



MINUTES
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APRIL 2019
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MINUTES
of the
APRIL 2019 MEETING

Rotary International Board of Directors

The Rotary International Board of Directors held its fourth meeting of the year on
8–11, 18 April 2019 in Evanston, IL, USA.

Present were: President Barry Rassin, President-elect Mark Daniel Maloney, Vice President John C. Matthews, Treasurer Peter Iblher, Executive Committee Chairman Brian A. E. Stoyel, other directors Francesco Arezzo, Olayinka Babalola, Jeffry Cadorette, Basker Chockalingam, Lawrence A. Dimmitt, Rafael Garcia III, Keiichi Ishiguro, Robert C. Knuepfer Jr., Akira Miki, Eun-Soo Moon, David D. Stovall, Piotr Wygnanczuk, Gregory Yank, Paulo Augusto Zanardi, and General Secretary John Hewko. Mike Webb attended as Trustee liaison.

Past Director Karen Wentz presented the Operations Review Committee report. Director-nominee Peter Kyle presented on the Rotary Representatives Network. Also present was Haresh Ramchandani representing the Young Past District Governors Committee.

The Board conducted a hearing on 11 April to determine whether to remove Matti Poikolainen from the office of director-nominee. Present at the hearing were Matti Poikolainen, Silja Minkkinen-Poikolainen, and Maria Winn.

Also attending were Directors-elect, Tony Black, Mario César de Camargo, Jan Lucas Ket, Kyun Kim, Floyd A. Lancia, Bharat S. Pandya, Kamal Sanghvi, Johrita Solari, and Stephanie A. Urchick. President-nominee Sushil Gupta was unable to attend this meeting.

Andrew McDonald served as secretary of the meeting with assistance from Matt Hohmann. Other staff present were David Alexander, Jim Barnes, Michele Berg, Michelle Cangelosi, Lori Carlson, Jessie Dunbar-Bickmore, Faiz Hanif, Brian King, Bernadette Knight, Jane Lawicki, Laurie McCarthy, Maureen Ninneman, Daniel Nolan, Patrick Nunes, David Peterson, Richard Plocinik, Steve Routburg, Eric Schmelling, Dave Stumpf, Tom Thorfinnson, and Tom Wolf. Nobuko Andrews, Dora Calkins, Sandra LeBlanc, Ligia Lima, and Eiko Terao served as staff interpreters.

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

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129. Minutes of the January 2019 Board Meeting

Statement: The general secretary distributed the January 2019 Board meeting minutes to each director in advance of the meeting.

DECISION: The Board approves the January 2019 Board meeting minutes.

130. Ratification of Decisions Made by the President

Statement: As authorized, President Rassin took several decisions on behalf of the Board during the period 22 December 2018 through 4 March 2019.

DECISION: The Board ratifies the decisions shown in Appendix A made on behalf of the Board by President Rassin during the period 22 December 2018 through 4 March 2019.

131. Ratification of Decisions Made by the General Secretary

Statement: As authorized, the general secretary took several decisions on behalf of the Board during the period 8 December 2018 through 4 March 2019.

DECISION: The Board ratifies the decisions shown in Appendix B made by the general secretary on behalf of the Board during the period 8 December 2018 through 4 March 2019.

132. General Secretary's Report to the Board and to the RI Convention

Statement: The general secretary reported on the work at the Secretariat since the Board's January 2019 meeting. In accordance with the RI Bylaws, he also presented his annual report that shall be submitted to the 2019 RI (Hamburg) Convention.

DECISION: The Board

1. receives the general secretary's report on the activities at the Secretariat since the January 2019 Board meeting;
2. approves the general secretary's convention report for submission to the 2019 RI (Hamburg) Convention.

133. Treasurer's Report

Statement: Rotary Code of Policies section 30.040.2. requires the treasurer to report on the status of RI finances at each Board meeting. Treasurer Iblher reported on the status of Rotary's current revenues, expenses, and net investment returns, among other financial matters.

DECISION: The Board thanks Treasurer Iblher for his report and expresses its sincere appreciation for his service as RI treasurer.

134. Updates to the Rotary Code of Policies

Statement: Board policy requires the general secretary to review at the conclusion of each Board meeting the decisions taken at that meeting and prepare a report listing the decisions that may be added to the Rotary Code of Policies. The general secretary provided suggested amendments to the Code based upon decisions the Board took at its January 2019 meeting.

Rotary Code of Policies section 49.060. states that any section or subsection of the Code that is more than 30 years old, and has not been subsequently amended, shall be automatically rescinded effective 1 July of the applicable year, unless formally retained by specific Board action. The Board considered Code sections based on decisions adopted in 1989 at this meeting.

DECISION: The Board, to record the decisions taken at its January 2019 meeting, and previously, amends the Rotary Code of Policies as found in Appendix C, filed only with the official copy of these minutes.

135. Adult Harassment Allegation

Statement: The general secretary reported on recent findings of adult harassment in District 7530 (West Virginia, USA).

DECISION: The Board

1. notes with serious concern the findings related to the harassment of a district governor-elect by certain leadership in District 7530 (West Virginia, USA) and requests the Rotary Club of Wheeling, WV, USA, and the Rotary Club of Buckhannon, WV, USA, to terminate the membership of the Rotarians identified in the report to the Board by no later than 30 April 2019 and to verify to the general secretary that this action has been taken;
2. requests the president to remove Michael Davidson as governor of District 7530 pursuant to RI Bylaws section 16.110.;
3. agrees that Mary Dean and Jody Light shall no longer be recognized by Rotary as past governors.

136. Censure of Rotarians

Statement: The Board took action against three Rotarians who were found to have acted against the best interests of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

DECISION: The Board, due to actions taken against the best interests of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, censure Ron Burton, Paul Netzel, and Steve Brown, and

1. agree that they shall be ineligible to receive any funding and expense reimbursements from Rotary International, including travel to the convention and other RI events;
2. agree further that they shall be ineligible to receive future RI appointments;
3. request the Trustees to consider removing Ron Burton as the chair of the Trustees;
4. request the president to send letters to these individuals on behalf of the Board outlining this decision.

Note: President-elect Mark Maloney and Director Robert Knuepfer were not present for the discussion or vote on this item.

137. Removal of Director-Nominee

Statement: After following the process for removing an officer-nominee outlined in the RI Bylaws, which included a hearing before the Board, the Board determined that Matti Poikolainen's actions were in violation of Rotary's policies and inconsistent with the ethical standards expected of a general officer of RI.

DECISION: The Board, pursuant to RI Bylaws section 5.040.2., following a hearing and by a two-thirds vote, removes Matti Poikolainen for cause from the office of director-nominee from Zone 17B.

138. Delegation of Authority to Appoint Conveners and Sites for the 2019–20 Director Nominating Committees

Statement: The RI Bylaws require governors to report the names of the Director Nominating Committee members to the general secretary by 1 June. The Board must then designate a convener from among each committee's membership and a meeting site by 15 June. Because both deadlines are after the April 2019 Board meeting, the general secretary suggested that the Board delegate authority to the president to act on its behalf in appointing the committees' conveners and meeting locations before the 15 June deadline.

