ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

MINUTES

of the

JULY 2015

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2015–16

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MINUTES

of the

JULY 2015 MEETING

Rotary International Board of Directors

The Rotary International Board of Directors held its first meeting of the year on 12–14 June 2015 in Evanston, IL, USA.

Present were: President K. R. Ravindran, President-elect John F. Germ, Vice President Greg E. Podd, Treasurer Per Høyen, Executive Committee Chairman Şafak Alpay, other directors Manoj D. Desai, Robert L. Hall, Bradford R. Howard, Jennifer E. Jones, Hsiu-Ming Lin, Peter L. Offer, Julia D. Phelps, Saowalak Rattanavich, Eduardo San Martín Carreño, Takanori Sugitani, Guiller E. Tumangan, José Ubiracy Silva, Giuseppe Viale, Karen K. Wentz, and General Secretary John Hewko.

Andrew McDonald served as secretary of the meeting with assistance from Jennifer Faron and Matt Hohmann. Other staff present were David Alexander, Michele Berg, Joseph Brownlee, Lori Carlson, Bernadette Knight, Peter Markos, Michele Moiron, John Osterlund, and Steve Routburg. Ligia Lima, Sandra LeBlanc, Dora Calkins, Fabio Teso, Eiko Terao and Taka Hoshino 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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1. Appointment of the Vice-President

Statement: RI Bylaws section 6.020. provides for the president to select a vice president from among those directors serving their second year in office.

DECISION: The Board notes with approval President Ravindran’s selection of Greg E. Podd as the 2015–16 Rotary International vice president.

2. Appointment of the Treasurer

Statement: RI Bylaws section 6.020. provides for the president to select a treasurer from among those directors serving their second year in office.

DECISION: The Board notes with approval President Ravindran’s selection of Per Høyen as the 2015–16 Rotary International treasurer.

3. 2016–17 Rotary Institute Site and Date Approval

Statement: As authorized by Rotary Code of Policies section 60.050.1., the president-elect approved the sites and dates for the 2016–17 Rotary institutes.

DECISION: The Board ratifies the decision shown in Appendix A made by the president-elect on behalf of the Board regarding the tentative schedule of Rotary institutes in 2016–17.

4. 2016–17 Nominating Committee for RI President

Statement: RI Bylaws section 11.050.2., authorizes the Board to determine the time (not later than 15 August) and place for the Nominating Committee for President to meet. The 2016–17 committee shall comprise 17 members from the even-numbered zones.

DECISION: The Board agrees that the 2016–17 Nominating Committee for RI President shall meet in Evanston, Illinois, USA, on 8 August 2016 and comprise members from the 17 even-numbered zones.

5. RI and TRF Meetings in 2015–16

Statement: The president presented a tentative schedule of committee meetings during 2015–16.

DECISION: The Board approves the tentative schedule of RI and TRF meetings in 2015–16.
6. 2016–17 Board Goals

Statement: The Rotary Code of Policies provides that the goals for each Rotary year be approved by the Board at its first meeting in the year preceding the year that the goals are effective. Noting the opportunities for greater efficiencies in operations and resource allocation, President-elect Germ and Trustee Chair-elect Banerjee collaborated to create a combined set of goals for Rotary and its Foundation that incorporated the Trustees’ previously approved priorities. The president-elect and chairman-elect also agreed to encourage use of the Presidential Citation (which among its criteria promotes Foundation-specific activities) as a tool to help achieve these goals.

DECISION: The Board

1. adopts the annual goals as presented for both Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation;

2. acknowledges that these goals reflect and include the three-year goals approved by the Trustees in their decision 9, October 2014;

3. requests the Strategic Planning Committee to review RI and TRF’s collaborative goal setting process, to determine its viability for identifying multi-year, annual goals, for report at its October 2015 meeting;

4. agrees that the Presidential Citation is a valuable vehicle to promote club and district engagement and aligns their efforts with organizational goals and strategy.

7. Annual Review of Delegation of Authority to the President and General Secretary

Statement: At its first meeting each year, the Board reviews its delegation of authority to the president and the general secretary.

DECISION: The Board authorizes the president and general secretary to act on its behalf on all matters listed in Rotary Code of Policies sections 27.030. and 31.020. through 31.090.

8. Policies Relating to the RI Board

Statement: Rotary Code of Policies section 28.005. requires the Board at its first meeting each year to review the policies governing its work.

DECISION: The Board affirms the policies governing its work as shown in Rotary Code of Policies section 28.005. and agrees that these policies should continue to be reviewed annually at the Board’s first meeting each Rotary year.

9. Establishment of Districts within Zones for 2015–16

Statement: Pursuant to RI Bylaws section 12.010.5., the Board is to assign new districts to appropriate zones.

DECISION: The Board approves the 2015–16 zones composition as shown in Appendix B.

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

Statement: RI Bylaws section 12.010.2. requires that each zone shall nominate a director from the membership of the clubs in that zone every fourth year according to a schedule established by the Board.


DECISIONS 11–15

11. Withdrawal of Proposed Legislation

Statement: The Board Council on Legislation Advisory Committee noted that the proposed legislation the Board had agreed to submit to the 2016 Council in its decision 57, October 2014, was also being proposed by a Rotary club, and therefore suggested that the Board withdraw its proposal.

DECISION: The Board rescinds its decision 57, October 2014, thereby not submitting to the 2016 Council on Legislation its proposed legislation “To revise the provisions regarding membership of alumni.”

