Committee;

4. denies recognition of the proposed Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Rotarian Action Group;

5. amends Rotary Code of Policies Article 42.010. as follows:

   42.010. Global Networking Groups Committee

   [text omitted]

   The Committee shall consist of a chairperson. A past director, shall serve as chair, and other members shall include one RI director, one TRF trustee, one Rotarian Action Groups representative, one Rotary Fellowships representative, one vocational service representative, and one member at large.

6. amends the Global Networking Groups Committee’s terms of reference as follows:

   This committee shall provide guidance and advice to the Board on all aspects of Rotarian Action Groups, Rotary Fellowships, and on strategies for promoting Vocational Service. It will assist Global Networking Groups to enhance their performance and effectiveness, wishing to receive official status with the application process. The committee shall consider the RI Strategic Plan goal of enhancing and emphasizing the family of Rotary and align its recommendations with to the RI Strategic Plan.

7. amends Rotary Code of Policies Article 42.020.2. regarding fellowship as follows:

   42.020.2. Organization and Membership

   [text omitted]

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

8. agrees to phase out the Vocational Service newsletter by merging its content and distribution list with the Rotary Service newsletter by 1 July 2018;

9. requests the general secretary to

   a. regularly encourage Rotarian Action Groups and Rotary Fellowships to adopt Rotary’s visual identity guidelines;

   b. prepare a comprehensive report with recommendations for the Global Networking Groups Committee on policies related to Rotary entities establishing charitable entities;
c. provide an update on the enhanced My Rotary profile enterprise project at the April 2018 Board meeting;

d. circulate to all Rotarian Action Groups the Rotarian Action Group Advocacy Guidelines, as follows:

Rotarians are advocates for ending polio and for improving lives through service in Rotary’s six areas of focus. Rotarian Action Groups are organized with the purpose of supporting clubs and districts in planning and implementing large-scale, community development and humanitarian service projects in a particular domain in which their members have expertise. As part of their work, it is understood that RAGs promote awareness of an issue and advocate for action to address the issue. When dealing with governments for which a particular issue is politically sensitive, RAGs are expected to avoid taking partisan positions and are encouraged to submit suggested calls to action to Rotary International for review."

e. provide training materials about Rotarian Action Groups and Rotary Fellowships to district governors-elect through suggested Presidents-elect Training Seminar curriculum.

103. Rotaract and Interact Committee Report

Statement: The Rotaract and Interact Committee met on 4–5 December 2017 and discussed the Toronto Rotaract preconvention, possible Interact preconvention events, engagement strategies at the 2018 RI (Toronto) Convention, plans for Rotaract’s 50th anniversary, district training regarding Rotaract, possible benefits to lowering the convention registration fee for younger attendees, and amendments to the Rotary Code of Policies that would ensure district Rotaract representatives receive proper training.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks the Rotaract and Interact Committee for its report;

2. agrees to offer a lower registration fee to all RI convention attendees age 30 or younger beginning at the 2020 RI (Honolulu) Convention, provided that convention attendees seeking this lower registration fee be required to report their birthdates;

3. approves a 2017–18 budget variance of US$1,500 to provide for an ancillary meeting of current and former members of the Rotaract and Interact Committee at the 2018 RI (Toronto) Convention;

4. requests future presidents and international convention chairs to consider how to increase participation of Interactors in decisions related to Interact;

5. requests the Trustees to encourage Rotary clubs to cooperate with Rotaract clubs as partner organizations when conducting Global Grants;

6. amends the Rotary Code of Policies as shown in Appendix K regarding Rotaractor training.

104. Joint Young Leaders and Alumni Engagement Committee Report

Statement: The Joint Young Leaders and Alumni Engagement Committee met on 7–8 December 2017 and discussed engagement opportunities with alumni and young leaders (including through involvement in district grants), the structure of alumni awards, and the structure and purpose of Rotex groups, the 2018 Rotaract Preconvention, legislation at the 2019 Council on Legislation affecting young leaders, the role of young leaders in the next strategic plan, and fund development opportunities for young leaders and alumni, among other topics.

DECISION: The Board

1. revises the nomination and selection process for the Rotary Alumni Global Service Award and the Alumni Association of the Year Award, and amends the Rotary Code of Policies accordingly, such that:

   a. the Service Awards Board Committee and the TRF Awards Review Trustee Committee selects the recipients on behalf of the Board and the Trustees;

   b. the acceptance period changes from September to October;

   c. administrative processing of the nominations occurs in November for translation of non-English nominations and review of nominations occurs via webinar in December;

   d. the Board and Trustees consider the selection of Service Awards Board Committee and the TRF
Awards Review Trustee Committee at their January meetings;

e. winners are notified as soon as possible to facilitate attendance at the Rotary convention.

2. requests the Youth Exchange Committee to consider whether a prescribed structure for Rotex is necessary for possible report to the Board.

105. International Assembly Attendance Guidelines

Statement: Noting that policy discouraging the presence of children at the International Assembly could lead younger Rotarians to postpone accepting leadership roles in Rotary, the Board, in decision 43, September 2017, requested the general secretary to update the Rotary Code of Policies regarding the attendance of children at the International Assembly to be more inclusive for Rotarians with small children.

DECISION: The Board, recognizing the impact of attendance policies on the ability to participate in Rotary, amends Rotary Code of Policies section 58.040.10. regarding children at the International Assembly as follows:

58.040.10. Children at Assembly
The attendance of children at the International Assembly is strongly discouraged. Under special circumstances, when the presence of children could be justified, a request for permission may be made in writing well in advance of the International Assembly to the president-elect. Such permission may be granted at the sole discretion of the president-elect.

The purpose of the Assembly is to provide Rotary education, instruction in administrative duties, motivation, and inspiration to governors-elect. Minor children (under the age of 18) of governors-elect are permitted to attend the International Assembly at no cost to Rotary, and must be under the care and supervision of their parents or legal guardians, or supervision provided by another adult at the direction of their parents or legal guardians. Caregivers designated by the parent or legal guardian cannot be official participants of the International Assembly.

Children and their caregivers may attend meal events (group meals and ticketed events) if the governor-elect registers them for the meal plan and/or purchases tickets for ticketed events which will be sold on a space-available basis. Children may attend the general sessions, but are not permitted to attend the breakout sessions.

106. Rotaractors at the 2019 International Assembly

Statement: President-nominee Maloney reported his interest in inviting Rotaractors to the 2019 International Assembly and that he was preparing a proposal for the Board’s consideration at its next meeting.

DECISION: The Board receives President-nominee Maloney’s suggestion to invite Rotaractors to the 2019 International Assembly and looks forward to reviewing a proposal that would implement this suggestion at its April 2018 meeting.

107. Site Selection for the 2023 RI Convention

Statement: In decision 47, September 2017, the Board requested the general secretary to determine the possibility of Gothenburg, Sweden, reinstating its bid to host the 2023 Rotary Convention. (Gothenburg had previously withdrawn its original bid.) The general secretary reported that after several discussions with Rotarian leadership in Sweden, and representatives of the Gothenburg convention industry, the city confirmed its withdrawal from consideration to host the 2023 Rotary Convention. To increase the pool of potential convention host cities, the Board discussed the benefit of conducting a separate bidding process for those cities that do not meet all of Rotary’s critical criteria for hosting a Rotary convention.

DECISION: The Board

1. notes that the city of Gothenburg, Sweden has withdrawn its bid for the 2023 Rotary International Convention;

2. requests the general secretary to review the feasibility of conducting a separate bidding process for potential convention cities that do not meet all of the critical criteria for convention host cities, for report to the Board at its April 2018 meeting.

108. Site Selection for the 2021–25 International Assemblies

Statement: With the contract for the International Assembly property expiring in 2020, the general secretary submitted requests for proposal to several properties that meet Rotary’s requirements. Two finalist properties had been identified, and the general secretary
reported that negotiations were underway to make a final selection.

DECISION: The Board

1. receives the general secretary’s report on the site selection for the 2021–25 International Assemblies;
2. requests the general secretary to review the two finalist properties and to contract with the one property best suited to host the 2021–25 International Assemblies;
3. request the general secretary to report on the property selected at the April 2018 Board meeting.

109. Service Above Self Award

Statement: The Service Above Self Award is one of the highest honors a Rotarian can receive. Up to 150 awards can be granted annually for outstanding humanitarian service. A Board committee appointed by the president reviewed the 2017–18 nominations and submitted its recommended list of recipients to the Board for approval. The committee also suggested that senior Rotary leaders not be excluded from receiving the award.

DECISION: The Board

1. approves the 100 recipients of the 2017–18 RI Service Above Self Award, as shown in Appendix L, filed only with the official copy of these minutes;
2. confirms that the selection results shall be kept confidential until the presentations of the awards have been made;
3. amends the Rotary Code of Policies regarding the Service Above Self Award as follows

43.040. Service Above Self Award
[text omitted]

Eligible nominees
Any active Rotarian in good standing may be nominated except present current, incoming or immediate past governors, present, incoming or Past RI Directors, RI Presidents, and Foundation Trustees.

110. Districting Committee Report

Statement: The Districting Committee met on 13 December via teleconference to review districting issues in Puerto Rico, Australia, and Greece.