DECISION: The Board, noting that Zones 5, 7, 8, 11, 16B, 23B, 27, and 31 are currently selecting members for director nominating committees meeting in September 2019 to select the next directors from those zones, and further noting that RI Bylaws section 13.020.11. provides a deadline of 1 June for receipt of all names,

- a. delegates authority to the president, after 1 June 2019 and upon the recommendation of the current director from the zone, to designate the convener for each director nominating committee and to decide the cities in which the committees shall meet in 2019;
- b. notes that such presidential decision must be made no later than 15 June 2019, and that the committees must meet on a date between 15 and 30 September, in accordance with RI Bylaws section 13.020.13;
- c. authorizes the president, for good reason and in consultation with the current director from the zone, to change any of the meeting places and dates, if so requested by a convener.

139. Election Review Committee Report

Statement: The Election Review Committee reviewed one complaint regarding a governor election received by the general secretary since the Board's January 2019 meeting and made its recommendation to the Board.

DECISION: The Board receives the complaint of the Rotary Club of Bundang Dawoori, Gyeonggi, Korea concerning the election of the 2021–22 governor of District 3600 (Korea) and

- a. finds that there is insufficient evidence of electioneering by or on behalf of the candidates that would justify setting aside the results of the election;
- b. dismisses the complaint of the Rotary Club of Bundang Dawoori and upholds the election of Rotarian Duk Sam Lee as the 2021–22 governor of District 3600.

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Operations Review Committee Report

The Operation Review Committee met on 12–14 March 2019 in Evanston, IL, USA

140. Governance Recommendations—The Power of the RI President

Statement: In decision 15, July 2018, the Board requested the Operations Review Committee to review governance-related issues including the power of the RI president. The committee suggested that the Board develop more detailed job descriptions for key leadership positions in Rotary, amend its policies regarding the nomination of Foundation Trustees, extend more oversight on the president's spending authority, develop a standard policy on expense reimbursements for president's representatives, and standardize Board meeting dates, among other suggestions.

DECISION: The Board, so as to clarify the role of the RI president:

1. requests the general secretary to review the current job descriptions and skill sets needed for the positions of International Assembly moderator and Convention Committee chair, for report to the Board at its May 2019 meeting, and agrees that appointments to this position and committee must be approved by the Board before invitations are extended;
2. requests the general secretary to consult with the Leadership Development and Training Committee to

review the training leader selection process to ensure that the best candidates are selected, for report to the Board at its May 2019 meeting;

3. requests future presidents-elect to nominate no fewer than twice the number of candidates for election as Foundation trustee as there will be open positions in the following year, not including the position to be held by an RI past president;
4. agrees that no one who has served for two years or more as a trustee shall be eligible for subsequent reelection as a trustee, and recognizes that this change would necessitate removing the requirement that there be a minimum number of past presidents on the Board of Trustees from the RI Bylaws;
5. agrees that any proposed expenditure exceeding the president's, president-elect's, and president-nominee's operating budgets must be approved in advance by the Board's Executive Committee and subsequently reported to the Board;
6. agrees to develop a standard policy on expense reimbursements for president's representatives and that, effective 1 July 2020, RI will not fund the expenses of a president's representative to a district conference where the average conference attendance in the previous three years was less than 200 or when the scheduled conference program is not more than one day;
7. agrees that, effective 1 July 2020, president's representatives shall not be appointed to more than one conference per Rotary year;
8. reaffirms Rotary Code of Policies section 69.040.2. and agrees that RI will not fund or reimburse the expenses of partners to travel to Board meetings that are not held in conjunction with the International Assembly or International Convention;
9. amends Rotary Code of Policies section 28.030. regarding Board meeting dates and locations as follows:

28.030. Meetings

28.030.1. Location of Board Meeting

Board meetings shall ~~normally~~ be held at the World Headquarters or in the vicinity of the site of the ~~International Assembly or International Convention~~ unless there are cost savings that can be achieved by meeting elsewhere.

28.030.2. Dates and Places of Board Meetings

The Board shall meet as follows:

- Immediately after the International Convention
- October
- January (immediately before or after the International Assembly)
- April
- One day immediately before the International Convention

The Board shall review and determine the specific dates and places of meetings of the Board annually at its ~~second~~ first meeting preceding the Rotary year in which the meetings will be held. ~~When possible, meetings will be spaced so that the Board meets one time in each calendar quarter.~~

10. agrees that the president's annual goals must be in alignment with the RI Strategic Plan.

141. Governance Recommendations—Directors

Statement: In decision 15, July 2018, the Board requested the Operations Review Committee to review governance-related issues, including the term, duties, and selection process of RI directors. The committee suggested lengthening the terms of director, providing training to director nominating committees, and simplifying the duties and responsibilities of an RI director.

DECISION: The Board

1. requests the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to draft legislation for possible submission to the 2022 Council on Legislation that would extend director terms to three years, for report to the Board at a future meeting;
2. requests the general secretary to develop both a mentoring system and online training for director nominating committee members so that they better understand their role;
3. following the nominating committee meeting, requests director nominating committee chairs to submit demographic data to the general secretary on the candidates considered by the committee, for analysis by the Operations Review Committee;
4. requests the Operations Review Committee to consider recommendations for streamlining the duties and responsibilities of directors, for report to the Board at its October 2019 meeting.

142. Governance Recommendations—Committees

Statement: In decision 15, July 2018, the Board requested the Operations Review Committee to review governance-related issues, including the structure and terms of reference of RI and Board committees. The committee suggested that the Board, to have better flexibility and to adapt to changing circumstances, have ultimate authority over the creation and disbanding of committees, and further that the creation of new committees be subject to time and success criteria. The committee recommended development of a proposal to align all RI committee work with the RI strategic plan, and recommended changes to the International Assembly program that would bring focus to its primary purpose as a training meeting. The committee also recommended the elimination of select committees.

DECISION: The Board

1. requests the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to draft legislation for possible submission to the 2022 Council on Legislation that would state that the creation of standing committees is solely within the purview of the RI Board and that the Board shall annually review and determine which committees are necessary;
2. agrees that all decisions creating a new committee or task force lasting beyond the current Rotary year must identify the following at the time of adoption:
 - a. a defined trial and evaluation period of not more than four years;
 - b. anticipated impact on Rotary's resources for the duration of the trial and evaluation period;
 - c. criteria by which the success or failure of the committee or task force will be measured;
 - d. dates for interim evaluations and reports to the Board;
 - e. date of the final evaluation, following which the Board may adopt it as an on-going committee or task force, terminate the committee or task force, or extend the trial and evaluation period as needed;
3. agrees to eliminate the Global Networking Groups Committee, Youth Exchange Committee, and Convention Promotion Committee, effective 1 July 2020 and agrees to reassign the responsibilities of those committees to existing committees;
4. requests the Strategic Planning Committee to develop a proposal for a long-term change in committee structure that would be aligned with the Strategic Plan and share that proposal with the Operations Review Committee for its review and input at its March 2020 meeting, for report to the Board at its April 2020 meeting;
5. pursuant to point 4 above, requests the chair of the Operations Review Committee to appoint one of the committee's members to work with the Strategic Planning Committee in developing its proposal;
6. recognizing that the primary purpose of the International Assembly is to train incoming governors, requests the Leadership Development and Training Committee to develop a standard template that could be used to plan the annual program for the International Assembly that would
 - a. clarify that its primary purpose is as a training meeting;
 - b. develop a standardized training program and budget that would be used in planning the International Assembly so that there is less variation from year to year;
 - c. clarify that the president-elect shall have discretion in selecting speakers, planning motivational and social events, and similar activities;
7. requests the chair of the Leadership Development and Training Committee to consult with the chair of the Operations Review Committee, or their designee, in developing the template described in point 6 of this decision;
8. requests the Operations Review Committee to review the official participants at the International Assembly as designated in Rotary Code of Policies section 58.070.1. to ensure that their attendance is necessary to the primary purpose of the meeting, for report to the Board at a future meeting.

