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MINUTES
of the
JANUARY 2017 MEETING
Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees

The 2016–17 Rotary Foundation Trustees held their third meeting of the year on 14–15 January 2017 in San Diego, California, USA

Present were Vice-Chairman Kenneth M. Schuppert Jr., Chairman-elect Paul A. Netzel, other Trustees Noel A. Bajat, Orşelik Balkan, William B. Boyd, Ron D. Burton, Mário C. de Camargo, Mary Beth Grownery Selene, Sushil Gupta, Gary C.K. Huang, Seiji Kita, Barry Rassin, Bryn Styles, Young Suk Yoon, and General Secretary John Hewko. Karen Wentz attended as director liaison. Chairman Kalyan Banerjee could not attend this meeting.

At the invitation of the chairman, incoming Trustees Brenda Cressey, K.R. Ravindran, and Michael F. Webb also attended.

Andrew McDonald served as secretary of the meeting with assistance from Jennifer Faron and Matt Hohmann. Other staff present were David Alexander, Victor Barnes, Lori Carlson, Bernadette Knight, Peter Markos, Abby McNear, Carol Pandak, Steven Routburg, Eric Schmelling, and Thomas Thorfinsson. Hyung Jung Lee, Misa Mais, and Eiko Terao served as staff interpreters.

The general secretary prepared a memorandum of items for consideration at this meeting. Items from that memorandum, as well as other items considered during the meeting that were acted upon, constituted the meeting’s agenda as follows:

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58. Approval of the September 2016 Meeting Minutes

Statement: The general secretary distributed the September 2016 Trustees meeting minutes to each trustee.

DECISION: The Trustees approve the minutes of their September 2016 meeting and request the chairman to sign the official copy of those minutes.

59. Ratification of Decisions Taken on Behalf of the Trustees

Statement: Rotary Foundation Bylaws section 5.10 states that any officer acting on behalf of the Trustees shall report such action to the Trustees at their next scheduled meeting.

DECISION: The Trustees ratify the decisions as shown in Appendix A—the complete copy of which is filed only with the official copy of these minutes—taken on their behalf between 6 August and 30 November 2016 by those authorized to do so.

60. Report of the General Secretary

Statement: The general secretary presented an update on the work at the Secretariat since the September 2016 Trustees meeting.

DECISION: The Trustees receive the general secretary’s report on the activities at the Secretariat.

61. Communications from the RI Board

Statement: At its September 2016 meeting, the Board took several decisions of interest to the Trustees. The Trustees also considered a request to review The Rotary Foundation’s district committee structure.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. note the following decisions from the RI Board’s 19–22 September 2016 meeting:

24. Communications from the Trustees
25. Election of Foundation Trustees
26. Past Trustee Chair Privileges
30. Proposed 2017–18 RI Committee Structure
40. Zone Review Committee Report
41. Strategic Planning Committee Report
42. Rotary International Tax Status
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48. Auction Payments from eBay
49. Leadership Development and Training Committee Report: Leadership Development Overview

50. Governor-nominee Training

55. Exceptions to Critical Criteria for Convention Host Cities

59. Selection of 2016–17 Alumni Awards Recipients

60. Coordinator Appointment Term

2. noting the Board’s request to review the Foundation’s district committee structure, requests the Leadership Development and Training Committee to review the recommended Rotary Foundation district committee structure, for report at the June 2017 Trustees meeting.

62. Tentative Future Agenda

Statement: Trustees’ policy requires at each meeting the submission of a tentative agenda for the next Trustees meeting.

DECISION: The Trustees receive the tentative agenda for their April 2017 meeting.

63. Updates to the Rotary Foundation Code of Policies

Statement: Rotary Foundation Code of Policies section 2.010.6 requests the general secretary, at the conclusion of each Trustee meeting, to review the decisions taken by the Trustees at that meeting and prepare a report listing the decisions that might be added to The Rotary Foundation Code of Policies. The general secretary also recommends amendments to the Code to reflect current practices, language, or other factors.

DECISION: The Trustees to record the decisions taken at their September 2016 meeting and previously, amend the Rotary Foundation Code of Policies as shown in Appendix B, filed only with the official copy of these minutes.

64. Election of Vice-Chairman for 2016–17

Statement: With the resignation of their vice chairman Thomas Thorfinnson, who took the staff position of chief strategy officer at the Secretariat, the Trustees needed to elect a new vice chairman.

