



**MINUTES**  
**of the**  
**JULY 2020**  
**ROTARY FOUNDATION**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**ROTARY FOUNDATION TRUSTEES**  
**2020–21**

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July 2020

## Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees Meetings

The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees met on  
14 July 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 Adviser 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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### 1. 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.

### 2. Review of Conflict of Interest Policy

*Statement:* Rotary Foundation Code of Policies section 20.010. calls for the Trustees to review their conflict of interest policy annually at their first meeting. The Code also requires the Trustees to submit an annual report disclosing all potential conflicts of interest.

*DECISION:* The Trustees have reviewed their current conflicts of interest policy and signed the “Potential Conflicts of Interest Statement” in accordance with the Rotary Foundation Code of Policies section 20.010.

### 3. 2021–22 Annual Goals

*Statement:* The Rotary Foundation Code of Policies provides that the annual Foundation goals be approved by the Trustees in the year preceding the year that the goals are to be in place. Trustee Chair-elect Germ noted that he and President-elect Mehta were still coordinating on their joint goals for Rotary.

*DECISION:* The Trustees, at the request of Trustee Chair-elect Germ and President-elect Mehta, defer consideration of the 2021–22 annual goals for The Rotary Foundation and Rotary International to the October 2020 meeting.

### 4. Election of 2020 Council on Resolutions Member

*Statement:* RI Bylaws section 9.110.6. provides for the Trustees to elect a trustee representative to the Council on Resolutions as a non-voting member of the Council.

*DECISION:* The Trustees, pursuant to RI Bylaws section 9.110.6., elect Trustee John Germ as a non-voting member of the 2020 Council on Resolutions.

### 5. Compensation Paid to “Disqualified Persons”

*Statement:* In accordance with Rotary Foundation Code of Policies section 23.020.1., the Executive Committee annually reviews the amounts to be paid to Rotary International for the services of the general secretary and senior staff of The Rotary Foundation so as to assure that such payments are “reasonable” as the term is defined under US tax law. US tax law provides that sanctions may be imposed on tax-exempt companies that pay unreasonably high levels of compensation to certain

senior officers and executives. These persons are referred to as “disqualified persons.”

**DECISION:** The Trustees note that its Executive Committee has reviewed the amounts proposed to be paid in 2020–21 to Rotary International for the services for the general secretary, deputy general secretary, all general managers, and the chief investment officer and determined that such amounts are reasonable under US tax law.

## **6. Trustees and Zone Pairings**

*Statement:* Chair Ravindran suggested that the Trustees consider pairing individual trustees with Rotary zones and their corresponding directors.

**DECISION:** The Trustees, to provide RI directors with a primary contact to The Rotary Foundation and its regional leaders,

1. agrees beginning in 2020–21 to pair a trustee with each zone as shown in Appendix A;
2. requests the chair-elect to review and, when necessary, revise these pairings annually;
3. requests the RI Board to endorse this concept.

## **7. Rotary Humanity India Foundation**

*Statement:* In decision 126, June 2020 the Trustees noted with concern a matter regarding the Rotary India Humanity Foundation and agreed that this foundation’s structure could cause confusion among Rotarians regarding fundraising and program participation and could set a precedent in the Rotary world that would generally be harmful to the long-term interests of The Rotary Foundation and Rotary International. The Trustees referred the matter to the Board for immediate action. In its decision 160, June 2020, the Board requested the Rotary India Humanity Foundation to desist from functioning in its current manner and requested the general secretary to continue to monitor the situation. The general secretary provided the Trustees with an update.

**DECISION:** The Trustees

1. thank the general secretary for the update on the Rotary India Humanity Foundation (RIHF);

2. request the general secretary to

- a. inform all the governors in India of the current situation involving RIHF;
- b. provide an update to the Trustees at their August 2020 meeting on the status of RIHF.

## **8. World Fund Shortfall for Global Grants**

*Statement:* The general secretary reported that due to the success of the global grants program, current projections indicate that there will not be enough money in the World Fund to fund all eligible global grant applications. The general secretary suggested several steps to address this funding shortfall.