DECISION: The Board

1. noting the catastrophe to Puerto Rico’s infrastructure in the wake of a September 2017 hurricane, grants a three-year exemption from redistricting to District 7000 and grants status as an “additional-supplied” district with annual funding up to $10,000 for three years contingent upon the district’s achievement of benchmarks as determined by the director and the general secretary and proactively reorganizes the clubs in District 7000 with a nearby district, effective 1 July 2021, if District 7000 hasn’t reached 1,100 Rotarians by 1 January 2021;
2. reorganizes the clubs in District 9500 with District 9520, effective 1 July 2020 as follows:

District 9510
AUSTRALIA — Commencing from the coastal point of the SA/WA border (Western boundary), the line marking the SA/WA state border to 21st degree latitude. The 21-degree latitude from the WA border to the Qld border (approx. Wauchope NT). The line marking the NT/Qld border to the SA Border (Poeppel’s Corner – the intersection of the three state borders). The East/West line marking the SA/Qld border to “Haddon Corner” (where the SA/Qld border turns South). From that point South along the state border to latitude 27o 52’ 30”S then East to longitude 145o 15’E being a part of Queensland. That part of New South Wales West of longitude 145o 15’E, North of Latitude 33o E, then West of longitude 144o 30’E, North of Billabong Creek from longitude 144o 30’E, West to the township of Moulamein, excluding that portion within a twenty kilometre radius of the Moulamein Post Office, and north of latitude 35o S. That part of Victoria, North of a line following latitude 35o 20’S East from the SA Border to longitude 142o 45’E, then North to latitude 35o S and East along it to the Murray River. That part of SA, North of Latitude 35o 46’S, east of longitude 139o 21’E.

and requests the general secretary to notify Districts 9500 and 9520 of this decision.
3. reorganizes the clubs in District 9700 with District 9710, effective 1 July 2020 as follows:

District 9705
AUSTRALIA — South Central New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory.
and requests the general secretary to notify Districts 9700 and 9710 of this decision.

4. noting the special economic circumstances in Northern Greece, extends a final exemption from redistricting to District 2484 until 1 January 2020 contingent upon the district reaching 875 members by 1 January 2019 and amends its decision 65, September 2016 as follows:

65. **Districting Issues in Greece**

   [text omitted]

2. agrees to reorganize the clubs in District 2484 with District 2470 if District 2484’s membership is below 1,100 on 1 January 2019, effective 1 July 2020 as follows:

   **District 2475 - GREECE.**

   and requests the general secretary to notify Districts 2470 and 2484 of this decision;

   [text omitted]

111. **Report on Additionally-Supported Districts**

   **Statement:** An “additionally-supported” district is a temporary designation that allows for the continuation of a district that does not meet the minimum number of clubs or members prescribed in the RI Bylaws. Rotary Code of Policies section 17.010.6. authorizes annual funding support to such districts for additional training, membership development, promotion of participation in the Foundation. At the time of this meeting, there was one “additionally-supported” district. The general secretary reported that District 2232 (Belarus and Ukraine) had not increased its membership since December 2016.

   **DECISION:** The Board receives the status report on “additionally-supported” District 2232 (Belarus and Ukraine).

112. **Update on Clubs Formerly in District 3100 (India)**

   **Statement:** In decision 182, April 2016, the Board, noting serious governance problems in District 3100, placed the district into non-districted status, which put administration of the district directly under Rotary’s control with support of a special representative appointed by the president. In decision 123, January 2017, the Board agreed to consider reinstating the district provided that the clubs work with the special representative to complete several requirements and abide by various good governance practices. The general secretary reported that significant progress has been made in the district and that at least 90 percent of current and incoming club presidents have submitted a statement indicating that they understand the Board’s criteria for the district’s reinstatement.

   **DECISION:** The Board confirms its intention to reinstate District 3100 (India), effective 1 July 2018, provided that the clubs continue to cooperate with Special Representative Sanjay Khanna and abide by the Board’s criteria set forth in its decision 123, January 2017.

113. **Dispute in District 1420 (Estonia and Finland)**

   **Statement:** Director Ahlberg informed the Board of a dispute in District 1420, where an administrative body called Eesti Rotary Klubid (ERK) is operating in conflict with the district structure in supporting Estonian clubs.

   **DECISION:** The Board

   1. requests the governor and governor-elect of District 1420 (Estonia and Finland) to define appropriate administrative and language support to be provided to the Estonian clubs within the district;
   2. requests Eesti Rotary Klubid (ERK) to cease use of the Rotary Marks until an agreement has been reached by no later than 30 April regarding its support to the Estonian clubs and how ERK will work collaboratively with the district;
   3. requests Director Ahlberg to meet with the Estonian club presidents and president elects in the first quarter of 2018.

114. **District 2232 (Belarus and Ukraine) Dispute**

   **Statement:** The general secretary reported on a dispute in District 2232 among past governors in the district and some district Rotarians. The general secretary suggested a plan that would involve the creation of four local working groups to review the matters of contention and then report proposals for remediation at the district conference. The general secretary further suggested temporarily suspending the district election until the dispute is resolved.

   **DECISION:** The Board
1. requests District 2232 (Belarus and Ukraine) to temporarily suspend the selection of its 2020–21 governor;

2. grants an extension to District 2232 for the selection of its 2020–21 governor until such time as the general secretary, working with the president’s special representative to the district, has determined that district operations have normalized.

115. Global Membership Test Project Update

Statement: In decision 127, January 2017, the Board agreed in concept with testing a global membership model that is not club-based provided such a model aligns with Rotary’s strategic planning efforts. In decision 54, September 2017, the Board received a report on this concept and requested a further update at this meeting. The general secretary reported on the creation of two prototype membership models for testing with focus groups in identified target markets that would address such details as the membership application and vetting process, qualification of membership, online learning options, credentialing, cause-based interests and Rotary’s areas of focus, service opportunities, skills and knowledge sharing, mentoring, meetings, leadership opportunities, and a dues structure.

DECISION: The Board receives the general secretary’s report on the global membership test project and requests a further update at the June 2018 Board meeting.

116. Regional Membership Officer Staffing Structure Interim Report

Statement: In decision 55, September 2017, the Board agreed to operationalize a regional membership officer pilot staffing structure, effective 1 July 2018 and further requested the general secretary to explore opportunities to enhance the staffing structure so that it provides greater service and support to clubs, districts, and regional leaders. The general secretary recommended several enhancements based on survey results and feedback from regional leaders, including having (when feasible) the membership officer reside in the territory assigned, increasing the officers’ annual travel budget, developing plans for supporting certain clubs, better differentiating responsibilities of the membership officer and Rotary coordinator, and increasing staffing over a multi-year expansion plan while reducing territory sizes currently covered by membership officers. President-nominee Maloney noted that Board policy requires that all decisions creating a new project or activity with human or financial resources requirements lasting beyond the current Rotary year must identify several criteria (as listed in decision 155, June 2017) before Board adoption.

DECISION: The Board

1. agrees in concept with the proposed enhancements and expansion of the regional membership staffing structure;

2. requests the general secretary to provide a report on this proposal that complies with point 1 of its Decision 155, June 2017, at its April 2018 meeting;

3. requests the general secretary to budget accordingly.

117. Membership Recruitment and Retention

Statement: President-nominee Maloney reported that his main focus as president will be membership attraction and engagement. He noted that while the resource commitment for his plan will largely be needed in 2019–20, some necessary training will occur in 2018–19.

DECISION: The Board thanks President-nominee Maloney for his report on plans for strengthening membership development and retention.

118. Regional Leader Policy Revisions

Statement: In decision 60, September 2017, the Board approved in concept policy revisions to the regional leader program and requested the general secretary to provide policy revisions for regional leaders at this meeting. The general secretary suggested a new policy framework regarding the teamwork, training, funding, and evaluation of Rotary coordinators and Rotary public image coordinators. The policy would further establish the purpose, qualifications, selection process, responsibilities, primary audience, and key network of the two leadership roles.

DECISION: The Board

1. approves the revised policy direction for Rotary coordinators as shown in Appendix M, filed only with the official copy of these minutes;

2. requests the general secretary to

   a. continue working with the Regional Leader Working Group to draft similar revisions to the Rotary public image coordinator policy for review at the June 2018 joint meeting of the Board and Foundation Trustees;
b. draft similar policy suggestions for district governors and directors related to their role in working effectively with regional leaders for review at the June 2018 joint meeting of the Board and Foundation Trustees.

**DECISION** 119–123

**Finance Committee Report**  
Meetings 23–25 October, 18 December 2017 and 5 January 2018 in Evanston, IL USA

119. 2019 Council on Legislation Proposals

**Statement:** In decision 37, September 2017, the Board authorized the president, with the consent of the chair of the Board Council on Legislation Advisory Committee, to act on its behalf until the January Board meeting. The Finance Committee reported that the president had submitted legislation (at the committee’s request) to the 2019 Council that would amend the committee’s terms of reference by increasing the term of membership on the committee from three to four years on a staggered basis.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. thanks the Finance Committee for its reports;

2. pursuant to its decision 37, September 2017, notes that the enactment “to amend the terms of the Finance Committee” (File 067) was submitted to the 2019 Council on Legislation, as follows:

**Article 17 Committees**

**17.010. Number and Term.**

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 from time to time may determine is in the best interests of RI. The numbers and terms of office for the standing committees shall be as follows: (1) [text omitted] (6) finance - consist of eight members, six of whom shall serve a term of three or four years, on a staggered basis, with two members appointed each year, and the RI treasurer and one member of the board appointed by the board, each of whom shall serve a term of one year as a non-voting member; and [text omitted] The number of members on the committees and the terms of membership, except for the standing committees, shall be as determined by the board, subject to the provision of section 17.050. below. The board shall prescribe the duties and authority of all committees and, except for the standing committees, provide for continuity of committee members from year to year.