If the Board does not adopt or extend the committee or task force, it will terminate at the end of the trial and evaluation period;

143. Compensation Advisory Committee Responsibilities

Statement: The Operations Review Committee serves as a compensation advisory committee to the Board's Executive Committee. As such, the committee reviews and confirms the reasonableness of compensation proposed to be paid in the coming year to Rotary's senior officers and staff.

DECISION: The Board

1. notes that the Operations Review Committee has reported its recommendations with respect to the pay ranges recommended by the general secretary for the general managers and the reasonableness of compensation proposed to be paid to Rotary's disqualified persons in 2019–20 to the Executive Committee;
2. receives with appreciation the Operation Review Committee's summary report of the compensation paid to all RI staff.

144. Strategic Planning Committee Report

Statement: The Strategic Planning Committee met on 28 February–1 March 2019 in Evanston, IL, USA, and discussed a report on the International Assembly, governance reform issues, an update on first-year strategic plan initiatives, the prioritization of strategic initiatives, a strategic plan communications strategy, and preparations for the 2019 Council on Legislation. The committee also discussed a five-year roadmap through 2024 to be used as a guide for implementing the new strategic plan with specific activities and target completion dates.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks the Strategic Planning Committee for its report;
2. approves the five-year roadmap as discussed at this meeting as a guide for the implementation of the new strategic plan.

145. Shaping Rotary's Future Committee Report

Statement: In decision 15, July, 2018, the Board established a new, ad hoc committee to review specific

governance-related concerns, including the regional leader structure and effectiveness, volunteer leadership positions between directors and districts, and district-related concerns, such as governor duties and district size, for final report to the April 2020 Board meeting. The committee met via video conference on 18 March 2019 and discussed strategies for addressing its mandate from the Board, ways to broaden its perspective to be more international and to ensure input from younger Rotarians, the importance of strategic alliances with other membership organizations, a request from Zones 25B and 29 regarding leadership teams, and a timeline for its work, among other topics.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks the Shaping Rotary's Future Committee for its report;
2. expands the Shaping Rotary's Future Committee by adding one international member to be appointed by the president-elect and approves a 2019–20 budget variance of US\$14,000 for this purpose;
3. extends the term of the Shaping Rotary's Future Committee by one year to 2021 and requests the committee, in addition to its current work, to consider strategic alliances with other membership organizations, for regular reports to the Board, with a final report at the April 2021 Board meeting;
4. approves a two-day in-person meeting of the Young Past Governors Committee to overlap with the Shaping Rotary's Future Committee meeting and approves a 2019–20 budget variance of US\$23,000 for this purpose.

146. Joint Committee on Partnerships Report

Statement: The Joint Committee on Partnerships met on 11–12 March 2019 in Evanston, IL, USA, and discussed the status of current partnerships, the possible extension of some existing partnerships, updates on the cultivation of relationships with corporate partners, and amendments to the Rotary Code of Policies expanding the definition of Project Partners.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks the Joint Committee on Partnerships for its report;

2. approves a three-year extension on Rotary – Institute for Economics and Peace strategic partnership activities, from 1 July 2019 through 30 June 2022;
3. extends Rotary’s project partnership with ShelterBox through May 2022;
4. amends the Rotary Code of Policies regarding project partners as follows:
2. notes the addition of one Rotary representative to the African Development Bank and one Rotary representative to the Asian Development Bank to build relationships and seek a formalized status for Rotary at these institutions, beginning 1 July 2020;
3. agrees to the deletion of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) and the Council of Europe from the list of organizations to which Rotary has representation, effective 1 July 2020;
4. agrees to the expansion of representatives to existing organizations where Rotary has representation, including the United Nations Offices in Geneva, Switzerland and the United Nations Offices in Nairobi, Kenya, beginning 1 July 2020;
5. requests the general secretary to budget accordingly in future years for the addition of up to two Rotary representatives;
6. requests the general secretary to report at the October 2019 Board meeting a report on the process and criteria for selecting members of the Rotary Representatives Network, including the consultative role of local Rotarian leadership, continuity and term, qualification requirements, performance evaluation, geographic location, and succession planning.

36.050. Project Partners

A project partnership is ~~special status available to organizations~~ formal relationship between Rotary International and/or The Rotary Foundation and another organization affiliated with a Rotary Entity, usually an independent nongovernmental organization started or managed by Rotary clubs, districts, or Rotarians. Project partnerships are global, flexible, scalable, and may range from small to large in scope, and from short to long term in duration. Project partners add measureable value to the humanitarian activities undertaken by Rotary members, including increased sustainable community impact and enhanced public image and awareness. Prospective project partners must demonstrate sufficient experience successfully working with clubs and/or districts on planning and implementing local or international projects, must have the ability to report on and quantify collaboration with Rotary members, and must have the capacity to work directly with Rotary members on project implementation. Project partnerships receive no funding from the Secretariat. The role of the Secretariat is to manage the partnership and facilitate Rotary member engagement with partners. Project partner activities will be promoted to clubs and districts through a dedicated page on the RI website.

147. Rotary Representatives Network

Statement: Rotary hold the highest (Category 1) consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council. Currently, Rotary maintains a network of 30 Representatives at 23 UN agencies and other organizations. These representatives meet every other year to discuss matters of mutual interest among representatives, including how to strengthen Rotary’s relationships within this network, and how best to align Rotary’s representation in the network to the organization’s strategic efforts. The committee recommended adjustments to the list of organizations in the network, and the Board discussed criteria for selecting members to this network.

DECISION: The Board

1. agrees to the addition of the African Development Bank and the Asian Development Bank to the list of organizations to which Rotary has representation;

148. Surplus Funds in Rotary Institute Accounts

Statement: Director Chockalingam recommended that the Board consider amending its policy regarding Rotary institute finances to allow for alternate means of handling an institute’s surplus balance when local regulations do not permit the surplus to be carried forward to the following year.

DECISION: The Board amends Rotary Code of Policies section 60.050. regarding Rotary institutes as follows:

60.050. Rotary Institutes

[text omitted]

H. Finances

[text omitted]

6. After all expenses have been paid, any surplus balance shall, in cooperation with the convener and the treasurer of the next institute, be carried forward for the sole use of that and future institutes. Only when necessary, due to local circumstances, and with the written agreement of the following year’s institute convener and

treasurer, and the general secretary, the surplus balance may be disposed of using an alternative method.

DECISIONS 149–155

2018 Council on Resolutions Requests

Statement: The 2018 Council on Resolutions was held online from 15 October–15 November 2018. Several resolutions were adopted and sent to the Board for consideration, 15 of which the Board addressed at its January 2019 meeting, and the remaining seven the Board considered at this meeting.