12. Recommended Legislation for Rotary Institutes

Statement: In decision 128, January 2015, the Board requested the 2015–16 Rotary Institute conveners to schedule plenary sessions to discuss the substance of seven specific proposals as selected by the Board. The Board Council on Legislation Advisory Committee
noted that two of these proposals it had recommended be withdrawn, and therefore suggested the Board amend its previous decision accordingly. The Board discussed adding another item of legislation to the list.

**DECISION:** The Board amends its decision 128, January 2015 as follows:

128. **Recommended Legislation for Rotary Institutes**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. in accordance with Rotary Code of Policies section 60.050., requests the 2015–16 Rotary Institutes conveners to schedule plenary sessions to discuss the substance of the following proposals to be considered at the 2016 Council, for the purpose of allowing voting representatives the opportunity to hear the views of Rotarians from their area of the world:

- To provide for a membership committee of RI (File 001)
- To add a fifth part to the Object of Rotary to include the development of service and leadership in youth (File 008)
- To amend the terms of reference for the Strategic Planning Committee (File 013)
- To authorize the RI Board to suspend or terminate a club for litigation-related actions (File 029)
- To allow for flexibility in club meetings and attendance (File 045)
- To allow for flexibility in membership (File 046)
- To increase per capita dues (File 047)
- To provide that each club pays dues for a minimum of 10 members (File 049)

[Text omitted]

13. **Board Consideration of Proposed Resolutions**

**Statement:** The Board Council on Legislation Advisory Committee noted that significant time is spent during a Council considering proposed resolutions that request the Board to take a specific action. The committee suggested that the number of resolutions at the Council can be reduced, allowing more time for discussing broader policy enactments, if proposers are offered the option to have their resolutions considered by the Board at one of its upcoming meetings instead of by the 2016 Council.

**DECISION:** The Board requests the 2015–16 Council on Legislation Advisory Committee chairman to inform all proposers of “regular” resolutions to the 2016 Council on Legislation that request action of the Board, that if they agree to withdraw their legislation, the Board will review and consider their proposals at either its October 2015 or January 2016 meeting.

14. **RI President Authorization**

**Statement:** Since various Council-related matters requiring Board approval may arise before the Board’s next meeting, the Council on Legislation Advisory Committee recommended that the Board grant authority to the president to act on its behalf on any such issues until the October 2015 Board meeting.

**DECISION:** The Board authorizes the 2015–16 president, with the consent of the Board Council Advisory Committee chairman, to act on its behalf until its October 2015 meeting with respect to all matters relating to the Council on Legislation, including amending Board-proposed legislation.

15. **Amendments to Proposed Legislation**

**Statement:** The Board Council on Legislation Advisory Committee recommended amendments to legislation proposed by the Board at its October 2014 meeting regarding flexibility in membership.

**DECISION:** The Board amends its proposal “To allow for flexibility in membership” (File 046) that it had agreed to submit to the 2016 Council on Legislation in decision 86, October 2014, to read as follows:

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-

To allow for flexibility in membership

**Proposer(s):** RI Board of Directors

To amend the CONSTITUTION of Rotary International as follows (page 125 MOP)

**Article 5 Membership**

Section 3 — Exceptions to Provisions on Membership and Classification. A club may adopt rules or requirements regarding membership that are not in accordance with section 2 (b) of this article. Such rules or requirements shall supersede the rules or requirements of these sections of this constitution.

And to amend the BYLAWS of Rotary International as follows (page 136 MOP)
Article 4 Membership in Clubs

A club may adopt rules or requirements not in accordance with sections 4.010 and 4.030 - 4.060 of these bylaws. Such rules or requirements shall supersede the rules or requirements of these sections of these bylaws.

And to amend the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB CONSTITUTION as follows (page 204 MOP)

Article 9 Exceptions to Provisions on Membership and Classification
The bylaws may include rules or requirements not in accordance with Article 7 sections 2, 4–9 and Article 8 of this constitution. Such rules or requirements shall supersede the rules or requirements of these sections of this constitution.

(Subsequent articles and sections will be renumbered as appropriate)

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16. Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report: Club and District Proposed Legislation

Statement: The Constitution and Bylaws Committee reviewed the items of legislation proposed to the 2016 Council to determine which of those were duly proposed or defective.

DECISION: The Board


3. tentatively agrees that the following files containing proposed legislation for the 2016 Council are not duly proposed: NDP01, NDP02, NDP04, NDP05, NDP06, NDP08, NDP09, NDP10, NDP11, NDP13, NDP14, NDP15, NDP16, NDP17, NDP18 and L01;

4. 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.

17. Australian Rotary Health Use of “Rotary” Name Policy Clarification

Statement: The general secretary suggested additional clarification to RI’s policy regarding the criteria for multidistrict activities. The general secretary further noted that due to structural changes at Australian Rotary Health, an agreement with the organization regarding its use of the name “Rotary” was no longer necessary.

DECISION: The Board

1. amends the Rotary Code of Policies regarding multidistrict activities and the use of the name “Rotary” as shown in Appendix C;

2. rescinds its decisions 133, May 2014 and 61 (point 2), October 2014;

3. renews its request to the general secretary to continue ongoing review of existing activities, projects, and organizations to bring them into compliance with current Board policy.
18. Deputy General Secretary

Statement: The Executive Committee recommended reinstating the deputy general secretary position at the Secretariat.

DECISION: The Board notes with approval that the Executive Committee, acting as the personnel committee of the Board, has approved the creation of the position of deputy general secretary, effective 1 July 2015.

Note: Director Phelps abstained from voting on this item.