120. Convention Staffing—Direct Costs

**Statement:** In decision 54, September 2016, the Board requested the Finance Committee to consider the financial impact on RI’s five-year financial forecast and general surplus fund were the Board to rescind its previous decision to use convention registration fees to fund the costs for staff who spend a significant proportion of their time supporting the international convention. The Finance Committee reviewed four options that would address convention labor costs and reported that establishing an alternative funding process would not negatively impact the general surplus fund through 2025.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. rescinds point 1 of its decision 96, October 2014, as follows:

**96. International Convention—Fully Costing**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. approves the cost of direct support staff who spend a significant proportion of their time for the international convention, to be funded by registration fees, effective for the 2016 RI (Seoul) Convention;

2. establishes a minimum US$45 per budgeted registrant to be included in the convention budgeted expenses for the cost of direct staff support;

3. agrees that the balance of direct staffing cost that is not funded by the convention budget shall be funded by the convention reserve, pending review by the Finance Committee and recommendation to the Board;

4. requests the general secretary to work with the Finance Committee to review and update the Rotary Code of Policies and Convention Manual accordingly, and to recommend changes to the RI Bylaws;

5. agrees that any requests for funding from the convention reserve must be recommended to the Board after review by the Finance Committee.
121. **2018–19 Draft Budget Assumptions**

*Statement:* The Finance Committee discussed assumptions upon which the 2018–19 budget should be based, including projected membership figures, net investment return forecasts, enterprise project requirements, and staff compensation.

*DECISION:* The Board

1. agrees to the 2018–19 budget assumptions as shown in Appendix N, filed only with the official copy of these minutes;

2. approves implementation of the second phase of the product delivery model and requests the general secretary to budget accordingly 2018–19;

3. approves merit market salary budget assumption for world headquarters and international offices as noted in Appendix N, filed only with the official copy of these minutes;

4. agrees that the general secretary should seek to comply with the Board-endorsed compensation philosophy for world headquarters staff, by aligning salaries as soon as it is fiscally responsible to do so.

122. **General Data Protection Regulation Funding**

*Statement:* In May 2016, the European Union adopted new, comprehensive data protection legislation called General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) that requires organizations in the EU collecting personal data to give individuals more control over their own data. This new law goes into effect on 25 May 2018. The general secretary reported on the status of complying with GDPR.

*DECISION:* The Board approves a 2017–18 budget variance of up to US$1 million, limited to the scope of actions recommended in the report from privacy consultants Crowe Horwath, to ensure compliance with the European Union’s new General Data Protection Regulation.

123. **District Governors Funding**

*Statement:* The Board annually approves district governor funding at its January meeting. The Finance Committee reviewed historical analysis, recent trends, and projected expenses, among other factors in recommending a governor’s funding.

*DECISION:* The Board approves the 2018–19 district governors funding budget of US$9,270,659.

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124. **Audit Committee Report**

*Statement:* The Audit Committee met on 31 October 2017 via teleconference and 13 December 2017 via webinar and discussed the 2016–17 audited financial statements, recently completed audits, a summary of management action plans, a report on external quality assessments from provider Control Solutions, and an annual review of the external auditor, among other topics.

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

125. **Risk Advisory Committee Report**

*Statement:* The Risk Advisory Committee identifies and monitor key risks the organization faces and ensures that the Board is aware of such risks and that mitigation practices are in place in the event Rotary is exposed to these risks. The committee met in November 2017 to discuss cyber security.

*DECISION:* The Board thanks the Risk Advisory Committee for its report.

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**2017–18 Budget Review**

- Board approved budget, 2017–18, in US dollars

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Adjournment

The foregoing is a true record of the proceedings at the January 2018 Rotary International Board of Directors meeting.

________________________________________
Ian H. S. Riseley
President

________________________________________
Andrew McDonald
Secretary of the Meeting

ATTEST:

________________________________________
John Hewko
General Secretary, RI
APPENDIX A

RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS MADE BY THE PRESIDENT
(Decision 67)

1. Vacancy in the Office of Governor, District 7020
   (British Virgin Islands, Jamaica, et. al.)

   Statement: District 7020 reported that Governor-elect
   Delma Maduro is unable to perform the duties of office
due to personal reasons. District 7020 recommended that
Patrick Adizua, a member of the Rotary Club of
Mandeville, Jamaica be appointed as governor-elect.
Director Ferrill concurred with this recommendation and
Rotarian Adizua indicated that he is willing to perform
this duty.

   DECISION: The Board, the president acting on its
behalf, in accordance with RI Bylaws section 14.070.,
appoints Patrick Adizua, a member of the Rotary Club of
Mandeville, Jamaica to serve as governor-elect of district
7020, assuming the authority of the office.

2. Waiver in the Qualifications for Governor-
   nominee, District 2390 (Sweden)

   Statement: District 2390 requested that a waiver be
granted to Torkil Rönne, a member of the Rotary Club of
Malmö-Öresund, Sweden for the qualifications for a
governor-nominee as set forth in RI Bylaws section
16.070.3. At the time of his selection, Rotarian Rönne
had not served a full term as club president but is
otherwise fully qualified to serve as governor-nominee.

   DECISION: The Board, the president acting on its
behalf, in accordance with RI Bylaws section 16.070.,
excuses Torkil Rönne, a member of the Rotary Club of
Malmö-Öresund, Sweden, from the qualifications for a
governor-nominee set forth in RI Bylaws section
16.070.3.

3. Waiver in the Qualifications for Governor-
   nominee, District 2610 (Japan)

   Statement: District 2610 requested that a waiver be
granted to Tsutomu Okabe, a member of the Rotary Club
of Nagoya-North, Japan, for the qualifications for a
governor-nominee as set forth in RI Bylaws section
16.070.3. At the time of his selection, Rotarian Okabe
had not served a full term as club president but is
otherwise fully qualified to serve as governor-nominee.

   DECISION: The Board, the president acting on its
behalf, in accordance with RI Bylaws section 16.070.,
excuses Tsutomu Okabe, a member of the Rotary Club
of Nagoya-North, Japan, from the qualifications for a
governor-nominee set forth in RI Bylaws section
16.070.3.

4. Waiver in the Qualifications for Governor-
   nominee, District 2760 (Japan)

   Statement: District 2760 requested that a waiver be
granted to Kosaku Matsumoto, a member of the Rotary Club
of Kanazawa, Ishikawa, Japan, for the qualifications for a
governor-nominee set forth in RI Bylaws section
16.070.3.

   DECISION: The Board, the president acting on its
behalf, in accordance with RI Bylaws section 16.070.,
excuses Kosaku Matsumoto, a member of the Rotary Club
of Kanazawa, Ishikawa, Japan, from the qualifications for a
governor-nominee set forth in RI Bylaws section
16.070.3.
RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS MADE BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY
(Decision 68)

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 12 August 2017 through 15 December 2017.

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:

Zone 1
Yoshikawa Chuo, Saitama, Japan

Zone 4
Aherwan, Haryana, India
Ahmedabad River Front, Gujarat, India
Ambernath Smart City, Maharashtra, India
Bhiwandi BKC, Maharashtra, India
Chandausi Royals, Uttar Pradesh, India
Delhi Regency Next, Delhi, India
Gondeshwar Sinnar, Maharashtra, India
Gurgaon Millennium, Haryana, India
Jaipur Emerald, Rajasthan, India
Jaipur Malviya Nagar, Rajasthan, India
Jammu Elite, Jammu & Kashmir, India
Kotkapura Royal, Punjab, India
Moradabad Achievers, Uttar Pradesh, India
Moradabad Divine, Uttar Pradesh, India
Mumbra Elite, Maharashtra, India
Nasik Green City, Maharashtra, India
New Petlawad, Madhya Pradesh, India
Palava, Maharashtra, India
Panipat Continental, Haryana, India
Phagwara North East, Punjab, India
Pune Pristine, Maharashtra, India
Rohtak Royal, Haryana, India
Sabalgadh, Madhya Pradesh, India
Singod, Rajasthan, India
Surat Katargam, Gujarat, India
Thane Greenspans, Maharashtra, India
Titwala, Maharashtra, India
Wadhwan Metro, Gujarat, India

Zone 5
Adambakkam, Tamil Nadu, India
Bantwal Loretto Hills, Karnataka, India

Zone 5 (continued)
Bhuvnagiri, Tamil Nadu, India
Chengai Chennai Corridor, Tamil Nadu, India
Chennai Accord, Tamil Nadu, India
Chennai Bay Watchers, Tamil Nadu, India
Courtallam Elite, Tamil Nadu, India
E-club of Kerala Global, India
Nilakottai Gems Golden City, Tamil Nadu, India
Royal Brahavakara, Karnataka, India
Salem Evergreen, Tamil Nadu, India
Salem Smart City, Tamil Nadu, India
Sholingur Temple City, Tamil Nadu, India
Tiruchirapalli Metropolitan, Tamil Nadu, India
Tirupur Smart City, Tamil Nadu, India

Zone 6
Aligarh Rudra, Uttar Pradesh, India
Aligarh Smart City, Uttar Pradesh, India
Balurghat Atreyee Greater, West Bengal, India
Dhaka Supreme, Bangladesh
Grand Sylhet, Bangladesh
Karachi CPEC, Sindh, Pakistan
Karachi Indus Valley, Sindh, Pakistan
Karachi Light House, Sindh, Pakistan
Karachi Platinum, Sindh, Pakistan
Katihar, Bihar, India
Kuching Unity City, Sarawak, Malaysia
Lahore Cavalry, Punjab, Pakistan
Lahore Gladiator, Punjab, Pakistan
Lucknow Chardikala, Uttar Pradesh, India
Lucknow Main, Uttar Pradesh, India
Mirpurkhas Haven, Sindh, Pakistan
Multan Cosmopolitan, Punjab, Pakistan
Rahim Yar Khan Jinnah, Punjab, Pakistan
Varanasi Varuna, Uttar Pradesh, India