149. To Consider Publishing the Rotary Code of Policies in the Official Rotary Languages and Adding Editorial Marks to Update Versions after Each Board Meeting

Statement: The Board considered Resolution 18R-37 regarding the translation of the Rotary Code of Policies and how amendments to the policies are communicated to Rotarians.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks District 2680 (Japan) for its resolution requesting the Board to consider publishing in all Rotary languages any change in Rotary's policies or procedures by showing appropriate strikethroughs and underlines in the Rotary Code of Policies within 60 days of the close of the Board meeting;
2. notes that District 2680 was the co-proposer of a similar item of legislation to the 2017 Council on Resolutions and notes that as a result of that legislation, the Board, in its decision 97, January 2018, requested the general secretary to make available a document that provides information on amendments made to the Rotary Code of Policies whenever that document is updated;
3. notes further that this document showing the amendments to the Code is now available on rotary.org following every Board meeting;
4. requests the general secretary to examine the feasibility of translating this document into the official Rotary languages.

150. To Consider the Composition of the Rotary Foundation Trustees

Statement: The Board considered Resolution 18R-38 regarding composition of the Foundation trustees.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks District 1980 (Switzerland) and the Rotary Club of Winterthur, Switzerland, for their resolution requesting the Board to consider the composition of The Rotary Foundation Trustees;
2. notes that the Foundation's bylaws currently require trustees to be selected from various parts of the world and that the Rotary Code of Policies allows the president-elect to consider geographical balance when nominating trustees;
3. notes further that mandating that trustees come from certain areas would require an amendment to the RI Bylaws at a Council on Legislation;
4. invites District 1980 (Switzerland) and the Rotary Club of Winterthur to submit appropriate legislation for consideration at the 2022 Council on Legislation that would address their concerns.

151. To Consider Providing a Rationale for Any Proposed Dues Increase Submitted to the Council on Legislation

Statement: The Board considered Resolution 18R-50 regarding the rationale for any proposed Rotary membership dues increase being made available to Rotarians.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks District 2840 (Japan) for its resolution requesting the Board to consider providing a rationale for any proposed dues increase submitted to the Council on Legislation at the time the proposal is published;
2. notes the RI five-year financial forecast is published annually for Rotary Institutes and provides the basis for a recommended dues increase;
3. agrees that it is important for the Board to provide the rationale for any proposed dues increase to future Councils on Legislation.

152. To Consider Not Convening the Council on Legislation Online

Statement: The Board considered Resolution 18R-51 regarding the format of the Council on Legislation.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks the District 2680 (Japan) for its resolution requesting the Board to consider not convening the Council on Legislation online;
2. notes that the Board does not currently have plans, nor has it proposed legislation, to conduct the Council on Legislation electronically.

153. To Consider Proposing Legislation to the 2019 Council on Legislation to Reinstate Article 10, Section 6 (Adopted Resolutions) of the RI Constitution

Statement: The Board considered Resolution 18R-53 regarding how district leadership is informed of RI Board actions.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks the Rotary Club of Kobe Seishin, Hyogo, Japan and the Rotary Club of Takasago Seisho, Hyogo, Japan, for their resolution requesting the Board to propose legislation to the 2019 Council on Legislation to notify governors of any Board action taken in regard to resolutions adopted by the Council on Resolutions;
2. notes that while 2016 Council on Legislation removed article 10, section 6, of the RI Constitution, which required that governors be notified of any Board action taken in regard to resolutions adopted by the Council on Legislation (Enactment 16-113), the general secretary, as a matter of protocol, after each Council on Resolutions notifies governors, Council representatives, and Council alternates of Board action. In addition, Board decisions regarding adopted resolutions are published on the Rotary website in the Board minutes.

154. To Consider Adding Editorial Marks to Updated Versions of the RI Constitutional Documents

Statement: The Board considered Resolution 18R-54 regarding the addition of editorial marks in updated versions of the RI constitutional documents.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks District 2840, Japan, for their resolution requesting the Board to consider adding editorial marks to updated versions of the RI constitutional documents;

2. notes that after each Council on Legislation, the general secretary sends to all clubs and districts a *Report of Action* that shows the marked changes (in strikethrough and underlines) for each item the Council adopted.

155. To Consider Reincorporating a Concise Summary of Rotary's Policies and Procedures into the Manual of Procedure

Statement: The Board considered Resolution 18R-55 regarding content in the Manual of Procedure.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks the Rotary Club of Osaka, Japan, for its resolution requesting the Board to consider reincorporating a summary of Rotary's policies and procedures into the Manual of Procedure;
2. notes that while much of Rotary's policy summarized on rotary.org is updated on a regular basis, the information provided in past Manual of Procedure's "white pages" was updated only every three years and consequently soon became outdated with each new Board meeting, and further, because the discrepancies between current policy and the "white pages" had often caused confusion among Rotarians, agrees to maintain the current layout of the Manual of Procedure.

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156. Council on Legislation Board Advisory Committee Report

Statement: The Council on Legislation Board Advisory Committee met in February and March 2019 via teleconference and on 7 April 2019 in Evanston, IL, USA, to discuss Council-related matters, including statements of support and opposition and general Board strategy.

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

157. Rotaract and Interact Committee Report

Statement: In decision 62, October 2018, the Board requested the general secretary, in consultation with the Rotaract and Interact Committee to explore a) allowing Rotaract clubs to sponsor Interact clubs; b) separating university-based and community-based Rotaract clubs as independent Rotary programs with unique engagement strategies; and c) eliminating the age-range for Rotaract.

The Rotaract and Interact Committee met electronically on 1 February 2019 and discussed the October Board request, a Rotaract-related enactment at the 2019 Council on Legislation, Rotaract-related issues up for consideration by the Foundation Trustees, and the Rotaract Preconvention in Hamburg.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks the Rotaract and Interact Committee for its report;
2. amends Rotary Code of Policies section 41.010. regarding Interact club sponsorship, as shown in Appendix D and based on these amendments, and requests the general secretary to amend the Standard Interact Club Constitution and the recommended Interact Club Bylaws accordingly.

158. Rotaract Per Capita Dues

Statement: In decision 55, October 2018, the Board requested the general secretary to investigate the operation and financial impact of collecting annual dues from Rotaract members. The general secretary conducted a cost of membership survey to better gauge the products and services that Rotaractors are most interested in and to help establish an appropriate dues structure for these products and services. The Board reviewed the survey results and agreed more time was needed to thoroughly analyze the report and come to an appropriate dues structure.

DECISION: The Board

1. receives the general secretary's report on Rotaract per capita dues;
2. requests the president-elect to appoint a subgroup of the 2019–20 Programs Committee, to work with the general secretary, to further study and recommend a possible Rotaract dues structures at the October 2019 Board meeting.

Note: Pursuant to point 2 of the decision, President-elect Maloney subsequently appointed Jan Lucas Ket, Kamal Sanghvi, and Stephanie Urchick as the subgroup of the Programs Committee.

159. My Rotary Profile Enhancement

Statement: In decision 115, January 2019, the Board requested the general secretary to provide a progress report on the My Rotary profile enhancement project,

which aims to facilitate better project partner connections by offering the functionality on My Rotary for site users to identify their skills and to search the database by skill, language, location, and other criteria. The general secretary reported that phase one of the enhancement is still underway and will result in increased site speed, easier navigation, clearer page layouts, and a more consistent user experience. The scope of phase two is still under development.

DECISION: The Board receives the general secretary's report on the My Rotary profile enhancement and looks forward to a further report from the general secretary at its October 2019 meeting.