DECISION: The Trustees elect Trustee Kenneth M. Schuppert as their vice chairman to serve during the remainder of 2016–17 as an officer of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation.

65. Approval of Proposed 2017–18 Committee Appointments

Statement: Rotary Foundation Bylaws section 6.1 provides for Trustees to establish committees and prescribe the duties and authority of such committees. The number of members on the committees and the term of membership shall be as determined by the Trustees. Rotary Foundation Bylaws section 6.2 states that the Trustee Chairman shall appoint the members of the committees. Rotary Foundation Code of Policies section 1.090.1. provides that such appointments are reviewed and approved by the full Board of Trustees at their January meeting. Chairman-elect Netzel presented his recommended committee appointments for the Trustees’ consideration.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. approve chairman-elect Netzel’s recommendations for the 2017–18 Foundation committees as shown in Appendix C and request the chair-elect to invite the listed persons to serve in their respective roles;

2. approve the appointment of 2017–18 International PolioPlus Committee members for terms of three years as an exception Rotary Foundation Code of Policies section 12.060. to ensure continuity in the effort to eradicate polio;

3. offer their congratulations, encouragement, and support to all of the committee members for the next Rotary year.

66. Strategic Planning Committee Report

Statement: In decision 21, September 2016, the Trustees deferred consideration of the Strategic Planning Committee report until this meeting. At its 30 August–1 September 2016 meeting, the Strategic Planning committee discussed developing a vision and strategic plan for the organization, engaging key stakeholders, developing a change management and communications plan, establishing a timeline for the committee’s work, and the advantages of engaging outside consultants to assist the committee. At their 9–10 November 2016 meeting, the committee discussed further developments of a new strategic plan, the upcoming triennial survey of
Rotarians on the strategic plan, and updates on other RI and TRF committee activities, among other topics.

**DECISION:** The Trustees

1. thank the Strategic Planning Committee for its reports;

2. reaffirm that developing the Rotary vision and strategic plan is a top priority for the Board, Trustees, and Secretariat, as stated in the Strategic Planning Committee charter;

3. agree that for the Strategic Planning Committee to prepare Rotary for a successful future, the committee shall execute and monitor the action plan as shown in Appendix D, filed only with the official copy of these minutes;

4. look with favor on the proposed expense of US$780,000 (to be shared equally between Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation) to develop the Rotary vision and strategic plan and approve a 2016–17 budget variance of $200,000 for this purpose and further requests the general secretary to budget accordingly in 2017–18;

5. request the Strategic Planning Committee to provide an update on this initiative at the April 2017 Trustees meeting.

**67. Google Opportunity**

*Statement:* At the January 2017 Joint Meeting of the RI Board and Rotary Foundation Trustees, representatives from Google presented on an opportunity for Rotary to employ a new virtual reality product that Rotary could use for fundraising and awareness issues. The Trustees discussed the potential benefits of pursuing this opportunity.

**DECISION:** The Trustees delegate to their Executive Committee the authority to make any decisions on their behalf to pursue the discussed opportunity with Google, up to US$125,000.

**DECISIONS 68–73**

**International PolioPlus Committee Report**

Meeting 11–12 January 2017 in San Diego, CA, USA

**68. End Polio Now: Make History Today Campaign: 20 Percent District Designated Funds Makeup Contributions**

*Statement:* Noting that many districts have available DDF, the International PolioPlus Committee suggested that those districts that wish to make “make up” payments in DDF to PolioPlus should qualify for special recognition.

**DECISION:** The Trustees

1. agree to allow districts to make an allocation of District Designated Funds (DDF) to PolioPlus, equal to the amount as if they had donated 20 percent of DDF every year since 2013–14;

2. request the general secretary to develop and implement a plan to allow districts to make up DDF contributions by 30 June 2018;

3. amend their decision 149, March 2012, to increase the World Fund match of US$0.50 for every $1.00 DDF contributed to the PolioPlus program from $3.5 million to $5 million annually and to extend the time period for such matching for the next three fiscal years.