19. Annual Theme

Statement: In his recent travels, President Ravindran noted that districts have used a variety of themes at meetings on banners and in printed materials. President Ravindran suggested that presenting a unified theme (the president’s annual theme) would project a clearer, more unified message to Rotarians and non-Rotarians.

DECISION: The Board amends Rotary Code of Policies section 27.050 as follows:

27.050. Annual Theme and Program Emphasis
Rotarians are encouraged to shall present and emphasize only the annual theme at district conferences, at other district meetings, in printed materials, and electronic communications, and during “official visits” by RI officers. The annual theme is the only theme which should be utilized, and the use of other themes should be discouraged, except those themes used to promote district conferences and Rotary Institutes.

20. RI Travel Policy Amendment

Statement: The Board considered an amendment to the RI Travel Policy regarding the class of service for past general secretaries.

DECISION: The Board amends the RI Travel Policy to include past general secretaries in the same class of service as past directors and trustees when serving as an official representative of RI at the request of the president.

21. Member Benefit Program Update

Statement: In decision 60, October 2014, the Board agreed to establish a new member benefit card program that will provide participating Rotarians with discounts or reward points on a variety of products and services. The general secretary presented a report on this initiative, including details about a timeline for the program, a demonstration of the technology platform, potential partners, success factors, and the marketing plan, among other topics.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks the Member Benefit Committee for its report;
2. amends Rotary Code of Policies section 17.030.2. regarding district committees to add a District Member Benefit Committee for the purpose of marketing and promoting Rotary Global Rewards to clubs;
3. requests the general secretary to provide an update on the launch of Rotary Global Rewards at its October 2015 meeting;
4. requests the general secretary to establish goals, objectives, and metrics to determine financial, membership, and programmatical success for review at its October 2015 meeting.

22. District 4185 Governor for 2016–17

Statement: The Board considered a request from Governor Sergio Romero Barradas (District 4185) for the removal of the district’s 2016–17 governor-nominee. In connection with this request, the Board considered submissions provided on behalf of the 2016–17 governor-nominee and submissions provided on behalf of District 4185. The Board considered whether the 2016–17 district governor-nominee from District 4185 should be removed.

DECISION: The Board receives the request of District 4185 Governor Sergio Romero Barradas for the removal of the 2016–17 district governor-nominee and

a. concludes that the nominee would be unable to satisfactorily fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office of district governor as provided in the Bylaws and therefore affirms the removal of the district governor-nominee (for 2016-17);

b. directs District 4185 to continue the selection process for its 2016–17 district governor.
23. Amendments to Governor-Nominee Selection Procedures in India Pilot Project

Statement: At its May 2012 meeting, the Board adopted a governor-nominee selection pilot for clubs in India. Director Desai recommended further amendments to the pilot to help ensure its effectiveness.

DECISION: The Board approves the amendments to the Governor-Nominee Selection Procedures in India Pilot Project as shown in Appendix D.

24. Administrative Services Agreement

Statement: In decision 102, January 2014, the Board approved termination of the RI defined benefit plan for Rotary employees. The Trustees noted that under the current administrative services agreement between RI and The Rotary Foundation, 43 percent of the settlement costs would be allocated to the Foundation. The Trustees requested the Board to reconsider the allocation.

DECISION: The Board confirms that under the Administrative Services Agreement RI will allocate to The Rotary Foundation the pension expenses associated with the final payout and termination of the RI Retirement Plan.

25. The Rotary Foundation Unrestricted Programs Budget for 2015–16

Statement: At their April 2015 meeting, the Foundation Trustees adopted a budget for Foundation programs in 2015–16. RI Bylaws section 22.050. requires the Board to approve all expenditures from the property of the Foundation, except for necessary administrative expenses and income or principal expenditures of gifts to the Foundation that are prescribed by the gift’s or bequest’s terms. The Trustees customarily adopt a programs budget for the ensuing year and submit it to the Board for approval.

DECISION: The Board

1. approves the 2015–16 budget for program award expenditures of US$91,746,000 from unrestricted contributions.

2. agrees that the general secretary of The Rotary Foundation may, for good cause and with the approval of the chairman of the Trustees, exceed any of the budget items as detailed in the background up to five percent provided that he submit an explanation to the Trustees at their next meeting.

26. Confirmation of 2015–16 RI Budget

Statement: RI Bylaws section 17.050.1. provides that each year the Board shall adopt a budget for RI for the succeeding fiscal year. The Board customarily reviews this budget at its first meeting in the new Rotary year.

DECISION: The Board confirms the 2015–16 RI budget, reflecting revenues of US$103,432,000, operating expenses of $103,663,600, a one-time pension termination expense of $5,200,000, netted with a pension valuation adjustment gain of $9,000,000, use of general surplus funds of $1,663,000, use of convention reserves of $102,000, resulting in an excess of revenues, general surplus funds and convention reserve over expenditures of $5,333,400

27. RI Five-Year Financial Forecast

Statement: In decision 200, May 2015, the Board approved assumptions for the five-year financial forecast for fiscal years 2015–16 through 2019–20. The Board discussed changes to those assumptions.

DECISION: The Board

1. approves the modified assumptions for the five-year financial forecast for fiscal years 2015–16 through 2019–20;

2. in accordance with RI Bylaws Section 17.060.4. agrees that the five-year financial forecast should be presented for discussion at each 2015–16 Rotary institute.

Adjournment

The foregoing is a true record of the proceedings at the “July” 2015 Rotary International Board of directors meeting.

