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ROTARY FOUNDATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

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2020–21

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Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees Meetings

The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees met on
18 August 2020 via video conference

Present were: Chair K.R. Ravindran, Vice Chair Michael F. Webb, Chair-elect John F. Germ, other Trustees Jorge Aufranc, Brenda M. Cressey, Hipolito S. Ferreira, Per Høyen, Jennifer Jones, Hsiu Ming Lin, Geeta K. Manek, Aziz Memon, Barry Rassin, Ian H.S. Riseley, Gulam A. Vahanvaty, Sangkoo Yun, and General Secretary John Hewko. Akira Miki attended as Special Advisor from Japan. President Holger Knaack attended as observer and Director Floyd Lancia attended as Board liaison.

Andrew McDonald served as secretary of the meeting with assistance from Matt Hohmann. Other staff present were David Alexander, Jim Barnes, Victor Barnes, Michele Berg, Julie Burke, Meredith Burlew, Jessie Dunbar-Bickmore, Faiz Hanif, Eric Jones, Abby McNear, Maureen Ninneman, Carol Pandak, Steven Routburg, Eric Schmelling, Dave Stumpf, Tom Thorfinnson, Doris Xie, and Nora Zei. Nobuko Andrews and Eiko Terao served as staff interpreters.

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11. Rotary Foundation Financial Review

Statement: To ensure that the Trustees are fully aware of the status of TRF finances before they consider Trustee items with potential financial impact, the chair of the Rotary Foundation Finance Committee reviews the current status of Foundation finances, including current and future revenues and expenses, with the Trustees at the outset of each meeting.

DECISION: The Trustees thank Trustee Riseley for his review of Rotary Foundation finances.

12. 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 taken on their behalf by those authorized to do so between 19 May and 2 August 2020, as shown in Appendix A, filed only with the official copy of these minutes.

13. General Secretary's Report

Statement: The general secretary presented an update on the work at the Secretariat since the June 2020 Trustees meetings.

DECISION: The Trustees receive the general secretary's report on the activities at the Secretariat since the June 2020 Trustees meeting.

14. Updates to The Rotary Foundation Code of Policies

Statement: Rotary Foundation Code of Policies section 22.010.7. requests the general secretary, at the conclusion of each Trustees 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 amend the Rotary Foundation Code of Policies as shown in Appendix B, filed only with the official copy of these minutes.

15. Communications from the Board

Statement: At its 22 July meeting, the Board took several decisions of interest to the Trustees.

DECISION: The Trustees note the following decisions from the 22 July Board meeting:

1. Nomination of Trustees to Serve in 2021–2025
2. Trustees and Zone Pairings
3. Board Action Plan for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement

16. Level III Grant Requests

Statement: Global Grants requesting over US\$100,000 from the World Fund must be reviewed by the Trustees. The Trustees reviewed one such Global Grant application at this meeting.

DECISION: The Trustees agree to award Global Grant 2013367, a disease prevention and treatment grant sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Oakley, CA, USA (District 5160) and Ciudad de Guatemala, Guatemala (District 4250) to provide personal protective equipment to front line hospital workers at 21 hospitals in Guatemala in response to COIVD-19 in the amount of US\$4,000 from the World Fund (total project cost of \$403,974).

17. Grant Appeals

Statement: The Rotary Foundation Code of Policies authorizes the general secretary to approve all grant awards up to US\$100,000. Any appeals of the general secretary's action in this regard will be reviewed by the Trustees. The general secretary received one appeal to a global grant application that had been previously denied by the general secretary.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. note District 7710 (USA) and the Rotary Club of London's appeal to award Global Grant 2015022, a global grant scholarship in the amount of US\$30,000 to Ms. Shalini Chudasama to pursue a Master's degree in Business Administration at the London Business School;
2. agree to uphold the general secretary's decision to decline the award;
3. request the Programs Committee to review the community economic development policy statement for how this area of focus might better articulate and potentially expanded diversity, equity, and inclusion goals and outcomes, for report to the November 2020 Trustees meeting.