**69. Gates Foundation Partnership**

*Statement:* The International PolioPlus Committee presented a report on a possible partnership extension opportunity with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

**DECISION:** The Trustees

1. look favorably on the terms of a supplemental agreement with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation;

2. request the general secretary to submit a proposal to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation reflecting the new terms of the agreement;

3. authorize the general secretary to sign a new agreement with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, provided it is consistent with the terms described in this item;

4. request the general secretary, in consultation with the IPPC chair and chair of the Fund Development
Committee, to develop a strategy and collateral material to support this initiative;

5. request the concurrence of the RI Board at their January 2017 meeting.

70. PolioPlus Service Awards: 2016–17 Service Awards for a Polio-free World

Statement: Rotary Foundation Code of Policies section 21.050.2. provides criteria and guidelines for international and regional service awards to honor Rotarians who have contributed active, personal service toward the goal of polio eradication. Nominations for the 2016–17 awards were reviewed by the International PolioPlus Committee and forwarded to the Trustees for approval.

DECISION: The Trustees approve the following 10 nominations for the International Service Award for a Polio-Free World:

- William D. Ashton
- Janine Birtwistle
- Yash Pal Das
- Didier Fosse
- Sally Ernst
- Lokesh Gupta
- James Lewis
- Anne L. Matthews
- Albertine Perre
- Rauf Rohaila

71. PolioPlus Grants: Combined World Health Organization African Region (WHO/AFRO) and UNICEF Grant Request

Statement: The World Health Organization African regional office (WHO/AFRO) and UNICEF requested grants for operational support in Cameroon, Chad, and Niger; technical assistance in Chad, South Sudan, and West and Central Africa Regional Office (WCARO); social mobilization support in Nigeria and South Sudan; and surveillance support in Nigeria.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. approve a PolioPlus grant of up to US$3,256,128 to UNICEF for technical assistance in the following countries:
   - Chad: $1,998,998
   - South Sudan: $590,285
   - WCARO: $666,845
   this grant to be released in accordance with Trustee policies;

2. approve a PolioPlus grant of up to $5,984,942 to UNICEF for social mobilization support for the following countries:
   - Nigeria: $4,381,727
   - South Sudan: $1,603,215
   this grant to be released in accordance with Trustee policies;

3. approve a PolioPlus grant of up to $5,146,347 to WHO for operational support in the following countries:
   - Cameroon: $1,364,420
   - Chad: $2,154,275
   - Niger: $1,627,652
   this grant to be released in accordance with Trustee policies;

4. approve a PolioPlus grant of up to $4,626,796 to WHO for surveillance support for Nigeria, this grant to be released in accordance with Trustee policies;

5. authorize the general secretary to execute agreement letters with WHO and UNICEF to convey the funds on a scheduled basis. WHO and UNICEF will apply the funds to appropriate projects under such controls and conditions as the agreement specifies;

6. note that these are one-year grants that must be fully expended by 31 January 2018, or one year after the transfer of funds to the grantee, whichever comes later;

7. note that these grants, if fully expended, will increase total PolioPlus grants as follows:
   - Cameroon from $18,739,174 to $20,103,594;
   - Chad from $35,880,624 to $40,033,897;
   - Niger from $25,297,283 to $26,924,935;
   - Nigeria from $225,106,249 to $234,114,772;
• South Sudan from $37,620,585 to $39,814,085;
• West and Central Africa from $10,265,024 to $10,931,869.

72. PolioPlus Grants: Combined World Health Organization Eastern Mediterranean Region (WHO/EMRO) and UNICEF Grant Request

Statement: The World Health Organization Eastern Mediterranean regional office (WHO/EMRO) and UNICEF requested grants for social mobilization support in Somalia; operational support in Afghanistan and Somalia; technical assistance in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Somalia; and surveillance support in Pakistan.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. approve a PolioPlus grant of up to US$3,463,541 to UNICEF for technical assistance in the following countries:
   • Afghanistan: $845,849
   • Pakistan: $823,900
   • Somalia: $1,793,792
   this grant to be released in accordance with Trustee policies;

2. approve a PolioPlus grant of up to $2,287,653 to UNICEF for operational support in the following countries:
   • Afghanistan: $1,930,744
   • Somalia: $356,909
   this grant to be released in accordance with Trustee policies;

3. approve a PolioPlus grant of up to $6,140,774 to WHO for operational support in the following countries:
   • Afghanistan: $4,370,508
   • Somalia: $1,770,266
   this grant to be released in accordance with Trustee policies;