160. End of Polio Communications Expansion Update

Statement: In decision 180, January 2019, the Board received an End of Polio communications expansion concept and requested the general secretary to conduct further research into End of Polio communication plan options. Noting that new polio cases have been reported, the general secretary suggested that the Board defer further exploration of costs for the End of Polio communication plan and to transfer any unused funds targeted for polio communication into the 2019–20 polio communications budget. The general secretary also reported on plans to identify a public-facing End of Polio communications activity, one to be deployed globally, and one that can be used by clubs locally.

DECISION: The Board

1. receives the general secretary's update on the End of Polio Communications expansion proposal;
2. agrees to transfer any unspent GSF polio communications funds after 30 June 2019 into the 2019–20 polio communications budget.

161. Districting Committee Report

Statement: The Districting Committee met on 11 March 2019 via teleconference to discuss several districting issues, including potential district mergers, districts with less than 1,100 members, district boundary changes, and changes to how “additionally-supported” clubs' status is reported, among other topics.

DECISION: The Board

1. acknowledging local district consolidation conversations, agrees to merge District 9910 with District 9920 (New Zealand), effective 1 July 2021, if District 9910 does not reach 1,100 members by 1 July 2020;
2. requests Districts 4710 (Brazil), 7150 (New York, USA), 7810 (Canada/ Maine, USA), and 9670 (Australia), to submit to the Districting Committee, membership development and districting consolidation reports by 15 July 2019 and membership activity reports by 1 February 2020;
3. agrees to merge District 4710 (Brazil) with an adjacent district, effective 1 July 2021, if District 4710 does not reach 1,100 members by 1 July 2020;
4. agrees to merge District 7150 (New York, USA) with an adjacent district, effective 1 July 2021, if District 7150 does not reach 1,100 members by 1 July 2020;
5. agrees to merge District 7810 (Canada / Maine, USA) with an adjacent district, effective 1 July 2021, if District 7810 does not reach 1,100 members by 1 July 2020;
6. agrees to merge District 9670 (Australia) with the new District 9705, effective 1 July 2021, if District 9670 does not reach 1,100 members by 1 July 2020;
7. noting their membership is between 1,100 and 1,199, requests Districts 1130 (England), 1360 (Iceland), 1911 (Hungary), 2201 (Spain), 2275 (Norway), 2540, 2830 (Japan), 3640 (Korea), 4100, 4195 (Mexico), 4240 (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama), 4271 (Colombia), 4560, 4720, 4680, 4780 (Brazil), 4690 (Bolivia), 5630, 5770, 7190, 7230, 7490 (USA), 9455, 9810, 9830 (Australia) and 9970, 9980 (New Zealand), to submit to the Districting Committee a membership development plan by 15 July 2019 and a membership activity report by 1 February 2020;
8. updates district boundary descriptions for new Districts 2130, 2140, 2150, and 2160 (Belgium and Luxembourg) as shown in Appendix E (filed only with the official copy of these minutes), effective 1 July 2020;
9. amends the Rotary Code of Policies regarding additionally-supported districts as follows:

17.010.7. Additionally-Supported Districts
[text omitted]

Additionally-supported districts will be reviewed annually ~~at the Board's third meeting each year by the Districting Committee~~. In the second year of the districts' additionally-supported status, ~~the Board, at its January meeting, will decide on extending or removing the Districting Committee will recommend to the Board whether to extend or remove~~ the additionally-supported status. This includes the possibility to transfer clubs into another district, and if a governor-elect will attend the next International Assembly

162. District Governor Funding Test

Statement: In decision 82, October 2015, the Board discussed options for strengthening its governor accountability policy by sending governor funds directly to qualifying districts and developing a process by which Rotary can certify the status of these funds. To help promote a clearer understanding of the project, the Board, in decision 132, January 2016 approved the following opportunity statement: "Simplify and streamline governor expense reporting procedures to increase accountability, transparency, and consistency regarding the stewardship of governor funds to the Rotary clubs, districts and RI." Beginning on 1 July 2017, 196 districts participated in a district governor funding test that made the funding of governors more transparent to the clubs and the funding process easier for governors. The general secretary reported that survey results indicate that the test has been successful among the pilot districts, and the Board may therefore wish to consider implementing the governor funding process to all districts.

DECISION: The Board

1. extends the District Governor Funding pilot test through 30 June 2021;
2. amends the Rotary Code of Policies regarding district governor funding as shown in Appendix F, effective 1 July 2021.

163. District Committee Appointments

Statement: Based on repeated feedback from district governors, the general secretary suggested the Board amend its policy to allow for Rotaractors to serve on district committees.

DECISION: The Board amends the Rotary Code of Policies regarding the qualifications for serving on a district committee as follows:

17.030.2. District Committees
[text omitted]

Committee Qualifications

The minimum recommended qualification for appointment to a district committee is membership, other than honorary, in good standing in a Rotary or Rotaract club in the district.

164. Rotary Clubs in the United Arab Emirates

Statement: The general secretary reported on two issues regarding Rotary clubs in the United Arab Emirates: one involving the operation of Rotary clubs in relation to a new law in the Emirate of Dubai regulating the operations of clubs and associations, and another issue regarding district and club governance in Dubai.

DECISION: The Board

1. requests the general secretary to
 - a. in consultation with Director Babalola, be in contact with the clubs in Dubai to allow for the continuation of clubs in Dubai in accordance with Dubai law;
 - b. work with the Rotary Club of Ras Al Khaimah, United Arab Emirates, to confirm the club's compliance with Rotary policy;
2. requests its Executive Committee to consider possible actions with respect to the activities of Rotarians in the United Arab Emirates, for report to the Board at its May 2019 meeting.

165. Rotary Club Names

Statement: In support of Rotary's effort to increase its appeal and openness, the general secretary suggested that the Board consider amending its club naming policy to allow for club names that do not correspond to a location on a map.

DECISION: The Board amends the Rotary Code of Policies regarding Rotary club names as follows:

3.010. Club Name

The name of a Rotary club is to identify the club with ~~its locality~~ the community or area of interest of its members and to distinguish it from all other Rotary clubs. Club names shall not include references to ethnicity, gender identity, political viewpoints, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, trademarks, or another organization. The general secretary shall determine if a name is appropriate. The name should be one (or include some reference) that is easily identifiable on a map of the area, so that someone

~~unfamiliar with the area can determine the general location of the club.~~

3.010.1. Use of Third Party Identifiers in a Club Name
For liability and other reasons, Rotary clubs shall not be closely associated with a commercial enterprise whereby one corporation has undue influence on the club. Names and graphics/logos owned by these entities shall not be used in club names, graphics, or logos.

3.010.1. Name of Additional Club in Same Locality
~~In instances where a new club is organized as an additional club in the same locality as an existing club, the additional club shall adopt as its name such term as will identify it with its locality and a further distinguishing designation or other appropriate reference.~~

3.010.2. General Secretary Authorization to Review Club Name

~~The general secretary shall determine if a name is appropriate~~

3.010.3. Nomenclature for Clubs in Taiwan Clubs
~~The nomenclature of Taiwan, previously referred to as "Taiwan, Republic of China" and "Taiwan, China," shall be referred to as "Taiwan" only as part of the official name of every Taiwanese Rotary club.~~

166. Membership Committee Report

Statement: The Membership Committee met on 25–26 February 2019 in Evanston, IL, USA and discussed regional approaches to membership attraction and engagement, a non-club-based participant model, committee alignment with the new RI strategic plan, membership experience survey results, and engagement of Rotaractors, among other topics.