K. R. Ravindran
President

Andrew McDonald
Secretary of the Meeting

ATTEST:

John Hewko
General Secretary, RI
### APPENDIX A

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF 2016–17 ROTARY INSTITUTES**  
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ZONES AND THEIR DISTRICTS
(Decision 9)

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ZONE 11: Andorra, France, Monaco 1510, 1520, 1640, 1650, 1660, 1670, 1680, 1690, 1700*, 1710, 1720, 1730*, 1740, 1750, 1760, 1770, 1780, 1790

ZONE 12: **Albania, Italy, Malta, San Marino 2031, 2032, 2041, 2042, 2050, 2060, 2071, 2072*, 2080, 2090*, 2100, 2110*, 2120


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ZONE 15: Section A: Northern Sweden 2320, 2330, 2340, 2350, 2370, 2400, 2410* (**Sweden only) Section B: Åland Islands, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Russia, 1380, 1390, 1400, 1410, 1420*, 1430, 2220, 2410* (**Latvia only)

ZONE 16: Section A: Denmark, Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Lithuania 1360, 1440*, 1450, 1461, 1462, 1470*, 1480, Section B: Belarus, Poland, Southern Sweden, Ukraine 2230*, 2305* (*Sweden only) 2360, 2390 Section C: Norway 2250, 2260, 2275, 2290, 2305* (*Norway only), 2310

ZONE 17: Northwestern England, Ireland, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales 1010, 1020, 1030, 1040, 1050, 1060, 1070, 1150, 1160*, 1180*, 1190, 1210, 1220, 1230, 1270, 1280*

ZONE 18: Section A: Channel Islands, **Gibraltar, Southern England, Wales, 1080, 1090, 1100*, 1110*, 1120, 1130, 1140, 1170, 1200, 1240, 1250, 1260, 1290 Section B: Belgium, Luxembourg 1620, 1630*, 2170

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ZONE 26: USA – Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada 5000, 5170, 5220, 5230, 5240, 5280, 5300, 5320, 5330, 5340, 5490, 5500, 5510

ZONE 27: USA – Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Wyoming 5390, 5400, 5420, 5440, 5450, 5470, 5520, 5610, 5630, 5670, 5690, 5710, 5730, 5750, 5770

ZONE 28: Canada, USA – Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Wisconsin 5580*, 5650, 5950, 5960, 5970, 6000, 6220, 6250, 6270, 6420, 6440, 6450

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ZONE 31: USA – Arkansas, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas 5830, 6040, 6060, 6080, 6110, 6150, 6170, 6190, 6200, 6460, 6490, 6510, 6820, 6840

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ZONE 33: USA – District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia 7530, 7550, 7570, 7600, 7610, 7620, 7630, 7670, 7680, 7690, 7710, 7720, 7730, 7750, 7770

ZONE 34: All of the Caribbean (except Dominican Republic) Bahamas, French Guiana, Guyana, Puerto Rico, Suriname, Turks & Caicos Islands, USA – Florida, Georgia 6890, 6900, 6910, 6920, 6930, 6940, 6950, 6960, 6970, 6980, 6990*, 7000, 7020*, 7030*

*Indicates districts with multiple countries
**See CLUBS NOT IN DISTRICTS
APPENDIX C

AMENDMENTS TO THE ROTARY CODE OF POLICIES REGARDING MULTIDISTRICT ACTIVITIES AND USE OF THE NAME “ROTARY”
(Decision 17)

21.010. Guidelines for Multidistrict Activities, and Projects and Organizations

Rotary-sponsored service activities and projects and organizations involving clubs in two or more districts are encouraged, subject to the following:

A) Multidistrict activities and projects and organizations:

1) shall be, in nature and scope, within the capability of the clubs and Rotarians in the districts to be undertaken successfully without interfering with or detracting from the scope and effectiveness of club activities in furthering the program of Rotary at the club level

2) shall not be undertaken initially unless each governor concerned has agreed to such a joint activity and then, only after approval of two-thirds of the clubs in each district. Any participating district that seeks to terminate its participation in a multidistrict activity, project or organization must secure the approval of two-thirds of the clubs in the district to withdraw.

3) shall be under the direct supervision of the governors concerned; the custody of all funds contributed or collected for such activities, projects or organizations shall be the responsibility of the governors concerned, though a committee of Rotarians from within the districts involved may be appointed to assist in administering any such activity, project or organization and related funds. The governors involved in any multidistrict activity, project or organization shall also be responsible for ensuring that an annual financial review by a qualified person or an audited financial statement of multidistrict finances is prepared for the activity, project or organization and distributed to the participating clubs. (Please see section 33.040.8., point 9 for a further definition of “full control of a Rotary Entity.”)

4) shall involve participation by Rotary clubs and/or individual Rotarians on a voluntary basis, clearly presented as such; the cost of participation by a club or individual Rotarian, if any, should be kept to a minimum, and not implicitly or directly be made an obligation in the form of a per capita assessment or otherwise

5) shall adhere to current RI’s circularization policy.

6) shall state in its promotional materials, printed and electronic, and especially on any donation page, that the activity, project or organization is one of a local nature and not of RI or TRF.

B) This policy does not include projects involving cooperation between districts partnering for an international service project.

C) Multidistrict PETS organizations are exempt from these Multidistrict Guidelines. Rather, they are to be governed by the Multidistrict PETS Guidelines.

D) With the exception of a multidistrict PETS, which shall be under the direct authority and control of the governors-elect in cooperation with governors, the ultimate responsibility for multidistrict events, activities, projects and organizations lies with the governors of the districts involved.