**DECISION:** The Trustees

1. define global grants as having a minimum budget of US\$30,000 and amend the Rotary Foundation Code of Policies as follows:

### 33.050.2. General Criteria

Global grants are only to be awarded to clubs and/or districts.

- a) The minimum global grant budget shall be US\$30,000 and the maximum award by The Rotary Foundation’s World Fund is US\$15,000 and the maximum award is US\$400,000.
2. agree to allow sponsors to finance their global grants without a World Fund match, provided the grant budget is at least US\$30,000 and the application meets all other eligibility criteria;
  3. supports the general secretary’s enforcement of the cancellation of all global grant applications that are not completed and approved within six months of submission.

## **9. Elevate Rotaract Task Force Additional Considerations**

*Statement:* At its October 2019 meeting, the Board took several decisions recommended by its Elevate Rotaract Task Force and forwarded other requests regarding Rotaract and The Rotary Foundation to the Trustees for consideration. In decision 130, June 2020, the Trustees agreed to allow Rotaract clubs to be either the international or host sponsor of a global grant, beginning

in 2022. The Trustees considered other requests from the Elevate Rotaract Task Force at this meeting.

**DECISION:** The Trustees

1. encourage regional Rotary Foundation coordinators and district Rotary Foundation coordinators to better engage Rotaractors in training opportunities, fund-raising, and support of The Rotary Foundation;
2. encourage Rotaract clubs to appoint club leaders to support The Rotary Foundation;
3. encourage Rotary clubs to include Rotaract club leaders in their club Foundation committee;
4. agree to appoint Rotaractor members of the Rotaract Committee to advise the Trustees on matters related to Rotaract;
5. request Trustee chairs to appoint a Trustee liaison to the Rotaract Committee and invite the Rotaract Committee to advise the Trustees directly on matters related to The Rotary Foundation.

**10. Communications from the Board**

*Statement:* At its June and July 2020 meetings, the Board took several decisions of interest to the Trustees.

**DECISION:** The Trustees note the following decision from the June and July 2020 Board meetings:

June 2020 Meeting

158. Communications from the Trustees
159. Communications from the Trustees: New Environment Area of Focus
160. Communications from the Trustees: Rotary India Humanity Foundation
166. Shaping Rotary's Future Committee Report
167. Shaping Rotary's Future Committee Report: Nominating Committee for RI President Procedures
172. Election Review Committee Report: Zone 7 Director Election
174. Pandemic Response Task Force Report
175. Strengthening Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Efforts
176. Rotary Recommended Programs
179. 2021 International Assembly Contingency Plans
182. RI-USAID Steering Committee Report
183. PolioPlus Communications Funding Request

192. Communications Committee Report
194. Finance Committee Report: Administrative Services Agreement
197. 2020–21 Rotary Foundation Unrestricted Programs Budget
201. Support of COVID-19 Grants

July 2020 Meeting

1. Appointment of Vice President
2. Appointment of Treasurer
3. 2021–22 Rotary Institute Site and Date Approval

**Adjournment**

The foregoing is a true record of the proceedings at the 14 July 2020 Trustees meeting.

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K.R. Ravindran, Chair  
The Rotary Foundation

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Andrew McDonald  
Secretary of the Meeting

**ATTEST:**

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John Hewko  
General Secretary, RI

## **APPENDIX A**

### **ZONE, DIRECTOR, AND TRUSTEE PAIRINGS IN 2020-21 (Decision 6)**

<b>Director</b>	<b>Zone</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
Tatsuno	1A,2,3	Miki (adviser)
Pandya/Sanghvi	1B	Memon
Pandya	4,5	Vahanvaty
Sanghvi	6,7	Vahanvaty
Liu	8	Riseley
Liu	10A	Memon
Liu	9,10B,10C	Lin
Kim	11,12	Yun
Lhors	13,14	Webb
Ket	15,16	Høyen
Honkala	17,18	Høyen
Black	19,20	Webb
Papadimitriou	21	Høyen
Papadimitriou	22	Manek
Camargo	23,24	Ferreira
Howe	25B,29	Aufranc
Howe	25A	Aufranc
Solari	26,27	Cressey
Wafer	28,32	Jones
Urchick/Kyle	33,34	Rassin
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