4. approve a PolioPlus grant of up to $716,899 to UNICEF for social mobilization support in Somalia, this grant to be released in accordance with Trustee policies;

5. approve a PolioPlus grant of up to $3,376,920 to WHO for surveillance support in Pakistan, this grant to be released in accordance with Trustee policies;

6. authorize the general secretary to execute agreement letters with WHO and UNICEF to convey the funds on a scheduled basis. WHO and UNICEF will apply the funds to appropriate projects under such controls and conditions as the agreement specifies;

7. note that these are one-year grants that must be fully expended by 31 January 2018, or one year after the transfer of funds to the grantee, whichever comes later;

8. note that these grants, if fully expended, will increase total PolioPlus grants as follows:
   • Afghanistan from $98,432,286 to $105,579,387;
   • Pakistan from $143,110,873 to $147,311,693;
   • Somalia from $34,663,973 to $39,301,839.

73. PolioPlus Grants: World Health Organization Polio Research Committee Grant Request

Statement: The World Health Organization Polio Research Committee requested a grant for research activities in Afghanistan, Florida (USA), Pakistan, and Nigeria.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. agree to reallocate US$758,871 from unspent funds from previous research grants to WHO for the implementation of polio eradication research activities in Afghanistan, Florida (USA), Pakistan, and Nigeria, proposed by the Polio Research Committee;

2. authorize the general secretary to execute an agreement letter with WHO to reallocate the funds on a scheduled basis. WHO will apply the funds to appropriate projects under such controls and conditions as the agreement specifies;

3. note that this is a two-year grant that must be fully expended by 31 January 2019;
4. note that this grant, if fully expended, will bring the total PolioPlus grants to WHO/Research to $29,522,035.

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74. Grants Experience for Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinators and Endowment/Major Gifts Advisers

Statement: In decision 113, April 2016, the Trustees requested the general secretary to evaluate the role and function of regional Rotary Foundation coordinators (RRFCs) and endowment/major gifts advisers (E/MGAs) to ensure that clubs and districts receive effective support for their grants and fundraising activities, for report at this meeting. The general secretary reported that results from a survey sent to the RRFCs and to the E/MGAs suggest previous service as a district Rotary Foundation chair, a district grant subcommittee chair, or significant involvement as a grants participant are preferred qualifications for serving as a RRFC. The survey results did not indicate the need for any changes to E/MGA policy.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. recognize the critical role that regional Rotary Foundation coordinators (RRFCs) play in supporting grant activity at the district level;

2. amend Rotary Foundation Code of Policies section 5.050.1. as follows:

   5.050.1. Previous Experience
   Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinators must have the following qualifications and experiences before appointment as a coordinator:
   
   a) past district governor
   
   b) working knowledge and experience of The Rotary Foundation at the district level and of the program, grants, and fund-raising aspects of the Foundation.

   In addition, preference should be given to Rotarians who have demonstrated leadership through

   a) having served as a district Rotary Foundation chair, a district grant
   
   b) subcommittee chair, or having significant involvement as a grants participant.
   
   c) having served as a RRFC team member (Annual Fund strategic adviser, endowment/major gifts adviser, assistant RRFC, Rotary Foundation alumni coordinator or zone challenge coordinator) and/or
   
   d) having served as RI International Assembly training leader.

   In addition, RRFCs shall not hold other significant RI or TRF appointments, including the district Rotary Foundation committee chair for their home district;

3. request the general secretary to annually evaluate the individual grant experience of incoming RRFCs during the on-boarding process and provide additional training as appropriate to RRFCs without experience as a district Rotary Foundation chair, district grant subcommittee chair, or significant involvement as a grant participant.

75. Level III Grant Requests

Statement: Global Grants requesting over US$100,000 from the World Fund must be reviewed by the Trustees. Five Global Grant applications were reviewed, including grants for projects in basic education and literacy, disease prevention and treatment, and water and sanitation.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. defer consideration of global grant 1642479, a basic education and literacy grant sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Venice Sunrise, Florida, USA (District 6960) and Akola Mid Town, India (District 3030) to benefit 937 schools in the state of Maharashtra, India, in the amount US$92,970 from the World Fund and $30,000 from the Nitin Khandelawal Term Gift (total project cost of $254,412) until the April 2017 meeting;
2. defer consideration of global grant 1642485 a basic education and literacy grant sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Greater Lake Charles, Louisiana, USA (District 6200) and District 3030 (India) to benefit 881 government schools in the state of Maharashtra, India, in the amount of $92,191 from the World Fund and $30,000 from the Rajiv Sharma Term Gift (total project cost of $294,074) until the April 2017 meeting;