18. Rotary India Humanity Foundation

Statement: In decision 126, June 2020, the Trustees noted their concern about potential conflicts between the activities of Rotary India Humanity Foundation (RIHF) with the efforts of The Rotary Foundation and requested the Board take specific actions to address these issues. The general secretary reported on the actions taken by the Board regarding RIHF, including its compliance with Rotary policies, consideration of future structure and activities of RIHF, and other possible areas of concern regarding this foundation.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. thank the general secretary for the report on the status of the Rotary India Humanity Foundation;
2. request the Board not to grant any policy exceptions to RIHF;
3. agree that, other than funds being raised for Shelter Kits, RIHF must cease soliciting any funds from Rotarians, corporations, or any other entity for redistribution or otherwise;
4. agree to review CSR funding at their October 2020 meeting;
5. recommend RIHF focus its activities solely on fostering relationships, negotiating contracts, and arranging funds between government and other corporate entities, directly with clubs/districts involving the governor of the district;
6. request RIHF to undo its published "verticals" as they have created confusion with TRF's Areas of Focus;
7. agree to support clubs in India by appointing qualified individuals, preferably members of the Cadre of Technical Advisors, as specialists in any Areas of Focus as recommended jointly by the RI directors and TRF trustee from India;
8. agree that the specialists referred to in point 7 shall work in coordination with the District International Service chairs and limit themselves to providing technical advice to clubs and Districts as and when requested only;
9. request the general secretary to review the activities and functions of other foundations or entities in India

or elsewhere that may be involved in similar activities, for report to the April 2021 Trustees meeting;

10. request the general secretary to convey this decision to the governors in India.

19. Relationship Between Trustees and Regional Leaders

Statement: Chair-elect Germ requested the Trustees consider streamlining and updating the language in the Rotary Foundation Code of Policies to reflect how Trustees interact and support regional leaders in achieving their Foundation goals.

DECISION: The Trustees amend Rotary Foundation Code of Policies section 20.040. regarding the relationship between trustees and regional leaders to further clarify and define the role of Trustees in working with regional leaders, as follows:

20.040. Relationship Between Trustees and Regional Leaders

Trustees serve as a key Foundation resource in their zones. Trustee responsibilities with regional leaders include but are not limited to:

- attending any ~~regularly~~ scheduled meetings organized by the RI director, including regional team training ~~convened by the director~~
- in partnership with the director, ~~helping~~ mentor ~~individual~~ regional leader team members to be more effective with their Foundation work as appropriate
- ~~communicating and sharing their expertise~~
- advocating, communicating, and sharing ~~and amplifying~~ key Foundation messages
- identifying potential regional leader candidates from their zones and identifying replacement regional leaders for terms that end early
- ~~promoting Rotary's strategic plan~~
- ~~facilitating teamwork~~

20. Investment Committee Report

Statement: The Investment Committee met virtually on 11 August 2020 and discussed investment policy and asset allocation, responsible investment principles, investment performance as of 30 June 2020, evaluating the role of the Office of Investment, and investment activity and pipeline, among other topics.

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

21. Rotary in Iraq

Statement: In decision 169, April 2019, the Board approved the formation of Rotary clubs in Iraq and placed any future clubs from that country into non-districted status. The general secretary suggested the Trustees consider granting a policy exception to allow the clubs in Iraq to participate in Foundation programs and grants until an immediate districting solution is available.

DECISION: The Trustees agree that clubs in Iraq may participate in Rotary Foundation programs and grant opportunities.

Adjournment

The foregoing is a true record of the proceedings at the 18 August 2020 Trustees meeting.

K.R. Ravindran, Chair
The Rotary Foundation

Andrew McDonald
Secretary of the Meeting

ATTEST:

John Hewko
General Secretary, RI

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