Zone 7
Aseana Manila, Metro Manila, Philippines
Downtown Taysan, Batangas, Philippines
Great Taysan, Batangas, Philippines
Greater Calbayog, Samar, Philippines
Malolos Republic, Malolos City, Bulacan, Philippines
Manila Maagap, Santa Mesa, Philippines

Zone 9
Chuncheon-Sehwa, Gangwon, Korea, Republic of
Chungju Namsan, Chungcheongbuk, Korea, Republic of
Daegu-Donggwang, Daegu, Korea, Republic of
Daejeon Hanbit, Daejeon, Korea, Republic of
Gongdo-Changjo, Gyeonggi, Korea, Republic of
Hongseong Yongbong, Chungcheongnam, Korea, Republic of
Jechon Keumbongi, Chungcheongbuk, Korea, Republic of
**Zone 10**
Busan-Gaon, Busan, Korea, Republic of
Chung Ho Fu Yi, Taiwan
Hong Kong Elements, Hong Kong
Jeju Gaon, Jeju, Korea, Republic of
Jinju Hyeoksin, Gyeongsangnam, Korea, Republic of
New Busan, Busan, Korea, Republic of
New Taipei Green Home, Taiwan
Shanghai Central, People's Republic of China
Shenyang, Liaoning Province, People's Republic of China
Taichung Harbor Metro, Taiwan
Taichung Marathon, Taiwan
Taipei Fengze, Taiwan
Taipei Great Pacific, Taiwan
Taipei Harmony, Taiwan
Taipei MegaGlory, Taiwan
Taipei Oriental Cheers, Taiwan
Taiyuan Aerotropolis, Taiwan
Taiyuan Golf, Taiwan

**Zone 11**
Ajaccio Kalliste, Corse, France
E-Club of Agora, France
Joinville-le-Pont, Val-de-Marne, France
Luxeuil les Bains - Vosges du Sud, Haute-Saone, France
Mayet - Sud Sarthe, Sarthe, France
Perros-Guirec, Cotes-d'Armor, France

**Zone 12**
E-Club of Amatrice, Italy
Isola Bergamasca - Ponte San Pietro, Italy
Mendicino - Serre Cosentine, Italy
Roma Acquasanta, Italy

**Zone 13**
Woerden Regio, Netherlands

**Zone 14**
E-Club Ruhr, Germany
Stadtallendorf, Germany

**Zone 15**
Skovde Boulogner, Sweden

**Zone 18**
Brussels International, Belgium

**Zone 19**
Brașov Burg Transilvania, Romania
Medana - Goriska, Slovenia
Neulengbach-Wienervald, Austria
Nova Gradiska, Croatia
Zagreb International, Croatia

**Zone 20**
Abuja Aso Hills, Federal Capital Territory, Nigeria
Abuja Cosmopolitan, Federal Capital Territory, Nigeria
Abuja Kuje Main, Federal Capital Territory, Nigeria
Abuja Rubies, Federal Capital Territory, Nigeria
Accra Sunrise, Ghana

**Zone 20 (continued)**
Accra-Kanda, Ghana
Agadir Oufella Renaissance, Morocco
Alexandria Lighthouse, Egypt
Cairo New Town, Egypt
Cotonou Haie Vive, Benin
Dondo, Mozambique
Ilorin Newdawn, Kwara State, Nigeria
Mbale Metropolitan, Uganda
Muyenga Sunday Sunset, Uganda
Najjeera, Uganda
Nanyuki, Kenya
Njeru, Uganda
Nnewi Urban, Anambra State, Nigeria
Rubaga Lake View, Kampala, Uganda
Winneba, Ghana

**Zone 21**
Culiacan Metropolitano, Sinaloa, Mexico
Jenks, Oklahoma, USA
Little Elm, Texas, USA
Lomas de Angelopolis, Puebla, Mexico
Reynosa Industrial, Tamaulipas, Mexico

**Zone 22**
Areiopolis, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Artur Nogueira, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Ceara-Mirim-Potengi, Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil
Conquista, Minas Gerais, Brazil
Divinolandia, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Piracaia, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Salto-Estaiada, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Sao Jose do Rio Preto-Integracao, Sao Paulo, Brazil

**Zone 23**
Camboriu, Santa Catarina, Brazil
Florianopolis-Sul da Ilha, Santa Catarina, Brazil
Itaguaje, Parana, Brazil
Itajai-Acu, Santa Catarina, Brazil
Itapema-Costa Verdes Mares, Santa Catarina, Brazil
Joinville-Cidade dos Principes, Santa Catarina, Brazil
Joinville-Floresta, Santa Catarina, Brazil

**Zone 24**
E-Club of Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada

**Zone 25**
E-Club of District 5020 International, Washington, USA

**Zone 26**
Goodyear PebbleCreek, Arizona, USA

**Zone 30**
Brookston/Chalmers, Indiana, USA

**Zone 32**
Rotary Club of New York "Queens", New York, USA
Tri County (Vineland-Millville-Buena-Newfield), New Jersey, USA
2. Amendment of Club Constitution – Change in Name of Club

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:

From  
Aguascalientes Campestre, Aguascalientes, Mexico  
Artigas Sembrador, Artigas, Uruguay  
Aurora, New York, USA  
Blue Ash-Montgomery, Ohio, USA  
Brussel-Cantersteen, Belgium  
Chula Vista Sunset, California, USA  
Cienega (Vail), Arizona, USA  
Crenshaw-Watts (Los Angeles), California, USA  
Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga, Philippines  
Dunfermline, Carnegie, Fife, Scotland  
E-Club of Seoul Inter-Korea, Seoul, Korea, Republic of  
E-Club of Seoul Yang-Chung Wor-Yak, Seoul, Korea, Republic of  
E-Club of Taipei Yam, Taiwan  
E-Club of Taipei Yonghwa, Taiwan  
El Dique, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
El Polo Surco, Lima, Peru  
Gilly-Chalerwe, Belgium  
Grand Falls, Newfoundland, Canada  
Gyeongju Queen Alyoung, Gyeongsangbuk, Korea, Republic of  
Hamilton Place (Chattanooga), Tennessee, USA  
Honeoye, New York, USA  

To  
Campestre Aguascalientes, Aguascalientes, Mexico  
Sembrador, Artigas, Uruguay  
Southern Cayuga, New York, USA  
Northeast Cincinnati, Ohio, USA  
Brussels Cantersteen, Belgium  
Chula Vista-Eastlake, California, USA  
Vail, Arizona, USA  
Crenshaw Park Hills Heights, California, USA  
Dau, Pampanga, Philippines  
Carnegie Dunfermline, Fife, Scotland  
Seoul Inter-Korea, Seoul, Korea, Republic of  
Seoul Yang-Chung Wor-Yak, Seoul, Korea, Republic of  
Taipei Hualing, Taiwan  
Taipei Yonghwa, Taiwan  
El Dique-Tolosa, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
El Polo Lima, Lima, Peru  
Gilly-Chalerwe, Belgium  
Exploits, Newfoundland, Canada  
Gyeongju Alyoung, Gyeongsangbuk, Korea, Republic of  
Chattanooga Hamilton Place, Tennessee, USA  
Honeoye Lake, New York, USA  

From  
Ibadan Forestry, Oye State, Nigeria  
Lomita Torrance Airport, California, USA  
Mississauga Credit Valley A.M., Ontario, Canada  
Monteagle, Tennessee, USA  
Moorleigh Moorabbin, Victoria, Australia  
Mt. Penn, Pennsylvania, USA  
Mürzzuschlag-Semmering, Austria  
Quebec-Centre (Vanier), Quebec, Canada  
Ringwood, Victoria, Australia  
Rio de Janeiro-Saúde, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Tampa Bay (Tampa), Florida, USA  
The Foothills (North Greenville County), South Carolina, USA  
Toronto-Don Mills, Ontario, Canada  
Towne Lake-Woodstock, Georgia, USA  
Trenton, Florida, USA  
Vectis Sunrise (Newport I.O.W.), Isle of Wight, England  
Yung-Kang, Taiwan  

To  
Ibadan City Central, Oyo State, Nigeria  
West Torrance, California, USA  
Mississauga North Breakfast, Ontario, Canada  
Monteagle-Sewanee, Tennessee, USA  
Moorabbin, Victoria, Australia  
Mt. Penn - Exeter, Pennsylvania, USA  
Semmering-Region, Austria  
Quebec-La Cite, Quebec, Canada  
Maroondah, Victoria, Australia  
Rio de Janeiro-Porto Maravilha, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Tampa - Westshore, Florida, USA  
The Foothills, Travelers Rest, South Carolina, USA  
Scarborough Passport, Ontario, Canada  
Towne Lake, Georgia, USA  
Gilchrist County, Florida, USA  
Vectis Sunrise Newport, Isle of Wight, England  
Tainan Yongkang, Taiwan

3. Amendment of Club Constitution – Change in Locality of Club

Statement: Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may approve requests from clubs to amend Article 4 of the club constitution to revise club 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:

From  
Caloundra, Queensland, Australia  
Cleveland, Queensland, Australia  
Crenshaw Park Hills Heights, California, USA  
Geelong Central, Victoria, Australia  
Groovedale Waurn Ponds, Victoria, Australia  
Gungahlin, Australian Capital Territory, Australia  
Ku-ring-gai, New South Wales, Australia  
Moorabbin, Victoria, Australia  

To  
Cleveland, Queensland, Australia  
Crenshaw Park Hills Heights, California, USA  
Geelong Central, Victoria, Australia  
Groovedale Waurn Ponds, Victoria, Australia  
Gungahlin, Australian Capital Territory, Australia  
Ku-ring-gai, New South Wales, Australia  
Moorabbin, Victoria, Australia  

4. Excusing Club Indebtedness

Statement: Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may, in duly justified cases, excuse clubs from payment of all indebtedness to RI when, in the general secretary’s judgment, the recommendation of the governor and other circumstances in the case, warrant such action.