3. agree to award global grant 1642528, a disease prevention and treatment grant sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Covington, Louisiana, USA (District 6840) and Nasik, India (District 3030) to provide cardiac equipment to Nasik Hrudaymitra, an NGO to be installed in Chopda Medicare & Research Centre Pvt. Ltd, Magnum Heart Institute in Nashik, Maharashtra, India, in the amount of $148,142 from the World Fund and $30,000 from the Nitin Khandelawal Term Gift (total project cost of $441,176);

4. agree to award global grant 1415262, a basic education and literacy grant sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Trenton, Ontario, Canada (District 7070) and Addis Ababa-West, Ethiopia (District 9212) to create reading corners in classrooms, maintain a read-at-home program, reading clubs and provide literacy materials and training to parents and teachers in four communities within Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in the amount of $4,500 from the World Fund and $300,000 from the Laverna Dollimore Term Gift (total project cost $312,500);

5. agree to award global grant 1636448, a water and sanitation grant sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Edina, Minnesota, USA (District 5950) and Escuintla, Guatemala (District 4250) to provide sustainable access to safe water and sanitation, as well as hygiene training to the people of Colonia Monterrey, Guatemala, in the amount of $68,731 from the World Fund and $146,700 from the Rotary District 5950 Water and Sanitation Term Gift (total project cost $308,067).

76. **Construction within Global Grants**

*Statement:* In decision 43, September 2016, the Trustees approved a pilot program to provide for the construction of low-cost shelters and simple schools within global grants by lifting the ban on construction for a three-year period, beginning 1 January 2017. Chairman Banerjee requested the Trustees to clarify that the ban on construction within global grants remains in place except for the building of low-cost shelters or simple schools.

**DECISION:** The Trustees

1. agree that there is a ban on construction within global grants for all projects except those that include low-cost shelters or simple schools;

2. amend the Rotary Foundation Code of Policies as follows:

\[11.040.3. \text{Humanitarian Projects}\]

Global grants support Rotary clubs and districts in their efforts to address humanitarian issues within the areas of focus and benefit communities in need.

[text omitted]

C. **Eligibility**

1. Global grants for humanitarian projects can fund
   a) low-cost shelters, as defined by TRF guidelines
   b) simple schools, as defined by TRF guidelines
   c) construction of infrastructure, including but not limited to:
      i. toilet blocks and sanitation systems
      ii. access roads
      iii. dams
      iv. bridges
      v. storage units
      vi. fences and security systems
      vii. water/irrigation systems
      viii. greenhouses

[text omitted]

2. Global grants for humanitarian projects cannot fund
   [text omitted]

   e) new construction (without a strategic partner) of any permanent structure in
which individuals live, work, or spend a significant amount of time, such as buildings (e.g., hospitals), containers, and mobile homes or structures in which individuals carry out any type of activity including manufacturing and processing. If the grant depends on the construction of a building, the construction must be funded by additional club/district funds (nonmatched cash contributions not processed by The Rotary Foundation) or funded by another entity.

f) renovations to complete buildings that are partially constructed (including buildings with only the exterior completed) but have never been occupied or operational.

77. Global Grants Simplification Committee

Statement: Trustee Balkan reported that some Rotarians find the global grant application process to be too complex and therefore do not apply for these grants. He suggested that the Trustees create a working group to examine and simplify the guidelines for global grants.

DECISION: The Trustees request the Programs Committee to continue to review global grant guidelines with a goal of simplifying the requirements and reducing barriers to application, for report to the Trustees at their September 2017 meeting.

78. Rotary Friendship Exchange in District Grants

Statement: In its decision 58, September 2016, the Board broadened its policy regarding Rotary Friendship Exchanges to allow for non-Rotarian participation. The general secretary recommended amending the conflict of interest policy for grant recipients in the Rotary Foundation Code of Policies to clarify who may receive funding.