DECISION: The Board thanks the Membership Committee for its report.

167. Global Membership Test Project Report

Statement: In considering alternative paths to joining Rotary, the Board, in decision 62, October 2018, agreed to develop a framework for a global membership test project. The Board received an initial report on this project at its January 2019 meeting and requested a further update at this meeting. The general secretary reported that survey results indicate that the largest unmet need of Rotary's target audience is the facilitation of authentic, impactful mentoring and volunteering opportunities. Test markets are currently underway to deliver a product that meets this need. Additional features of the global membership product are also under development. The Board

also discussed the benefit of knowing a Rotarian's birth year when developing and targeting Rotary's products.

DECISION: The Board

1. requests the general secretary to continue conducting a non-club based participant model test through 2021–22 and to adequately budget, as per discussions at this meeting, for this purpose;
2. requests the general secretary to provide an update on the non-club based participant model test at each Board meeting;
3. agrees that birth year shall be a mandatory element to report to RI.

168. Rotary in China

Statement: In decision 52, October 2018, the Board requested the general secretary to pursue registration as an overseas non-governmental organization in the People's Republic of China. The general secretary reported that RI's special representative to China Richard Zi submitted in February 2019 the necessary registration documents with the Shanghai Public Security Bureau. Rotarian Zi reported that he met Chinese government officials in March 2019 to provide additional clarifications on Rotary's application.

DECISION: The Board receives the general secretary's update on Rotary in China.

169. Rotary in Iraq

Statement: Past RI Director Şafak Alpay serves as Rotary's extension representative to Iraq and has been working with Rotarians from the Rotary Club of London on starting a Rotary club in that country. Past Director Alpay reported that Iraq now meets the criteria for the formation of a Rotary club in a non-Rotary country per Rotary Code of Policies section 18.040.

DECISION: The Board approves the formation of Rotary clubs in Iraq and places any future clubs from that country into non-districted status.

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Communications Committee Report

The Communications Committee met on 26–27 February 2019 in Evanston, IL, USA.

170. Brand Usage

Statement: Rotary established a new visual identity in 2013. To ensure a consistent Rotary image across all Rotary entities, licensed vendors of Rotary-branded

products were asked in 2013 to come into compliance with this new visual identity. The Communications Committee reported that while most vendors and Rotary entities have complied, many still do not. The committee recommended the Board take action to bring all users of the Rotary brand into compliance with the current Rotary brand standards.

DECISION: The Board

1. noting that RI's current brand standards were adopted six years ago, requests Rotary clubs, Rotary districts, Rotary Fellowships, Rotarian Action Groups, Rotaract clubs, Interact clubs, and all Rotary-affiliated entities that use materials (including but not limited to printed and electronic materials) that are not compliant with Rotary's visual brand standards, to bring these materials into compliance at the earliest opportunity;
2. requests the general secretary to develop and implement a plan for ensuring the compliance to RI visual brand standards with the following deadlines:
 - by 30 June 2020: Rotary districts, Rotary Fellowship, Rotary Action Groups
 - by 30 June 2022: Rotary clubs, Rotaract clubs, Interact clubs;
3. agrees that advertisements or other informational materials that are not compliant with Rotary's brand standards shall not be accepted for publication in Rotary media (including the Rotary Global Media Network) after 31 July 2019 and further encourages immediate compliance wherever possible;
4. agrees to not permit exhibitions (at such events where the application process for exhibitors has not yet begun) at all official Rotary events, including the RI Convention and International Assembly, and that directors should provide leadership to ensure that the same standard is maintained for Rotary-related events (such as Institutes, GETS, and PETS) where materials are not compliant with Rotary's brand standards.

171. Presidential Theme

Statement: The Communication Committee recommended that, to avoid confusion about the Rotary brand to an external audience, the presidential theme be in alignment with Rotary's Vision Statement.

DECISION: The Board amends the Rotary Code of Policies section 27.030.5., regarding the president's annual theme as follows:

27.030.5. Annual Theme

The president may select an appropriate motivational theme to be observed throughout RI during the president's year in office. The annual theme shall be consistent with the RI Strategic Plan Rotary's Vision Statement.

172. Simplified Rotary Masterbrand Signature

Statement: Rotary uses a simplified master brand logo that contains the Rotary wheel without the words "Rotary International" as the preferred emblem for digital and small spaces. The Communications Committee recommended amendments to the Rotary Code of Policies that would remove restrictions on use of the simplified Rotary Masterbrand so that it could be used in any way the standard masterbrand logo is used.

DECISION: The Board requests the general secretary to amend the following Rotary Code of Policies sections to allow for broader use of the simplified Rotary Masterbrand signature:

- 34.030.6. Use of the Rotary Emblem or other Rotary Marks by Rotary Entities
- 34.030.8. Deviation from Official Emblem
- 34.030.15. RI and TRF Guidelines for Use of the Rotary Marks by Other Organizations
- 34.040.6. Use of Name "Rotary," or other Rotary Marks by Rotary Entities
- 34.040.12. Use of the Name "Rotary," the Rotary Emblem or other Rotary Marks in Multidistrict Activities
- 35.010.2. Prohibition Against Altering Rotary Marks
- 35.050.1. Accurate Reproduction of the Rotary Marks on Merchandise
- 44.020. Guidelines for Rotary Clubs, Rotary Districts and Other Rotary Entities for Interacting with Other Organizations

173. Finance Committee Report

Statement: The Finance Committee met on 27 March 2019 via webinar and discussed the 2019–20 budget, the five-year forecast, and the Rotary Foundation funding model, among other topics.

DECISION: The Board thanks the Finance Committee for its reports.

174. Audit Committee Report

Statement: The Audit Committee met on 20–22 March, 2019 and discussed recently completed audits, management follow-through on past audits, and the status of current audits, among other topics.

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

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2018–19 Budget Review

Board-approved budget, 2018–19 (in US dollars)

Revenues:	113,826,000
Expenses:	<u>114,150,000</u>
Change in net assets:	(324,000)
Convention reserves:	1,115,000
GSF funded expenses:	<u>1,056,000</u>
Net total of revenue and reserve funding over expenses	<u>1,847,000</u>

Decisions taken at this meeting impacting current year:

<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>2018-19</u>
none	-

Decisions taken at this meeting impacting future years:

<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>
145. Shaping Rotary's Future Comm. Rpt.	37,000	-	-
146. Rotary Rep. Netwk	4,600	4,600	4,600
167. Global Membership	619,000	521,000	527,000
Total:	660,600	525,600	531,600

Adjournment

The foregoing is a true record of the proceedings at the April 2019 Rotary International Board meeting.

Barry Rassin
President

Andrew McDonald
Secretary of the Meeting

ATTEST:

John Hewko
General Secretary, RI

APPENDIX A

RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS MADE BY THE PRESIDENT (Decision 130)

1. Waiver of Qualifications for Governor-nominee

Statement: Rotary Code of Policies section 27.040. provides that the president is authorized to act on the Board's behalf in excusing Rotarians for appropriate reasons, from the qualifications for governor-nominee specified in the RI Bylaws.