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, extends the deadline for submitting a final expense report.

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5. Extension of Deadline for District Governor Allocation Expense Report

Statement: Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may approve an extension of the deadline for receipt of a district governor allocation expense report.

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, extends the deadline for submitting a final expense report to Rotary International until 30 September.
2017 for Past Governor Ratna Prabhakar Anne of District 3150 for the year 2016-17.

6. Incorporation of Rotary Club Activity or Fund

Statement: Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may authorize Rotary clubs to use the name "Rotary" in incorporating club or district foundation.

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

Club Activity or Fund Name (Club)
Rotary Club of Sidney by the Sea, British Columbia, Canada
Scarborough Rotary Passport Club Charitable Fund

7. Incorporation of Rotary Clubs

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 the following Rotary clubs under the proposed articles of incorporation as submitted by those clubs:

Club Name
Bruxelles-Europe, Belgium
Rosanna, Victoria, Australia
Tumut, New South Wales, Australia
Wenatchee, Washington, USA

8. 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 6270 (USA) under the proposed articles of incorporation as submitted by those districts.

9. 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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<tr>
<th>Clubs</th>
<th>New Club</th>
<th>New Charter Date</th>
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<tr>
<td>Cairns Southside, Queensland, Australia</td>
<td>Cairns Trinity, Queensland, Australia</td>
<td>8 Nov. 1967</td>
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<td>Cairns North, Queensland, Australia</td>
<td>Milano Arco della Pace, Italy</td>
<td>5 Dec. 1989</td>
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<td>Cairns Mulgrave, Queensland, Australia</td>
<td>Milano Parco Sud, Italy</td>
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<tr>
<td>Skelleftea Sankt Olov, Sweden</td>
<td>Skelleftea, Sweden</td>
<td>28 Sept. 1937</td>
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<td>Skelleftea, Sweden</td>
<td>Athenai Goudi, Greece</td>
<td>16 March 2004</td>
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<td>Athenai Goudi, Greece-Academia, Greece</td>
<td>Athenai Goudi, Greece</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lakeway/Lake Travis, Texas, USA</td>
<td>Lakeway/Lake Travis, Texas, USA</td>
<td>22 Jan. 1992</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bee Cave-Spicewood, Texas, USA</td>
<td>Ourinhos-Oeste-Integracao, Sao Paulo, Brazil</td>
<td>9 June 1969</td>
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<td>Ourinhos-Oeste, Sao Paulo, Brazil</td>
<td>Quilmes Oeste, Buenos Aires, Argentina</td>
<td>1 April 1963</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ourinhos-Integracao, Sao Paulo, Brazil</td>
<td>Woodstock, Illinois, USA</td>
<td>30 March 1968</td>
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<tr>
<td>Quilmes Oeste, Buenos Aires, Argentina</td>
<td>Woodstock Morning, Illinois, USA</td>
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<td>Quilmes Sudeste, Buenos Aires, Argentina</td>
<td>Parkdale-High Park-Humber, Ont., Canada</td>
<td>28 April 1987</td>
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<td>Parkdale-High Park, Ontario, Canada</td>
<td>Oxford, North Carolina, USA</td>
<td>15 Feb. 1923</td>
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<td>Toronto Humber, Ontario, Canada</td>
<td>Kerr Tar Region - Granville County, North Carolina, USA</td>
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<td>Woodstock, Illinois, USA</td>
<td>Tifton, Georgia, USA</td>
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10. Resignation of Membership in Rotary International

Statement: Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may cancel a club’s
charter under the recommendation of the governor 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 the charters issued to these clubs to be null and void:

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<th>District</th>
<th>Club Name</th>
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<td>1450</td>
<td>Aarhus International, Denmark</td>
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<td>2042</td>
<td>E-Club of 2042 Italia, Italy</td>
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<td>2275</td>
<td>Frosta, Norway</td>
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<td>2275</td>
<td>Sunndal, Norway</td>
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<td>2330</td>
<td>Orsa, Sweden</td>
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<td>3030</td>
<td>Nagpur East, Maharashtra, India</td>
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<td>3410</td>
<td>Garut Papandayan, Indonesia</td>
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<td>3721</td>
<td>Ulsan-Dongbaeg, Ulsan, Korea, Republic of</td>
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<td>4420</td>
<td>Sao Paulo-Vila Carioca, Sao Paulo, Brazil</td>
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<td>4420</td>
<td>Bertioga, Sao Paulo, Brazil</td>
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<td>4500</td>
<td>Recife-Caxanga, Pernambuco, Brazil</td>
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<td>4520</td>
<td>Antonio Dias, Minas Gerais, Brazil</td>
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<td>4580</td>
<td>Tombos, Minas Gerais, Brazil</td>
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<td>5030</td>
<td>Shoreline Rain City, Washington, USA</td>
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<td>5495</td>
<td>Flagstaff Sunrise, Arizona, USA</td>
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<td>5495</td>
<td>Payson, Arizona, USA</td>
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<td>6460</td>
<td>Peoria-Sunrise, Illinois, USA</td>
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<td>6490</td>
<td>Pana, Illinois, USA</td>
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<td>6580</td>
<td>Mooresville - Decatur Township, Indiana, USA</td>
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<td>6600</td>
<td>West Toledo, Ohio, USA</td>
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<td>6820</td>
<td>Simpson County, Mississippi, USA</td>
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<td>6890</td>
<td>Lake Region/Dundee, Florida, USA</td>
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<td>6920</td>
<td>McIntosh County, Georgia, USA</td>
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<td>6930</td>
<td>Hobe Sound/Port Salerno, Florida, USA</td>
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<td>7010</td>
<td>Orillia-Lake Country, Ontario, Canada</td>
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<td>7090</td>
<td>Salamanca, New York, USA</td>
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<td>7790</td>
<td>Saint-Augustin Cap-Rouge, Quebec, Canada</td>
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<td>9570</td>
<td>Bargara, Queensland, Australia</td>
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<td>9675</td>
<td>St. George Central, New South Wales, Australia</td>
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<td>9930</td>
<td>Rotorua Lakes, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand</td>
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### 11. Termination of Membership in Rotary International – 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 action on its behalf, terminates the membership in RI of the following Rotary clubs:

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<tr>
<th>District</th>
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<tr>
<td>44</td>
<td>Base Marambio- Antartida, Mar., Antarctica</td>
<td>13 May 1997</td>
<td>27 Nov. 2017</td>
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12. Termination of Membership in Rotary International – 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 clubs:

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<td>4320</td>
<td>Olmue del Valle, Valparaiso, Chile</td>
<td>3 May 2013</td>
<td>12 Dec. 2017</td>
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<tr>
<td>4320</td>
<td>Tarapaca-Iquique, Chile</td>
<td>18 May 2015</td>
<td>28 August 2017</td>
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<tr>
<td>4420</td>
<td>Praia Grande-Novotempo, Sao Paulo, Brazil</td>
<td>28 Jan. 1998</td>
<td>3 Nov. 2017</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4520</td>
<td>Sao Goncalo do Rio Abaixo, Minas Gerais, Brazil</td>
<td>21 March 2006</td>
<td>12 September 2017</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4550</td>
<td>Salvador-Novo Centro e Alphaville, Bahia, Brazil</td>
<td>19 May 2010</td>
<td>30 Nov. 2017</td>
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<tr>
<td>4760</td>
<td>Beol Horizonte-Alipio de Melo, Minas Gerais, Brazil</td>
<td>7 August 1987</td>
<td>9 Oct. 2017</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4845</td>
<td>Paso de la Patria, Corrientes, Argentina</td>
<td>21 May 2013</td>
<td>3 Nov. 2017</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5240</td>
<td>Frazier Park and Mountain Communities, California, USA</td>
<td>23 Feb. 2005</td>
<td>30 August 2017</td>
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<td>6490</td>
<td>Roanoke, Illinois, USA</td>
<td>8 March 1969</td>
<td>5 Oct. 2017</td>
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<td>7040</td>
<td>Prescott, Ontario, Canada</td>
<td>3 April 1939</td>
<td>30 September 2017</td>
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13. Termination of Rotary Fellowship—Voluntary

Statement: Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may terminate a Rotary Fellowship in cases where the group has decided to voluntarily disband.

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, authorizes the voluntary termination of the Rotarians’ International Fellowship of Authors and Writers.

14. Recognition of new Rotary Fellowships

Statement: Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, in consultation with the Global Networking Groups Committee, is authorized to recognize Rotary Fellowships on behalf of the Board.

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

International Hiking Fellowship of Rotarians
Surfers Unite Rotarian Fellowship
16. Request to Join Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organization—Districts 3011, 3053, 3054, 3060, 3160, 3261, and 3262

Statement: In accordance with the policy established by the Board with respect to multidistrict activities, the governors and Rotaract representatives of Districts 3011, 3053, 3054, 3060, 3160, 3261, and 3262 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 3011, 3053, 3054, 3060, 3160, 3261, and 3262 to participate in South East Asia Rotaract Information Center (SEARIC) Multidistrict Information Organization representing Districts 2982, 3011, 3020, 3030, 3040, 3053, 3054, 3060, 3070, 3080, 3090, 3110, 3120, 3131, 3132, 3141, 3142, 3160, 3170, 3181, 3182, 3211, 3250, 3261, 3262, 3271, 3272, 3281, 3282, 3291, and 3292, subject to the activities being organized and conducted in accordance with RI policy.