E) In instances where multidistrict activities, projects and organizations are incorporated, the members of the corporation should be the governors of the districts involved or their appointees. The board of directors of any such incorporated activity, project or organization should be elected by the members of the corporation. Corporate structures not in harmony with these provisions will generally be considered as not in conformance with RI policy regarding supervision of multidistrict activities, projects and organizations by the governors.

21.020. Use of the Name “Rotary,” the Rotary Emblem or other Rotary Marks in Multidistrict Activities, Projects and Organizations

All club, district, multidistrict and other Rotary Entity activities, projects and organizations must include identifiers of the club, district, multidistrict group or
other Rotary Entity when using the name “Rotary,” the Rotary Emblem or other Rotary Marks. In limited instances and in RI’s sole discretion, a geographic identifier may be used, provided it accurately represents the interests of each club in that area and appropriate approvals are sought from the district governors and/or the club presidents. Such identifier must be in close proximity to and in equal prominence with the Rotary Emblem or other of the Rotary Marks. The activity, project or organization shall state in its promotional materials, printed and electronic, and especially on any donation page, that the activity, project or organization is one of a local nature and not of RI or TRF.

The Rotary Marks must always be reproduced in their entirety. No abbreviations, prefixes or suffixes such as “Rota” are permitted. No alterations, obstructions or modifications of the Rotary Marks are permitted. To accommodate digital media and enhance an accurate reproduction of the Rotary emblem, a specially modified emblem may be used for replications smaller than 0.5 inches (1.27 cm), such modified emblem to be used only together with “Rotary” as part of the “digital and small space signature lock-up.”

Rotarians planning any club, district, or multidistrict community projects that are to include the name “Rotary” or the Rotary Emblem without a further identifier must be licensed by RI under the provisions of Rotary Code of Policies section 33.040.7. Other Rotary Entity activities, projects or programs or organizations that are to include the name “Rotary,” the Rotary Emblem, or other Rotary Marks without a further identifier must first secure an exception to policy from the approval of the Board. Rotarians coordinating existing doctor banks and similar club, district, multidistrict and other Rotary Entity activities, projects or programs or organizations should review and make necessary changes to the activity, project or program or organization names and materials, consistent with this policy.

33.030.6. Use of the Rotary Emblem or other Rotary Marks by Rotary Entities
When used by itself, the word “Rotary” or the Rotary Emblem normally refers to the entire organization, Rotary International. It also means the ideals and principles of the organization. As a general rule, all club, district, multidistrict and other Rotary Entity activities, projects, programs and organizations must include identifiers of the club, district, multidistrict group or other Rotary Entity when using the Rotary Emblem or other Rotary Marks. In limited instances and in RI’s sole discretion, a geographic identifier may be used, provided it accurately represents the interests of each club in that area and appropriate approvals are sought from the district governors and/or the club presidents. Such identifier must be in close proximity to and in equal prominence with the Rotary Emblem or other of the Rotary Marks.

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The Rotary Marks may be reproduced in any one color, but if they are to be reproduced in more than one color, they must be reproduced in their official colors: royal blue and gold (PMS 286 Blue; PMS 871 Metallic Gold or PMS 129U | 130C Yellow) for the Rotary Emblem, the TRF logo and the Interact emblem; red and gold (PMS 201 Red; PMS 871 Metallic Gold or PMS 129U | 130C Yellow) for the Rotaract emblem. Rotarians planning any club, district, or multidistrict community projects that are to include the name “Rotary” or the Rotary Emblem without a further identifier must be licensed by RI under the provisions of Rotary Code of Policies section 33.040.7. Other Rotary Entity activities, projects, or programs or organizations that are to include the Rotary Emblem or other Rotary Marks without a further qualifier, must first seek an exception to policy from the Board approval. Rotarians coordinating existing activities, projects, and programs and organizations should review and make necessary changes to the activity, project or program or organization names and materials, consistent with this policy.

33.040.2. Use of Rotary Marks in Connection with Buildings and Other Permanent Structures
The use of the Rotary Marks without the further identifying language of the Rotary club, Rotary district or other Rotary Entity involved in connection with any project implies financial or moral RI obligation in connection with such project. Therefore, to avoid any future RI involvement, either directly or by implication, any Rotary club, Rotary district or other Rotary Entity
which contemplates the construction or acquisition of a building or other permanent structure:

a) should ensure that neither the name of such venture nor any legal documents in connection therewith reference either the name, “Rotary,” without the further identifying language of the Rotary club, Rotary district or other Rotary Entity involved or the name, “Rotary International.”

b) should not affix any of the Rotary Marks thereto in any permanent manner, such as etching the Rotary name or emblem into the facade of a building or inlaying the Rotary name or emblem into a floor. The Board will not require the removal of any Rotary Marks which have been permanently affixed to a building prior to 2001 where the removal of such would cause permanent and irreparable damage to the building, and/or incur unreasonable costs to a Rotary club, Rotary district or other Rotary Entity.

The Board has adopted specific guidelines for community projects for Rotary clubs and districts. (See Rotary Code of Policies sections 33.040.6 and 33.040.7.)

33.040.6. Use of Name “Rotary,” or other Rotary Marks by Rotary Entities

When used by itself, the word “Rotary” or the Rotary Emblem normally refers to the entire organization, Rotary International. It also means the ideals and principles of the organization. As a general rule, all club, district, multidistrict and other Rotary Entity activities, projects or organizations must include identifiers of the club, district, multidistrict group or other Rotary Entity when using the name “Rotary,” or other Rotary Marks. In limited instances and in RI’s sole discretion, a geographic identifier may be used, provided it accurately represents the interests of each club in that area and appropriate approvals are sought from the district governors and/or the club presidents. Such identifier must immediately follow or precede “Rotary.” Such identifier must be in close proximity to and in equal prominence with the Rotary Emblem or other of the Rotary Marks.