DECISION: The Trustees, noting the RI Board’s recent changes to the Rotary Friendship Exchange program, amend the Rotary Foundation Code of Policies to enable districts to continue using their district grants to fund vocational training teams as follows:

10.030. Conflict of Interest Policy for Program Participants

[Text omitted]

1. Award Recipient Eligibility

Pursuant to section 9.3 of the TRF bylaws, those individuals defined below shall not be candidates or final award recipients or beneficiaries of any TRF program. Such individuals shall include current Rotarians; employees of clubs, districts, and other Rotary Entities (as defined in the Rotary Code of Policies) or of Rotary International; spouses, lineal descendants (children or grandchildren by blood, legal adoption, or marriage without adoption), spouses of lineal descendants or ancestors (parents or grandparents by blood) of persons in the foregoing categories; and employees of agencies, organizations, or institutions partnering with TRF or RI.

Former Rotarians shall continue to be ineligible for a period of 36 months after termination of their membership. Persons who were ineligible based on their familial relationship to a former Rotarian shall continue to be ineligible for a period of 36 months after termination of their family member’s membership.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, such individuals shall be eligible to participate on vocational training teams and in individual travel for humanitarian projects (when such individuals are determined to be qualified) funded by district grants, global grants, and packaged grants as long as they are providing a benefit to others.

11.060.2. Eligibility

I. District grants can fund

[Text omitted]

1) The following programs of Rotary International: Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, and Rotary Youth Exchange, and Rotary Friendship Exchanges that comply with the Conflict of Interest policy as outlined in section 10.030.

II. District grant funds cannot fund:

[Text omitted]

k) Rotary Friendship Exchanges
79. Grant Appeals

Statement: The general secretary received three appeals to global grant applications that had been previously denied.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. agree to grant the appeal of GG1635028 Iraqi and Syrian Refugee Education in Amman Jordan sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Amman Cosmopolitan, Jordan (District 2452) and Biddeford-Saco, Maine, USA (District 7780) to allow reimbursement of tuition expenses that were incurred before grant approval;

2. do not agree to grant the appeal of GG1743468 Okana Centre for Change Kenya to allow the project to be carried primarily by the cooperating organization and to allow construction as a means to provide vocational training on construction;

3. agree to grant the appeal of GG1526827 Changing Lives of Disabled People in Madagascar to allow a two-person vocational training team and to permit expenses incurred before a decision on the application.

80. Programs Committee Report

Statement: The Programs Committee met 8–9 September 2016 in Evanston, Illinois, USA, and discussed the status of grant activity, an update on German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation grants, 2016 Council resolutions pertaining to the Foundation, the biennial review of grants terms and conditions, district and club memorandums of understanding, low-cost shelters and simple schools, and the WASH in Schools Target Challenge, among other topics.

DECISION: The Trustees thank the Programs Committee for its report.

81. WASH in School Target Challenge Pilot Extension

Statement: In decision 124, April 2015, the Trustees agreed to implement a pilot project in the development of integrated infrastructure, education, and behavioral change projects in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) in Schools ending June 2018. Noting a delay in planning and training activities in District 4250 (Guatemala, Honduras, and Belize), the WASH in Schools Target Challenge Committee requested the Trustees consider an extension of the pilot.

DECISION: The Trustees approve a two-year extension of the WASH in Schools Target Challenge pilot program until 30 June 2020, to accommodate the timeline needed for the development and implementation of a WASH in Schools competitive grant process and delayed launch in District 4250 (Belize, Guatemala, Honduras).

82. Rotary Peace Centers Committee Report

Statement: The Rotary Peace Centers Committee met 28–30 September 2016 in Evanston, Illinois, USA, and discussed the funding status for the next cohort of Rotary Peace Fellows, future peace symposiums, Rotary Peace Centers evaluation and site visits, current strategic planning process for the Peace Centers, the Peace Centers application process and application numbers, and the finalists for the 2017–19 Rotary Peace Fellowships, among other topics.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. thank the Rotary Peace Centers Committee for its report;

2. receive the list of finalists awarded 2017–19 Rotary Peace Fellowships;

3. agree to fund a short-term regional faculty exchange between International Christian University, Japan, University of Queensland, Australia, and Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, and approve a 2016–17 budget variance of US$8,870 for this purpose.