DECISION: The Board, the president acting on its behalf, in accordance with RI Bylaws section 16.070. or 16.080, excuses the following Rotarians from the qualifications for a governor or governor-nominee:

<u>Rotarian Name</u>	<u>Club Name</u>	<u>District</u>
Toshihiko Shiga	Iwaki-Onahama, Fukushima, Japan	2530
Michael Polasek	La Grange Sunrise, NY, USA	7210

2. Vacancy in the Office of Governor or Governor-elect

Statement: Rotary Code of Policies section 27.040. provides that the president is authorized to act on the Board's behalf in electing a Rotarian to fill a governor or governor-elect vacancy where such action is required by the RI Bylaws. The Board has requested the president to consult with the current director where the vacancy has occurred before making the selection.

DECISION: The Board, the president acting on its behalf, in accordance with RI Bylaws section 6.120 or 14.070 appoints the following Rotarian to serve as governor or governor-elect in their district, assuming all authority and responsibilities of the office:

<u>Rotarian Name</u>	<u>Club Name</u>	<u>District</u>
Ricardo Pedace	Caballito, Bs. As., Argentina	4895

APPENDIX B

RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS MADE BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY (Decision 75)

Statement: The general secretary reported that, in accordance with instruction and authorization from the Board, he made the following decisions on behalf of the Board during the period 15 December 2018 through 4 March 2019.

1. Admission of Clubs

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

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

Zone 1

Chichawatni, Punjab, Pakistan

Zone 4

Chandigarh Himalayan, Union Territory, India
Datia Midtown, Madhya Pradesh, India
Zira, Punjab, India

Zone 5

Chennai Symphony, Tamil Nadu, India
Ponnai, Tamil Nadu, India
Thellar, Tamil Nadu, India

Zone 6

Madhepura, Bihar, India
Varanasi Uday, Uttar Pradesh, India

Zone 7

Ambad, Maharashtra, India

Zone 8

Wyndham Harbour, Victoria, Australia

Zone 10

Bangkok International, Thailand

Zone 11

Opo Queen, Gyeonggi, Korea, Republic of

Zone 14

Avellino Ovest, Italy
Taurasi, Italy

Zone 21

Zagreb City 1850, Croatia

Zone 22

Hawassa Lake, Ethiopia
Isolo Metropolitan, Lagos State, Nigeria
Kampala 7 Hills, Uganda
Kotu, Gambia
Ugep Urban, Cross River State, Nigeria

Zone 23

Trombudo Central-Cidade das Pedras, Santa Catarina, Brazil
Mar (Mar del Plata), Buenos Aires, Argentina

Zone 25

Austin Central, Texas, USA

Zone 29

Twin Cities Eco, Minnesota, USA

Zone 33

The Queen City - Charlotte, North Carolina, USA

Zone 34

Atlanta Brasil, Georgia, USA

2. Amendment of Club Constitution – Change in Locality

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

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

Laragne Vallée du Buëch, Htes-Alpes, France
Pike County, Illinois, USA

3. Amendment of Club Constitution – Change in Name of Clubs

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

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

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Clermont-Ferrand-Aulnat, Puy-de-Dôme, France	Clermont-Ferrand Vercingétorix, Puy-de- Dôme, France
Cortefranca, Italy	Cortefranca Rovato, Italy
E-Club of Greater South Oz D9500	D9510 online, Australia
E-Club of Kaohsiung Elite, Taiwan	Kaohsiung Elite, Taiwan
Guerrero, Chihuahua, Mexico	Guerrero Papigochi, Chihuahua, Mexico
Hanwell & Northfields, Greater London, England	Ealing, Hanwell and Northfields, Greater London, England
Hedge End Breakfast, England	Hedge End, England
Heilbronn a.n., Germany	Heilbronn, Germany
Kiev-Pechersk, Ukraine	Kyiv-Capital, Ukraine
Mede Aureum, Italy	Mede Vigevano, Italy
Mühlacker Enzkreis, Germany	Mühlacker-Enzkreis, Germany
New Milton, England	Becton and District, England
Offenbach/Main, Germany	Offenbach am Main, Germany
Ottawa Kanata Sunrise, Ontario, Canada	Kanata, Ontario, Canada
Pittsfield, Illinois, USA	Pike County, Illinois, USA
Roma Sud Ovest-Palatino, Italy	Roma Sud Ovest, Italy
Serres-Vallée du Buëch, Htes-Alpes, France	Laragne Vallée du Buëch, Htes-Alpes, France
Sommières Vaunage, Gard, France	Pays de Sommières Vidourle Camargue, Gard, France
Taipei Fong Hwang, Taiwan	Taipei Hwayi, Taiwan
Woerden Regio, The Netherlands	Woerden Laurium, The Netherlands
Yang-Mei Mei-Lan, Taiwan	Yang Mei Yung-Shin, Taiwan

4. Incorporation of Rotary Districts

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

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, offers no objection to the incorporation of Rotary District 1970 (Portugal) under the proposed articles of incorporation as submitted by the district.

5. Incorporation of Rotary Clubs

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

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

D9560 Passport, Queensland, Australia
Menlo Park, California, USA

6. Merger of Clubs

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

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

<u>Clubs</u>	<u>New Club</u>	<u>New Charter Date</u>
- Croydon, Australia - Montrose & District, Australia	Croydon and Montrose, Australia	2 March 1973
- Maribo, Denmark - Rødby, Denmark	Maribo-Rødby, Denmark	27 November 1929
- São Paulo-Jardim das Bandeiras, Brazil - São Paulo-Alto de Pinheiros, Brazil	São Paulo-Jardim das Bandeiras- Alto de Pinheiros, Brazil	29 September 1969

<u>Clubs</u>	<u>New Club</u>	<u>New Charter Date</u>
- San Antonio - Oak Hills, Texas, USA	San Antonio - Oak Hill, Texas, USA	27 October 1977
- Med Center - San Antonio, Texas, USA		
- Barquisimeto Valle del Turbio, Lara, Venezuela	Barquisimeto Valle del Turbio, Lara, Venezuela	7 April 1995
- Barquisimeto Crepuscular, Lara, Venezuela		
- North Greenville, South Carolina, USA	Greenville City Center, South Carolina, USA	10 January 1955
- Greenville-East, South Carolina, USA		

7. Resignation of Membership in Rotary International

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

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

<u>District</u>	<u>Club Name</u>
1390	Jyväskylä-Interlux, Finland
1760	Carry-le-Rouet Calenques, Bouches-du-Rhône, France
2320	Timrå, Sweden
2340	Karlstad-Karolinen, Sweden
2340	Karlstad-Hybelejen
2340	Kopparberg, Sweden
2340	Karlstad-Färjestad, Sweden
2420	Istanbul Fulya Turkuaz, Turkey
3132	Solapur Sat Rasta, Maharashtra, India
3272	Faisalabad Crown, Punjab, Pakistan
3350	E-Club of District 3350, Thailand
3662	Jeju-Sammoo, Jeju, Korea, Republic of
3700	Daegu-Jungsu Leadership Academy, Daegu, Korea, Republic of
3721	Ulsan-Davos, Ulsan, Korea, Republic of
4400	Cuenca Patrimonio, Azuay, Ecuador
4410	Pedro Canário, Espírito Santo, Brazil
4590	São Pedro, Brazil
4651	E-Club do Distrito 4651, Santa Catarina, Brazil
4780	Quaraí-Rio das Garças, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

4905	José Hernández de General San Martín, Buenos Aires, Argentina
4905	Gerli Este, Buenos Aires, Argentina
5040	E-Club of Lulu Island, British Columbia, Canada
5340	Miramar (San Diego), California, USA
5970	Sumner, Iowa, USA
6060	Des Peres, Missouri, USA
6960	East Manatee, Florida, USA
7620	Silver Spring-Kensington, Maryland, USA
7730	Tabor City, North Carolina, USA
7750	Woodruff, South Carolina, USA
9980	Dunedin NRG, Dunedin, New Zealand

8. Suspension of Services in Rotary International

Statement: Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may suspend services of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation to a club that has not paid its district per capita dues or levy for more than six months until such time as the club has satisfied all of its past due indebtedness to the district for per capita dues and/or levies.