The Rotary Marks must always be reproduced in their entirety. No abbreviations, prefixes or suffixes such as “Rota” are permitted. No alterations, obstructions or modifications of the Rotary Marks are permitted. To accommodate digital media and enhance an accurate reproduction of the Rotary emblem, a specially modified emblem may be used for replications smaller than 0.5 inches (1.27 cm), such modified emblem to be used only together with “Rotary” as part of the “digital and small space signature lock-up.”

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Rotarians planning any club, district, or multidistrict community projects that are to include the name “Rotary” or the Rotary Emblem without a further identifier must be licensed by RI under the provisions of Rotary Code section 33.040.7. Other Rotary Entity activities, projects or programs or organizations that are to include the name “Rotary,” or other Rotary Marks without a further qualifier, must first seek an exception to policy from the Board approval. Rotarians coordinating existing activities, projects and programs and organizations should review and make necessary changes to the project or program names and materials, consistent with this policy.

33.040.7. Use of the Rotary Marks for Community Projects by Rotary Clubs and Districts

1. As an exception to Rotary Code section 33.040.6, “Rotary” and the Rotary emblem may be used without the further identifier of the name of a Rotary club or Rotary district by Rotary clubs and Rotary districts wishing to participate in the establishment of a community project in accordance with all of the below requirements:

a. The club or district must submit a complete application to the general secretary for the community project, for review and approval by the general secretary.

b. The club or district must enter into a license agreement with RI for use of the Rotary Marks in conjunction with the community project, the terms of which shall be determined by the general secretary and shall be consistent with other license agreements issued by RI, but which are to include, among others:
1) The club or district must carry liability insurance in an amount acceptable to the general secretary and must indemnify RI and TRF.

2) A license to use a specially created Rotary club and district project logo.

3) A provision requiring the club or district to incorporate its project, if reasonably possible.

e. The community project may not conflict with RI’s Strategic Plan or partnership plans, the Object of Rotary or with TRF’s fundraising goals, and must enhance RI’s public image, ideals and principles, in the discretion of the general secretary.

d. If the community project will not remain under the exclusive control of a club or district and/or if the club or district will not remain exclusively responsible for the day to day administration and operation of the community project, then the entity that will be responsible for the administration and operation must enter into a license agreement with RI for use of the Rotary Marks, the terms of which shall be determined by the general secretary and are to include, among others:

1) The third party entity must carry insurance in an amount determined by the general secretary and must agree to indemnify RI and TRF.

2) A provision setting forth the scope of the relationship.

e. The application, instructional materials and license agreements are available from CDS representatives and online at www.rotary.org.

2. No sales of goods are permitted, whether for fundraising or commercial purposes, without a separate goods license agreement from RI.

33.040.8 Requests for Exception to Guidelines for Use of “Rotary” Name

When considering requests for exception to policy set forth in section 33.040.6., the Board may consider:

1. The organizing group’s attempt to work with the general secretary to bring the name of the project or activity into compliance with Board policy.

2. The ease or difficulty with which the organizing group could bring its name into compliance with Board policy.

3. The length of time the organizing group has been using the non-compliant name, with greater consideration given to projects or activities or organizations with a longer, demonstrated period of use.

4. The merit of the project or activity or organization and the benefit it brings to the Rotary movement as a whole.

5. Whether the proposed non-compliant name in some other way accurately identifies the organizing group involved.

6. Whether the proposed non-compliant name could create a likelihood of confusion with Rotary International or with any other Rotary Entity or with a project, or activity or organization of Rotary International or any other Rotary Entity.

7. Whether the organizing group is a recognized Rotary Entity.

8. Whether the organizing group is otherwise compliant with Board policy.

9. The degree to which the project or activity or the name of the project, or activity or organization could expose RI to liability.

If the group is not a Rotary Entity and/or the project or activity or organization is not under the full control of a Rotary Entity, then the Board may grant an exception for the group to enter into a license agreement with RI for use of the Rotary name, based on the above criteria. The agreement shall include RI’s standard licensing terms, including, but not limited to, terms requiring insurance and indemnification.

If the group is a Rotary Entity and the project or activity or organization is under the full control of the Rotary Entity, then a Board exception may be granted for use of the “Rotary” name without a further identifier of the name of the Rotary Entity and a license agreement is not required.

“Under the “full control of a Rotary Entity” shall be defined as follows:

a. A Rotary club, Rotary district or group of Rotary clubs or Rotary districts is solely responsible for the governance of the project or activity or organization.

b. This level of Rotary Entity governance must be demonstrated by the requesting group to the
satisfaction of RI and may come in a number of different forms, including, but not limited to:

i. The Rotary club, district or other Rotary Entity is responsible for the direct, daily operational administration and control of the project, activity or organization, including, but not limited to, review and approval of the budget, including the expenditures for any project, activity or organization, or

ii. The Board of Directors or equivalent governing body of the project, activity or organization consists solely of every Rotary club President (or President’s designate) or every Rotary district governor (or governor’s designate) of all Rotary clubs or districts involved and/or present in the geographic region, and

iii. such governing body shall have operational and administrative control, including, but not limited to, review and approval of the budget, including all expenditures for any programs or other endeavors and selection of the Rotary Entity’s projects, activities or organizations.

c. Rotarian involvement and/or support in the form of monetary donations and/or volunteer time does not establish governance of the project, activity or organization, even if the support comes from every club in a district or from every district in a region and even if every club president or district governor in the applicable region supports the activity, project or activity organization.