17. Request to Join Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organization—31 Districts in Europe

Statement: In accordance with the policy established by the Board with respect to multidistrict activities, the governors and Rotaract representatives of Districts 1030, 1070, 1080, 1090, 1110, 1120, 1145, 1160, 1180, 1200, 1210, 1285, 1380, 1410, 1430, 1870, 1890, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1940, 2071, 2072, 2241, 2320, 2380, 2400, 2452, 2482, 2483, and 2484 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 1030, 1070, 1080, 1090, 1110, 1120, 1145, 1160, 1180, 1200, 1210, 1285, 1380, 1410, 1430, 1870, 1890, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1940, 2071, 2072, 2241, 2320, 2380, 2400, 2452, 2482, 2483, and 2484 to participate in the European Rotaract Information Center Multidistrict Information Organization representing Districts 1030, 1070, 1080, 1090, 1110, 1120, 1130, 1145, 1160, 1180, 1200, 1210, 1285, 1380, 1390, 1400, 1410, 1420, 1430, 1440, 1450, 1461, 1462, 1470, 1480, 1510, 1520, 1550, 1560, 1570, 1580, 1590, 1600, 1610, 1620, 1630, 1640, 1650, 1660, 1670, 1680, 1690, 1700, 1710, 1720, 1730, 1740, 1760, 1770, 1780, 1790, 1800, 1810, 1820, 1830, 1841, 1842, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1890, 1900, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1920, 1930, 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2031, 2032, 2041, 2042, 2060, 2071, 2072, 2080, 2090, 2100, 2110, 2120, 2170, 2201, 2220, 2232, 2240, 2241, 2310, 2320, 2350, 2360, 2380, 2390, 2400, 2410, 2420, 2430, 2440, 2452, 2470, 2482, 2483, and 2484, subject to the activities being organized and conducted in accordance with RI policy.

18. Request to Form a Youth Exchange Multidistrict Organization—34 Districts in Japan

Statement: In accordance with the policy established by the Board with respect to multidistrict activities, the 2016-17 governors for Districts 2500, 2510, 2520, 2530, 2540, 2550, 2560, 2570, 2580, 2590, 2600, 2610, 2620, 2630, 2640, 2650, 2660, 2670, 2680, 2690, 2700, 2710, 2720, 2730, 2740, 2750, 2760, 2780, 2790, 2800, 2810, 2820, 2830, and 2840, and the 2017-18 governor for District 2770 requested the Board’s approval to form a Youth Exchange Multidistrict Organization.

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, in accordance with established policy concerning multidistrict activities, recognizes the General Incorporated Association Rotary International Districts of Japan Youth Exchange Multidistrict Organization (RIJYEM) representing Districts 2500, 2510, 2520, 2530, 2540, 2550, 2560, 2570, 2580, 2590, 2600, 2610, 2620, 2630, 2640, 2650, 2660, 2670, 2680, 2690, 2700, 2710, 2720, 2730, 2740, 2750, 2760, 2780, 2790, 2800, 2810, 2820, 2830, and 2840, and the 2017-18 governor for District 2770 requested the Board’s approval to form a Youth Exchange Multidistrict Organization.

19. Request to Withdraw from Multidistrict Youth Exchange—District 6930

Statement: In accordance with Rotary Code of Policies, the governor of District 6930 requested the Board’s approval to withdraw from multidistrict Youth Exchange activities.

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, in accordance with Rotary Code of Policies, authorizes the governor and clubs in District 6930 to withdraw from activities with the Rotary Youth Exchange Florida, Inc. program effective 1 July 2018.
APPENDIX D

2018–19 RI COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
(Decision 74)

2019 International Assembly
Assists the president-elect in planning the International Assembly in accordance with RI policies and ensures effective and consistent training of incoming governors. The committee should create a program that helps promote the priorities and goals of the RI Strategic Plan.

Mark Daniel Maloney, Chair USA
Holger Knaack, Vice-chair Germany
Gary C.K. Huang Taiwan

2019 RI (Hamburg) Convention
Assists the 2018-19 president in planning the 2019 convention in accordance with the primary purpose of the international convention and RI policies governing conventions. The committee should create a program that helps promote the priorities and goals of the RI Strategic Plan.

John Blount, Chair USA
Jennifer Jones USA
Shekhar Mehta India
Andreas von Moller Germany
Jennifer Scott Australia
Estela Werner de Torroba Argentina
Holger Knaack, Adviser
John Smarge, Adviser
SangKoo Yun, Adviser
Barry Rassin, Liaison Director
Ron Burton, Liaison Trustee

2020 RI (Honolulu) Convention
This committee shall assist the 2019-20 President in planning the 2019 Convention in accordance with the primary purpose of the international convention and RI policies governing conventions. The committee should create a program that helps promote the priorities and goals of the RI Strategic Plan.

Celia Cruz de Giay, Chair Argentina
Kyu-Hang Lee, Vice Chair Korea
Bradford R. Howard USA
P. T. Prabhakar India
John Steelquist USA
Martin Limbird, Adviser
Larry Lunsford, Adviser
Eduardo San Martin, Adviser
Mark Daniel Maloney, Liaison Director
Gary C.K. Huang, Liaison Trustee

2019 RI (Hamburg) Convention Promotion
Assists the 2018-19 president in promoting the 2020 Convention in accordance with RI policies governing conventions.

Jennifer Jones, Chair Canada
Frank van der Meijden, Vice Chair Germany
John Blount USA
Alberto Cecchini Italy
Holger Knaack Germany
Philippe Lamoise USA
John Smarge USA
Florian Wackermann Germany
SangKoo Yun Korea

Promotion Coordinators
Safak Alpay Turkey
Tamie Babb USA
Christine (Chris) Etienne USA
Roberto Luiz Barroso Filho Brazil
Nurul Kabir Bangladesh
Sanjay Khanna India
Rob Klerkx Netherlands
Yvonne Kumoji-Darko Ghana
Mary McCambridge USA
Lena Mjerskaug Norway
Penny Offer Canada
Giuseppe Perrone Italy
Gowri Rajan Sri Lanka
Haresh Ramchandani Jamaica
Nikki Scott USA
Allan J. Sellers Panama
Johrita Solari USA
David J. Sullivan Bermuda
Katsuhiko Tatsuno Japan
Mike Thorn England
Roland Villanueva Philippines
Kega Chi-Jea Yaor Taiwan
Young Suk Yoon Korea

Audit
This committee shall review and report to the board as appropriate on RI and Rotary Foundation financial reports, the external audit, the system of internal control, internal audit, and other matters connected therewith. The Chair of the Operations Review Committee or the Chair’s designee shall serve as a liaison to the committee.

Michael Colasurdo, Chair USA
Communications
This committee shall provide guidance and advice to the Board on ways to effectively communicate the mission, program and activities of Rotary to Rotarians, clubs, districts and the general public. It will advise the Board on all RI Communication tools, including printed publications, electronic communication, and audio-visual materials for Rotarians and the general public. The committee shall consider the RI Strategic Plan priorities and goals of enhancing Rotary's public image, engaging leadership at all levels in telling the world about RI's commitments, and emphasizing the five Avenues of Service as a way to expand service opportunities.

Constitution and Bylaws
This committee, mandated by the RI Bylaws, shall serve as counsel to the Board regarding all matters pertaining to the constitutional documents and legislative procedures of Rotary. The terms of appointment for the members will be staggered.

Districting
This committee, mandated by the RI Bylaws, shall recommend to the Board any needed adjustments of district boundaries for optimum effectiveness.

Election Review
This committee, as mandated by the RI Bylaws, shall review all cases referred to it involving complaints or disputes over an election to any office in RI, including all charges of canvassing, campaigning or electioneering and any related matters.

Finance
This committee, mandated by the RI Bylaws, shall advise the Board on all finances of RI. It will recommend the annual budget and five-year financial forecast, review financial statement activity, monitor revenues and expenses, recommend investment policies, and monitor the performance of investment managers. The committee shall consider the RI Strategic Plan in its financial advisory role.

Global Networking Groups
This committee shall provide guidance and advice to the Board on all aspects of Rotarian Action Groups, Rotary Fellowships, and on strategies for promoting Vocational Service. It will assist Global Networking Groups wishing to receive official status with the application process. The committee shall consider the RI Strategic Plan goal of enhancing and emphasizing the family of Rotary and align its recommendations to the plan.
Leadership Development and Training
This committee shall provide guidance and advice to the Board on Rotary’s leadership training program for Rotarians, clubs and districts, with a special emphasis on training for district governors. The committee shall consider the RI Strategic Plan priorities and goals in its deliberations.

Gayle D. Knepper, Chair USA
Daniel Osvaldo Elicetche, Vice Chair Paraguay
Mahomed Baboo Mauritius
Patricia Boyle New Zealand
Howard Caskie N. Ireland
Susan C. Howe USA
Francesco Arezzo, Liaison Director
Julia D. Phelps, Liaison Trustee

Membership
The committee shall provide guidance and advice to the Board on matters related to membership development, retention and education. It shall consider matters related to developing programs to attract new members, educate and retain new as well as existing members, and encourage the formation of new Rotary clubs in current Rotary countries. The committee shall consider the RI Strategic Plan priority of expanding Rotary membership in both numbers and quality.

Jessie H. Harman, Chair Australia
David Edwards, Vice Chair Barbados
Olayinka Hakeem Babalola Nigeria
Richard D. Elixman USA
Yvette Grave Germany
Olivannan Gopalakrishnan India
Carmen Aida Martinez Mejia de Villalta Honduras
Eun-Soo Moon Korea
Julia D. Phelps USA
Jeris Gaston, Adviser

Membership Benefits
This committee assists in the implementation of the member benefit initiative, Rotary Global Rewards.