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, in accordance with RI Bylaws section 3.030.1. suspends all services of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation to the following clubs until such time as it has satisfied all of their past indebtedness for per capita district dues and/or levies:

<u>District</u>	<u>Club Name</u>
2203	Llevant de Mallorca, Spain
2231	Jelenia Góra-Cieplice, Poland
2231	RC Warszawa-Belweder, Poland
4540	Santa Rosa de Viterbo, São Paulo, Brazil
4849	Fernández, Santiago del Estero, Argentina
4849	Las Termas de Río Hondo, Santiago del Estero, Argentina
4849	Ledesma, Jujuy, Argentina

9. Termination of Membership in Rotary International – Disbanded

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

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

<u>District</u>	<u>Club Name</u>
1175	Torpoint Eddystone, Cornwall, Eddystone, England
1200	Dorchester, Dorset, England
3261	Queens Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh, India

District Club Name

3700	Daegu-Dasarang, Daegu, Korea, Republic of
3710	Gwangju Hangyeol, Gwangju, Korea, Republic of
4140	León Trascender, Guanajuato, Mexico
4140	Poncitlán Bicentenario, Jalisco, Mexico
4140	La Barca, Jalisco, Mexico
4310	Laranjal Paulista, São Paulo, Brazil
4530	Arapoema, Tocantins, Brazil
4610	Vargem Grande Paulista, São Paulo, Brazil
4620	Votorantim-Integração, São Paulo, Brazil
4651	Itajaí-Açu, Santa Catarina, Brazil
4815	Leones-Félix Pastore, Córdoba, Argentina
4905	La Plata Oeste, Buenos Aires, Argentina
6670	Versailles, Ohio, USA
6980	Winter Park Breakfast, Florida, USA
7040	Hudson and St- Lazare, Quebec, Canada
7980	Haddam-Killingworth, Connecticut, USA
9220	Farafangana-Agnambahy, Madagascar
9830	City Central Hobart, Tasmania, Australia

**10. Termination of Membership in Rotary
International – Failure to Function**

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

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, in accordance with RI Bylaws section 3.030.2., terminates the membership in RI of the following Rotary clubs:

<u>District</u>	<u>Club Name</u>	<u>Admitted</u>	<u>Terminated</u>
3600	Yongin Cheoin Love, Gyeonggi, Korea, Republic of	28 January 2014	31 December 2018
3600	Hanam-Misa, Gyeonggi, Korea, Republic of	3 March 2014	31 December 2018
4560	Perdões, Minas Gerais, Brazil	28 February 2003	15 January 2019
6990	Miami Beach, Florida, USA	23 October 1937	8 February 2019

APPENDIX D

AMENDMENTS TO THE ROTARY CODE OF POLICES REGARDING INTERACT CLUB SPONSORSHIP (Decision 157)

41.010. Interact

Interact is a program of Rotary International, adopted by the Board in June 1962.

The "Interact Statement of Policy" is as follows:

[text omitted]

3. An Interact club is organized, sponsored and supervised by a Rotary club ~~or clubs~~ and is established following the endorsement of the governor and upon certification and recognition by Rotary International; and its continued existence depends upon the continued sponsorship of ~~its~~ at least one sponsor Rotary club(s) and continued recognition by Rotary International.

~~ba)~~ An Interact club may be organized and sponsored jointly by ~~up to three Rotary clubs or~~ a Rotary club and another Rotary club or a Rotaract club as long as the total number of co-sponsors does not exceed three clubs; and

~~ab)~~ ~~Interact clubs shall be sponsored only by Sponsoring Rotary and Rotaract clubs must be within the boundaries of the district in which the Interact club is~~ they are located.

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

A joint Interact committee should be created with representation from each of the sponsor ~~Rotary~~ clubs.

4. Sponsor ~~Rotary~~ clubs are responsible for organizing the Interact club and for providing it with guidance and counsel thereafter and have complete control and supervision over all activities, policies, and programs of the Interact club.
5. Where the Interact club is school-connected, control and supervision by the sponsor ~~Rotary~~ clubs shall be exercised in full cooperation with the school authorities, with the understanding that such clubs are

subject to the same regulations and policies established by the school authorities for all student organizations and extracurricular activities of the school.

6. All Interact club activities, projects, and programs shall at all times be conducted in harmony with the policies of Rotary International; continued sponsorship of an Interact club by a Rotary club and recognition of it by RI are contingent thereon.
7. All online activities, such as the club website and social media pages, shall be operated in accordance with applicable law and regulations; sponsor ~~Rotary~~ clubs shall obtain written consent of Interactors' parents or legal guardians in advance of Interact participation as necessary.
8. There shall be a "Standard Interact Club Constitution" prescribed by Rotary International and subject to amendment only by the Board of Directors of Rotary International. As a prerequisite of its organization and certification, each Interact club shall adopt the "Standard Interact Club Constitution" and shall automatically adopt all amendments thereto subsequently made by the Board of Directors of Rotary International.
9. Each Interact club shall adopt by-laws not inconsistent with the "Standard Interact Club Constitution" and with policy established by Rotary International. Such by-laws shall be subject to the approval of the sponsor ~~Rotary~~ club(s).

[text omitted]

14. An Interact club may be terminated (a) by Rotary International, with or without the consent, approval or concurrence of the sponsor ~~Rotary~~ club(s), for failure to function in accordance with its constitution or for other cause, (b) by its sponsor ~~Rotary~~ club(s), or (c) by the Interact club itself upon its own determination.

[text omitted]

20. Financing the cost of the Interact program

[text omitted]

- e) Rotary and/or Rotaract clubs sponsoring Interact clubs should not contribute more than occasional or incidental financial assistance to such Interact clubs.
- f) Interact clubs should not make general solicitations for financial assistance from Rotary clubs, Rotaract clubs, or from other Interact clubs.
- g) Sponsor ~~Rotary~~ clubs should establish financial guidelines for Interact clubs to ensure that all funds are managed in a responsible and transparent manner, including all monies collected to support service projects, consistent with laws and banking regulations in the country. This should include providing oversight for an adult signatory on all accounts, and plans for disbursement of funds should the Interact club disband or be terminated.

[text omitted]

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41.010.1. RI Secretariat Service to Interact Clubs

The general secretary certifies organization of new Interact clubs, produces program publications, distributes annual communications to all Interact clubs, sponsor ~~Rotary~~ clubs, and district Interact committee chairs, promotes World Interact Week, and supports youth protection initiatives.

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