An exception for use of the “Rotary” name does not also carry with it an exception to use the Rotary emblem or any other of the Rotary Marks.

The General Secretary is asked to bring any existing activities, projects and activities organizations into compliance with current policy.

33.040.13. Use of Name “Rotary” in Connection with Club Activities

Use of the word “Rotary” in connection with or in the name of an activity of a club or group of clubs must relate the activity directly to such club or group of clubs and neither directly or indirectly to Rotary International. Use of the word “Rotary” is not authorized in connection with or in the name of an activity that is not under full control of a Rotary club or group of Rotary clubs or in connection with or in the name of any organization, the membership of which includes non-Rotarian individuals or organizations. The Board has adopted specific guidelines for community projects for Rotary clubs and districts. (See Rotary Code of Policies sections 33.040.6. and 33.040.7.)
All the district leaders from zone 4, 5 and 6A that attended the Delhi Leadership Conclave convened by RI President Kalyan Banerjee and RIDs Yash and Shekhar agreed that a governor-nominee election pilot be initiated for districts in India providing for a uniform election procedure and encompass the following points:

1. The DGN selection shall be held through a nominating committee procedure.

2. Any challenge to the nominating committee decision shall be through a ballot-by-mail or at the district conference (under the terms of reference provided in the pilot) as decided by the district.

3. Clubs chartered during the year shall not be eligible to participate in any the election process including but not limited to proposing a candidate for the DGNC/DGN, concurring to challenge or voting.

4. A Club with any outstanding (previous or current period) RI dues and/or district dues and/or magazine dues shall clear the same by 30 September of the year shall not be eligible to in order to participate in the entire election procedure; with an exemption limit of USD 50.00. Issues pertaining to club finances can be resolved by the governor in consultation with RI director of the zone.

5. The District Governor Elect will shall include a session on the nominating committee procedure at PETS for orientation of incoming club officers.

6. Districts which have not had an election complaint or election related litigation in the immediate previous ten years may apply to the RI Board for an exemption from this pilot. Any such exemption shall be lost upon the filing of a new election complaint with the general secretary. However, such districts whose request for exemption is granted by the board shall not be exempt from clause four of the pilot concerning financial obligation.

**DISTRICT ELECTION COMMITTEE**

The districts shall constitute a four five member election committee –chaired by the governor– for the governor-nominee elections. The Committee shall consist of three four past district governors (none of whom nor any member of their club can contest the election in the year); one each nominated by IPDG, DGE and DGN. The fourth PDG shall be the senior most PDG in the district who is able to serve in rotation. No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms. The committee will assist the DG in:

- preparation of list of eligible clubs for nominating committee;
- scrutiny of club proposals for nominating committee members;
- logistics and communication for nominating committee meeting;
- orientation of club representatives before the draw of lots;
- draw of lots for nominating committee members;
- process of challenge and concurrences (if any); elections in case of a valid challenge.

**DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**Section 1: Terms of Reference**

The District Nominating Committee shall be responsible to seek out and propose the best available candidate who is willing to serve as District Governor.

**Section 2: Composition**

a) The Nominating Committee shall be constituted each year as per the time schedule adopted by the district. The nominating committee shall have (x) members, one from each of the (x) zones as provided.

b) The zones will be decided by the district as follows:
• There shall be a minimum of seven zones; the zones shall will be included in district bylaws (or defined by 30 July of the year by the district election committee, in consultation with the council of governors in case the district has no bylaws).

• Only clubs represented by duly authorized representatives will be eligible to participate in the draw of lots.

• At the time of draw of lots the election committee shall arrange to place the names of eligible clubs in a boxes, zone wise, and draw a lot from each box group in the presence of all the candidates. The numbers in draw of lots shall be proportionate to the club’s voting entitlement.

c) It shall be mandatory for all eligible clubs to send a qualified member to serve in the nominating committee. If an eligible club fails to do so, that club shall not be eligible to participate in the remaining election procedure for the year.

d) The nominating committee shall serve during the Rotary year of its constitution. Its term of office shall cease when the committee members elect the governor nominee, sign and submit its report through the chair to the district governor.

Section 3: Qualification

a) To be eligible for selection to the membership of the nominating committee a Rotarian must fulfill the following requirements:

(i) served as president of a Rotary Club in the district (or a formerly unified district in case of a split district) for a complete term or served as charter president of a club having served the full term from the date of charter to June 30, provided that the period is at least six months. A Rotarian who has relocated from another district (where he/she has completed the term as club president) and has not been a club president in the current district, must have completed five years of membership in the current district.

(ii) has been a continuous member of the current proposing club for a minimum of two years;

(iii) is not a district governor, governor-elect, governor-nominee, past governor or assistant governor.

(iv) has served in the district (any capacity) for a minimum of one two years in previous five years.

(v) a certificate from the club president for fulfilling the above qualifications shall be sent along with the club’s proposal.

b) Any candidate for membership of the committee whether selected, or not, or one who is selected and subsequently resigns from the Committee, shall not be eligible to be nominated as governor nominee in the year the committee serves.

c) A Rotarian who has previously served as a member of the nominating committee shall not be eligible for re-selection to the committee in the subsequent year.

d) Any immediate relative (spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother or sister) or close business associate (partner or director in the same firm) of any candidate for District Governor Nominee will be ineligible to participate in the draw of lots for selecting the members of the Nominating Committee.

e) A club which has a candidate for governor nominee shall not be eligible to propose a candidate as a member of the nominating committee.