83. Rotary Peace Centers Future Planning Committee Report

Statement: In decision 44, September 2016, the Trustees acknowledged the work of external consultants in reviewing the Rotary Peace Centers program and requested the Rotary Peace Centers Future Planning Committee to recommend possible changes to the program based on the consultants’ feedback at the April 2017 Trustees meeting. The Rotary Peace Centers Future Planning Committee requested the Trustees consider an extension on the report deadline due to the amount of research undertaken by the external consultants and the committee itself.
DECISION: The Trustees

1. thank the Rotary Peace Centers Future Planning Committee for its report;

2. amend their decision 44, September 2014, to extend the Rotary Peace Centers Future Planning Committee final report deadline to the September 2017 Trustees meeting, and further approve a 2016–17 budget variance of US$10,000 to continue potential work with the external consultants.

84. Rotary Peace Assembly Contribution

Statement: There will be a Peace Assembly held before the 2017 (Atlanta) Convention for the purpose of providing peace fellows an opportunity to network and learn, and donors an opportunity to meet the beneficiaries of their donations. The general secretary reported on a generous Rotarian donation to support the Peace Assembly.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. express their appreciation to Rotarian Albin Jubitz for his generous contribution to The Rotary Foundation in support of the Peace Assembly being held in Atlanta on 8 June 2017;

2. agree that this contribution will be used to offset expenses related to the Peace Assembly.

85. Joint Young Leaders and Alumni Engagement Committee Report

Statement: The Joint Young Leaders and Alumni Engagement Committee met 8–9 December 2016 in Evanston, Illinois, USA, and discussed committee goals, alumni award process and evaluation, and the 2017 Presidential Peace Conference and International Convention, among other topics.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. approve the alumni engagement strategies as shown in Appendix E;

2. support opportunities for Rotaractors and Rotary alumni to form innovative and flexible Rotary clubs, and request the general secretary to continue to monitor, track, and promote success stories.

86. Joint RI and TRF Finance Committees Report

Statement: The RI and TRF Finance Committees met jointly on 4–6 October 2016 in Evanston, Illinois, USA, and discussed the 2016 financials for RI and TRF, a review of possible modifications to the TRF Code and Bylaws, a Secretariat compensation summary, suggested amendments to the Administrative Services Agreement, the five-year financial forecast, the 2018 budget, and an investments update, among other topics.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. thank the joint RI and TRF Finance Committees for their report;

2. approve the renewal of the Administrative Services Agreement from 1 July 2017 through 1 July 2020, as shown in Appendix F, filed only with the official copy of these minutes.

87. TRF Finance Committee Report: Budget Assumptions

Statement: The Rotary Foundation Finance Committee met on 11 January 2017 and jointly with the RI Finance Committee on 12–13 January 2017 in San Diego, California, USA, and discussed budget assumptions to be used in preparing the 2018 Rotary Foundation budget.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. thank the Rotary Foundation Finance Committee and the Joint RI and TRF Finance Committee for their January meeting reports;

2. agree to the 2017–18 budget assumptions as shown in the committee’s minutes.

88. Investment Committee Report

Statement: The Investment Committee met 8–9 November 2016 in Evanston, Illinois, USA, and discussed office of investment workgroup updates, performance updates, private market planning, and a global asset allocation strategy review, among other topics. The committee also met with members of the University of Rochester’s investment office in order to
learn about the structure and organization of their investment department.

**DECISION:** The Trustees thank the Investment Committee for its report.

89. **Update on Hiring of the Chief Investment Officer**

*Statement:* In decision 142, April 2016, the Trustees supported the establishment of an investment office at Rotary International that would assume authority, responsibility, and accountability for the investment programs of The Rotary Foundation and Rotary International. The Investment Committee provided an update on the status of their search for a chief investment officer.

**DECISION:** The Trustees thank the Investment Committee for its update and hard work on the hiring of the chief investment officer.

90. **Resolutions on Financial Accounts and Services**

*Statement:* The TRF Resolutions on Financial Accounts and Services delegates authority to specific staff members with regard to the establishment and operation of TRF’s bank accounts. With the recent staffing changes, amendments to the resolution were necessary.

**DECISION:** The Trustees amend the resolutions on financial accounts and services as shown in Appendix G, filed only with the official copy of these minutes.

91. **Modifications to the Budget**

*Statement:* The Trustees reviewed decisions taken at this meeting that have current and future budget impact.