David Harilela, Chair Hong Kong
Stuart Heal New Zealand
John Smarge USA

Operations Review
May review all operational matters, including but not limited to the effectiveness and efficiency of operations, administrative procedures, standards of conduct, and other operational matters as necessary. It shall act in an advisory capacity to the Board. The committee shall consider the RI Strategic Plan and align its recommendations to the plan.

Frank N. Goldberg, Chair USA
Greg E. Podd, Vice Chair USA
Jackson S.L. Hsieh Taiwan
Kyu-Hang Lee Korea
Steven A. Snyder USA
Karen K. Wentz USA
Brian A.E. Stoyel, Liaison Director
Örsçelik Balkan, Liaison Trustee

Partnerships
This committee shall advise the Board of Directors and Rotary Foundation Trustees on partnership and sponsorship matters. It shall consider how to coordinate a comprehensive approach to developing and engaging the four types of partners as defined in the Code of Policies. Additionally, it will support and advise on the development and implementation of specific strategies to address the variable partnership and sponsorship opportunities and recommend new partnership opportunities for consideration by the Board and Trustees.

Shekhar Mehta, Chair India
Geeta K. Manek, Vice Chair Kenya
Olayinka Hakeem Babalola Nigeria
Bernard Baumgartner Austria
Marion Bunch USA
Walter “Sonny” Deriso Jr. USA
Nesta Hatendi Zimbabwe
Bryn Styles Canada
Sangkoo Yun Korea

Risk Advisory
Staff-led committee, comprised of RI General Managers, one Trustee, and one Director.

Kenneth M. Schuppert, Trustee
Piotr Wygnanczuk, Director

Rotaract and Interact
This committee, mandated by the RI Bylaws, shall advise the Board on matters related to the Rotaract and Interact programs. It will review issues and suggestions related to these programs. Under the direction of the President, it shall develop program content for and plan the Rotaract Preconvention. The committee is encouraged to consider the RI Strategic Plan in its recommendations.

Mitty Chang, Co-Chair USA
Alexandria Ritchie, Rotaract Co-Chair USA
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Rotaract Representatives
Vera Demerjian France
Amanda Firkins Australia
Ignacio Gonzalez Chile
Elyse Lin Taiwan
Clement C Owuamalam Nigeria

Strategic Planning
This committee, mandated by the RI Bylaws, shall develop, recommend, and update a strategic plan for consideration by the board and trustees, survey Rotarians and clubs not less than every three years in discharge of its duties to review and make recommendations to the board and trustees pertaining to the strategic plan and undertake other duties assigned by the board and trustees.

Stephanie A. Urchick, Chair USA
Francis F. Tusubira, Vice Chair Uganda
Jackson S.L. Hsieh Taiwan
Wim Leerman Belgium
G. Kenneth Morgan USA
Nicki Scott USA
Natalia P. Soebagjo Indonesia
David Yeghiaian USA
Gregory F. Yank, Liaison Director
Gulam A. Vahanvaty, Liaison Trustee

Youth Exchange
This committee shall advise the Board on matters related to the Rotary Youth Exchange program. Under the direction of the President, it shall develop program content for and plan the Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention. The committee is encouraged to consider the RI Strategic Plan in its recommendations.

Bruce Goldsen, Chair USA
George Wood, Vice Chair USA
Maria Leticia Campos Ferreira Brazil
Andrea Cremoncini Italy
Frank Portelli Australia
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APPENDIX H

PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR THE 2019 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION
(Decision 82)

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-

To amend the rules for selecting the RI president-
nominee

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

To amend the BYLAWS of Rotary International as
follows (page 25 MOP)

Article 6 Officers


6.050.2. President.
A candidate for the office of president of RI shall have
served a full term as a director of RI prior to being
nominated for such office except where service for less
than a full term may be determined by the board to satisfy
the intent of this provision. Notwithstanding the
foregoing, the president of RI may not be selected from
the same country two years consecutively.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose of this enactment is to ensure the regular
rotation of RI President from around the world. The
Nominating Committee for RI President is tasked with
selecting “the best qualified Rotarian available to
perform the functions of the office.” However, over time,
various informal understandings have been put in place
regarding the country from where the RI President should
be selected in a given year. Typically, US candidates only
submit their names for consideration by the Nominating
Committee every third year, and candidates from the rest
of the world only submit their names in the other two
years. This enactment would help ensure that those
understandings continue.

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-

To amend the rules for selecting the RI president-
nominee

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

To amend the BYLAWS of Rotary International as
follows (page 50 MOP)

Article 12 Nominations and Elections for President

12.050. Nomination by the Committee.

12.050.1. Best Qualified Rotarian.
The committee shall meet and nominate from among the
list of past directors who have indicated they are willing
to serve as president the best qualified Rotarian available
to perform the functions of the office regardless of their
country of residence.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

Although RI Bylaws section 12.050.1. states that the
Nominating Committee for RI President shall select “the
best qualified Rotarian available to perform the functions
of the office,” various informal understandings or
agreements have long been in place regarding the country
from where the RI President should be selected in a given
year. For the last three decades, this understanding has
been that the President should come from the USA every
third year, and from the rest of the world in the other two
years. This informal understanding has been followed
despite the fact that the RI Board in 1993, on the advice
of the RI Constitution and Bylaws Committee, noted that
any attempt to place a restriction on the decision-making
authority of the Nominating Committee for RI President
is contrary to RI’s constitutional documents.

Because of this understanding, typically US candidates
only submit their names for consideration by the
Nominating Committee every third year, and candidates
from the rest of the world only submit their names in the
other two years. As the Nominating Committee can only
select from among those candidates who have submitted
their names for consideration, this informal
understanding amounts to a de facto restriction on the
decision-making authority of the Nominating Committee
to select the best qualified Rotarian to be the RI President.

The Board believes that this proposed amendment would
encourage all candidates to submit their names for
consideration by the Nominating Committee regardless
of geography and timing.
APPENDIX I

PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR THE 2019 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION
(Decision 83)

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-

To amend the process for selecting representatives to attend the Council on Legislation

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

To amend the BYLAWS of Rotary International as follows (pages 34-37 MOP)

Article 9 Members of the Council on Legislation and Council on Resolutions

The council on legislation and the council on resolutions shall be composed of the following voting and non-voting members:

9.010.1. Representatives.
There shall be one representative elected by the clubs of each district as provided in sections 9.060., 9.070., and 9.080. Each non-districted club shall designate a convenient district whose representative shall represent the club. For purposes of determining attendance at a meeting of the council on legislation, each district shall be paired with another district in a manner determined by the board. Of the two representatives from the paired districts, only one representative shall attend each meeting of the council on legislation. The paired districts shall alternate sending representatives to meetings of the council on legislation in a manner determined by the board. The representative attending the council on legislation shall be a voting member. All representatives shall participate in the council on resolutions.


9.020.3. Qualifications.
To qualify for service at a council, a representative must be informed of the qualifications and submit to the general secretary a signed statement that the Rotarian understands the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of a representative; is qualified, willing, and able to assume and perform faithfully such duties and responsibilities; and shall attend the meeting of the council on legislation for its full duration when assigned to attend a meeting; and shall actively participate in the council on resolutions.

9.030. Duties of District Representatives to the Councils.
It shall be the duty of a representative to:
(a) assist clubs in preparing their proposals for each council;
(b) discuss proposed legislation and resolutions at the district conference and/or other district meetings;
(c) be knowledgeable of the existing attitudes of Rotarians within the district and share such knowledge with the representative from the paired district;
(d) give critical consideration to all legislation and proposed resolutions presented to the councils and effectively communicate those views to the councils;
(e) act as an objective legislator of RI;
(f) in the year designated for such representative to attend the council on legislation, attend the meeting of the council on legislation for its full duration;
(g) participate in the council on resolutions;
(h) report on the deliberations of the councils to the clubs of the district following the meetings of the councils; and
(i) be accessible to clubs in the district to assist in their preparation of proposals for future councils.

9.040. Terms of Representatives.
The term of each representative shall begin on 1 July in the year following the year in which they are to be selected. Each representative shall serve for three six years or until a successor has been selected and certified.

9.060. Selection of Representatives by Nominating Committee Procedure.

The representative and the alternate representative should be selected by a nominating committee procedure. The nominating committee procedure, including any challenges and a resulting election, shall be conducted and completed every six years in the year two years preceding the council on legislation in which the incumbent representative’s term ends. The nominating committee procedure shall be based on the nominating
committee procedure for district governors set forth in section 14.020. to the extent it is not in conflict with this section. A candidate for representative shall not be eligible to serve on the committee.

9.070. Election of Representatives at the District Conference.

If the district chooses not to utilize the nominating committee procedure, the representative and the alternate representative may be elected at the annual conference of the district or, in the case of a district in RIBI, at the district council. The election shall take place every six years in the year two years preceding the council on legislation or, in the case of a district in RIBI, at the meeting of the district council after 1 October in the year two years preceding the council on legislation in which the incumbent representative’s term ends.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

One concern about the Council in its current format is that it is too large to allow many representatives to participate, thus inhibiting debate and in-depth questions. In this proposed enactment, each district would still choose its own representative. Each representative would have a six-year term, as opposed to the current three-year term. And the paired districts would then alternate sending their representative to the Council on Legislation. (This would result in each representative attending a Council.) All representatives would continue to participate in the Council on Resolutions.