Section 4: Selection of Member of Nominating Committee.

a) The clubs in the district shall be invited by the district governor through a written communication individually to each club to submit the name of the proposed candidate from their club for membership on the nominating committee.

b) The proposal for membership of the nominating committee shall be submitted to the district governor along with:

1) a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the club, held after the invitation for the nomination proposals under point b above; naming the proposed candidate duly certified by the club president and secretary.

2) candidate’s consent in writing.
Section 5: Functioning of the Nominating Committee

a) The nominating committee will meet on or after 15 November of the year. A majority of members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

b) A candidate receiving majority of votes shall be selected and recommended as governor nominee. In the event of the nominating committee failing to come to a valid conclusion, all the candidates will be proposed for election through a ballot-by-mail/district conference (as chosen by the district earlier).

c) The nominating committee shall not influence, recommend, or commit the succeeding committee by recording/minuting any impression of the candidates apart from the one selected by it.

d) The nominating committee meeting will convene immediately at the same venue after draw of lots. Nominating committee members are prohibited to indulge in discussion(s) before the formal start of the proceedings. Any such discussion(s) shall render them ineligible (decision of election committee) to participate in the nominating committee meeting.

e) Each member of the nominating committee shall be bound to keep the deliberations of the committee, and the information supplied to him/her, strictly confidential.

f) Use of mobile phones in the nominating committee room shall not be permitted. The members will deposit their mobile phone(s) with the chair who will return the same after completion of the nominating committee procedure.

Section 6: Selection procedure to be followed by the nominating committee

a) The members of the nominating committee shall carefully read and understand the duties and qualifications of the district governor as given in Rotary International bylaws before selecting a candidate in the meeting of the committee.

b) At its meeting the nominating committee must keep in mind the following criteria to be able to select the best candidate:

   (i) Qualifications as described in the R.I. bylaws.

   (ii) Ability, physical and otherwise, to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the District Governor.

   (iii) Rotary career and actual work done by the candidate at the club level.

   (iv) Rotary career and the actual work done by the candidate at the district level.

   (v) Candidate's knowledge of Rotary.

   (vi) Candidate's civic and vocational achievements.

c) The business of the Committee shall be completed at one sitting only

Section 7: Activities in Support of Candidate for District Governor

a) No Rotarian or club shall canvass or campaign, or allow campaigning on his/her behalf to influence selection in accordance with RI policies.

b) Any candidate for governor nominee election in the coming year shall not accept any district assignment(s). Any such candidates will not be eligible for the governor nominee election. However, select RI/TRF assignments are exempt from this provision.

c) Any individual who is invited to serve in any capacity at the district level will give an undertaking to the governor elect that he/she will refrain from contesting the governor nominee election next year and that he/she understands the provisions of point (b) above.

b) A club wishing to propose a candidate for the coming year will not sponsor/host/assist any event of the governor-elect.

Section 8: Procedure for Proposal of District Governor Nominee

a) The clubs in the district shall be invited by the district governor by (date) to submit the name of the proposed candidate from their club for governor-nominee with last date for receipt of proposals to be (date).

b) The proposal shall be submitted to the district governor in the form of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the club naming the suggested candidate, and certified by the club president and secretary. The proposal should enclose (x) copies of the Form H as provided by RI and the written consent of the candidate. A club shall suggest only
one of its own members as a governor-nominee candidate.

c) The district governor shall keep the copies of Form H of all the candidates ready and hand over the same to the members of the nominating committee immediately on its formation.

d) The nominating committee shall meet immediately after its formation to consider the proposals and the committee chair shall convey the decision in writing to the district governor immediately after adjournment of the meeting. This communication from the committee chair to the district governor shall also include the original Form H (duly signed by the members of the nominating committee) of the selected candidate.

e) In the event of the nominating committee being unable to meet or declare a nominee for any reason whatsoever, the names of all the candidates will be put up for election at district conference/ballot-by-mail.

CONCURRENCES TO CHALLENGE

a) No club can concur with more than one candidate.

b) A valid challenge is to be concurred with 20% of the eligible clubs or five eligible clubs chartered a year prior to the start of the current year, whichever is higher.

VOTING ENTITLEMENT

a) Club voting entitlement shall be the minimum of number of paid members (excluding pro-rata members) in the club as of:

- January-June semi-annual period

or

- most recent semi-annual dues.

b) A clubs decision as to how it will exercise its vote should be carried out at its regular weekly meeting.

c) The district governor shall notify the clubs in the district at least 15 days prior to the balloting regarding the number of votes to which the club is entitled.

d) In case of ballot-by-mail the governor shall send the ballot (in the format provided by RI; countersigned by all contesting candidates) to clubs along with the notification under point d. Only one ballot will be issued listing the total number of votes of the club. The ballot will be countersigned – apart from the club president and secretary-by another duly authorized member of the club.

ZONAL BALLOTING COMMITTEE

In case of a ballot-by-mail a zonal three member balloting committee will be appointed by the RI Director(s) for the balloting. This committee will meet at RI South Asia office on a date determined in consultation with the RI Director. Role of RI South Asia office will only be limited to receiving the ballots sent by clubs, acting as a custodian and handing over the same to the zonal balloting committee when it meets.

The ballots shall be returned to RI South Asia office by a date fixed by the governor. Such date shall not be less than 15 days or more than 30 days following the mailing of ballots to clubs.

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