**DECISION:** The Trustees

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**Adjournment**

The foregoing is a true record of the proceedings at The Rotary Foundation Trustees meeting held on 14–15 January 2017 in San Diego, CA, USA.

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ATTEST:

John Hewko
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APPENDIX A

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES
(Decision 59)

Exhibit 2-a: Citation for Meritorious Service Awards
- 16 award recipients.

Exhibit 2-b: TRF Cadre of Technical Advisers
- The cadre reviewed 72 grants, including 28 technical reviews, nine advanced site visits, three post project site visits, seven random audits, and 25 interim monitoring visits.

Exhibit 2-c: Foundation Programs
- 295 global grants awarded for a total of $8,268,267 in World Fund.
- 176 district grants awarded for a total of $11,072,025 in DDF.

Exhibit 2-d: Waivers
- **Districts/Clubs:** Rotary Clubs of Kitwe, District 9210 and Dallas, Texas (District 5810) GG1640943
  **Decision:** This vocational training team is being carried out in conjunction with Baylor University, a large and well regarded university within the United States. While the application was in progress, Baylor University went ahead and purchased airfare for the travelers despite being asked not to by the Rotarian applicants, as the application had not been approved yet. The Rotarians requested a waiver and given their diligence in trying to prevent this situation, the general secretary waived the policy that prohibits grant expenditures prior to approval.

- **Districts/Clubs:** District 2100 and District 2440, GG1642306
  **Decision:** Waive requirement for vocational training team to receive or provide training. This waiver would allow the 25 participants, including young musicians and their musical tutors, in the Mediterranean Peace Symphony to travel in order to conduct their peace musical performance in Italy, Spain, Greece and Turkey.

- **Districts/Clubs:** Rotary Clubs of Muyenga, District 9211 and Chandigarh, District 3080
  **Decision:** Waive requirement that 30 percent of the grant contributions come from the international sponsor. This grant was approved to provide and install more modern equipment and materials for collection, transporting, storage and dispensing safe blood and to build capacity through training of staff and technical personnel through an in-coming vocational training team from India and an outgoing vocational training team from Uganda.
APPENDIX C

2017–18 TRF COMMITTEES AND MEMBERSHIP
(Decision 65)

The chairman is an ex officio member of each committee. All committee action shall be subject to the approval of the Trustees. The term of all committee appointments is until 30 June 2018 unless otherwise specified.

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APPENDIX E

ROTARY ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES
(Decision 85)

Rotary alumni wish to engage with Rotary along the same lines as Rotarians, by joining leaders, taking action, and exchanging ideas. The key to strong engagement is to create lasting connections with current program participants that endure throughout their lives as alumni. Use this menu to help guide engagement activities with former program participants.

Join Leaders

Connect with leaders from all continents, cultures, and occupations. Alumni are interested in acquiring and expanding leadership and professional skills. Many alumni fall within a prime age range for joining Rotary and show a strong interest in membership.

- Connect alumni with a Rotary club that meets their needs.
- Create and maintain an alumni association.
- Invite alumni to join a Rotaract or Interact club.
- Invite alumni to participate in Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.
- Promote Rotary Peace Fellowships to interested alumni.
- Provide career-based and Rotary-based mentoring opportunities to young leaders.

Exchange Ideas

Expand networks and worldviews. Alumni are interested in connecting with a diverse group of professionals.

- Invite alumni to join discussion groups on My Rotary.
- Encourage alumni to subscribe to Reconnect and participate in Rotary’s social media networks.
- Promote Rotary Youth Exchange to alumni as participants or mentors to students.
- Alumni are eligible to join Rotarian Action Groups.
- Invite alumni to attend the annual RI Convention, which non-Rotarians can attend for a special rate.
- Include alumni on your club and district newsletters and social media.
- Introduce Rotarians to the work Rotaractors do.

- Appoint alumni and young professionals to district committees.

Take Action

Create lasting change in communities around the world. Alumni are volunteers and show a strong interest in international service.

- Include alumni in your next service project. Consider ways to count hours for recognition of service.
- Encourage alumni to contribute to Rotary’s work.
- Identify paths in which young professionals can incorporate professional development in their contribution to Rotary’s work.
- Provide scholarships to alumni to further their skills and invite them to mentor current scholars.
- Alumni make great vocational training team participants.
- Include alumni in your Rotary Community Corps.
- Nominate alumni and alumni associations for alumni awards.
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