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PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-

To provide for a biennial Council on Legislation

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

To amend the CONSTITUTION of Rotary International as follows (pages 14-15 MOP)

Article 10 Council on Legislation

Section 2 — Time and Place. The council on legislation shall convene triennially, biennially in March, April, May, or June, but preferably in April. The board will determine the date and place of the meeting, provided that, except for compelling financial or other reasons as determined by a two-thirds vote of the entire board, the meeting shall be held in the vicinity of the RI world headquarters.

And to amend the BYLAWS of Rotary International as follows

and in article 9 (pages 34-41 MOP)

Article 9 Members of the Council on Legislation and Council on Resolutions

The council on legislation and the council on resolutions shall be composed of the following voting and non-voting members:

9.010.2. Chair, Vice-Chair, and Parliamentarian.
A chair, vice-chair, and parliamentarian of the councils shall be selected by the incoming president in the year immediately prior to the council on legislation and shall serve for three two years or until a successor has been selected. The chair and vice-chair shall be non-voting members except that, when presiding, either may cast the deciding vote in the case of a tie vote.

9.040. Terms of Representatives.
The term of each representative shall begin on 1 July in the year following the year in which they are to be selected. Each representative shall serve for three four years or until a successor has been selected and certified.

9.060. Selection of Representatives by Nominating Committee Procedure.

The representative and the alternate representative should be selected by a nominating committee procedure. The nominating committee procedure, including any challenges and a resulting election, shall be conducted and completed every four years in the year two years preceding the every second council on legislation. The nominating committee procedure shall be based on the nominating committee procedure for district governors set forth in section 14.020. to the extent it is not in conflict with this section. A candidate for representative shall not be eligible to serve on the committee.
If the district chooses not to utilize the nominating committee procedure, the representative and the alternate representative may be elected at the annual conference of the district or, in the case of a district in RIBI, at the district council. The election shall take place every four years in the year two years preceding the second council on legislation or, in the case of a district in RIBI, at the meeting of the district council after 1 October in the year two years preceding the council on legislation.

and in article 17 (page 73 MOP)

**Article 17 Committees**

17.010. **Number and Term.**

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 from time to time may determine is in the best interests of RI. The numbers and terms of office for the standing committees shall be as follows: (1) communications – consist of six members, two of whom shall be appointed each year for terms of three years; (2) constitution and bylaws – consist of three four members, one of whom shall be appointed each year for a term of three four years, except in the year of the council on legislation, when there shall be four members, with the most recent past member serving a fourth year on the committee; (3) conventions – consist of six members, one of whom shall be chair of the host organization for the annual convention; (4) districting consist of three members, one of whom shall be appointed annually from the board for a term of three years; (5) election review – consist of six members, each of whom shall serve a term of three years, with two members appointed each year; (6) finance — consist of eight members, six of whom shall serve a term of three years with two members appointed each year, and the RI treasurer and one member of the board appointed by the board, each of whom shall serve a term of one year as a non-voting member; and (7) Rotaract and Interact consist of six members, each of whom shall serve a term of three years, with two members appointed each year, plus a minimum of three Rotaract members. The number of members on the committees and the terms of membership, except for the standing committees, shall be as determined by the board, subject to the provision of section 17.050. below. The board shall prescribe the duties and authority of all committees and, except for the standing committees, provide for continuity of committee members from year to year.

(Purpose and Effect)

This enactment proposes that the Council on Legislation take place every two years rather than every three years. The purpose is to allow for a more nimble Council, that can more quickly respond to changes in Rotary. This item is being proposed together with an item pairing districts, with the intention that only half of the representatives will make up the voting members of each Council on Legislation meeting. This proposal would have no impact on the annual Council on Resolutions.
APPENDIX J

AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR THE 2019 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION (Decision 100)

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 19-

To revise the deadline to submit the annual district statement

Proposer(s): Board of Directors of RI

To amend the BYLAWS of Rotary International as follows (pages 69-70 MOP)

Article 16 Districts

16.060. District Finances.

The Within six months of serving as governor, the immediate past governor must provide an independently reviewed annual statement and report of the district finances that has been independently reviewed to each club in the district within three months of the completion of the governor's year in office. The annual statement and report and have it discussed and adopted at a district meeting to which all clubs are entitled to send a representative and for which 30-days notice has been given. Alternatively, within six months of ending his or her governor term, the immediate past governor may ask the governor to conduct a ballot-by-mail for adoption of the statement and report. The statement and report shall be sent no less than 30 days prior to the ballot-by-mail. The governor shall start this process within 30 days of receiving the request from the immediate past governor. These deadlines may be extended for good cause.

It may The statement and report shall be reviewed either by a qualified accountant or by a district audit committee as may be decided by the district conference. If an audit committee approach is selected, then it must:

(a) be composed of at least three active members;
(b) have all the members be active Rotarians have its members selected in accordance with established district procedures;
(c) have contain at least one member who is a past governor or a person with audit experience an independent person with financial literacy;
(d) not allow contain the following to serve on the audit committee individuals for the year in which they serve in these positions: governor, treasurer, signatories of district bank accounts, and members of the finance committee; and
(e) have the members selected by the district in accordance with the procedures established by the district.

This annual The statement and report shall include but not be limited to details of:

(a) all sources of the district's funds (RI, The Rotary Foundation, district and club);
(b) all funds received by or on behalf of the district from fundraising activities;
(c) grants received from The Rotary Foundation or funds of The Rotary Foundation designated by the district for use;
(d) all financial transactions of district committees;
(e) all financial transactions of the governor by or on behalf of the district;
(f) all expenditures of the district's funds; and
(g) all funds received by the governor from RI.

The annual statement and report shall be presented for discussion and adoption at the next district meeting to which all clubs are entitled to send a representative and for which 30 days notice has been given that the statement and report of district finances will be presented. If no such district meeting is held, the statement and report shall be presented for discussion and adoption at the next district conference. If the statement is not adopted after presentation, it shall be discussed and adopted within three months of the conclusion of the district conference at the next district meeting to which all clubs are entitled to send a representative and for which 30 days notice has been given that the statement and report of district finances will be presented. If a district meeting does not take place, the governor shall conduct a ballot by mail within 60 days thereafter.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose of this enactment is to extend the deadline and simplify the process for governors to seek approval from clubs regarding their annual statement and report of district finances. Approximately 75% of districts are located in regions with financial regulations and timelines that do not permit compliance with reporting within the three-month deadline. This change simplifies the process and allows districts to comply with both local regulations and the RI bylaws.
APPENDIX K

AMENDMENTS TO THE ROTARY CODE OF POLICIES REGARDING TRAINING FOR ROTARACTORS
(Decision 103)

9.010.3. Support of Rotaract Club Leaders by Sponsor Rotary Clubs

Rotary clubs that sponsor one or more Rotaract clubs are encouraged to allocate an appropriate portion of their budget annually to provide for the attendance of Rotaract club officers, directors, and committee chairs at all relevant and necessary district-level training meetings.

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20.070.5. PETS Time Frame

PETS should consist of a minimum of a one-and-a-half day seminar preferably to be held during the month of February or March.

Districts are encouraged to conduct training of Rotaract club presidents-elect in conjunction with presidents-elect training seminars (PETS) and club officer training where appropriate.

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41.040. Rotaract

Rotaract is a program of Rotary International, adopted by the Board in 1968.

Rotaract Statement of Policy
1. The Rotaract program was created by and is an activity of Rotary International, and the authority for the establishment and enforcement of constitutional provisions, organizational requirements and standards of procedure, and for the preservation of the Rotaract name and logo is retained by Rotary International.

[text omitted]

18. Leadership Training

a) An effective Rotaract club depends on the guidance, support, and active participation of the sponsor Rotary club(s). Rotarians should be involved in the training of Rotaractors, Rotaract club officers, directors, and committee chairs. Sponsor Rotary clubs

- Should pay for and strongly encourage the attendance of club officers, directors, and committee chairs at all relevant and necessary district level training meetings
- Should appoint Rotarian mentors to Rotaractors in their sponsored Rotaract clubs
- Should promote multidistrict and international training opportunities for Rotaractors, including the Rotaract Preconvention Meeting

b) An effective Rotaract club also depends on the support of the Rotary district. The district Rotaract representative, in conjunction with the district Rotaract committee chair, the district trainer, the district governor-elect, and the district governor, shall promote Rotaract training needs during planning for district leadership seminars, Rotaract training seminars, and other district events. The district should conduct training of Rotaract leadership in conjunction with presidents-elect training seminars (PETS) and club officer training.

The district Rotaract representative should organize a Rotaract district conference to promote service, increase international understanding, enhance professional development, and build friendship and connection. Where possible, the Rotaract district conference should occur in conjunction with the Rotary district conference and include at least one joint session.

The chair of the district Rotaract committee and the district Rotaract representative shall facilitate a one to two-day leadership training seminar for all incoming Rotaract club officers, directors, and committee chairs.

c) The Rotaract Preconvention Meeting brings Rotaractors together to inspire and inform them to develop strong clubs and districts, build international friendships, and enhance the connections between Rotaract and Rotary at an international level. Through a variety of sessions, the preconvention meeting:
- Provides training, encouragement, and motivation to Rotaract leaders to advance Rotaract in their districts and to strengthen their connection to Rotary
- Facilitates sharing between Rotarians and Rotaractors, including past club presidents, district Rotaract representatives, and multidistrict leaders as well as those new to Rotaract

Rotary districts shall pay for the attendance of district Rotaract representatives at district, multidistrict, or international leadership training meetings. District governors are encouraged to defray all or part of the costs associated with the attendance of district Rotaract representatives-elect at the Rotaract Preconvention Meeting.

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