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2019–20

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The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees met on
15–18 June 2020 via video conference

Present were: Chair Gary C.K. Huang, Vice Chair Kenneth M. Schuppert Jr., Chair-elect K.R. Ravindran, other Trustees Jorge Aufranc, Brenda M. Cressey, Hipolito S. Ferreira, John F. Germ, Per Høyen, Jennifer Jones, Seiji Kita, Julia D. Phelps, Ian H.S. Riseley, Gulam A. Vahanvaty, Michael F. Webb, Sangkoo Yun, and General Secretary John Hewko. Jeffry Cadorette attended as director liaison.

At the invitation of Chair Huang, incoming Trustees Hsiu Ming Lin, Geeta K. Manek, Aziz Memon, and Barry Rassin also attended.

Andrew McDonald served as secretary of the meeting with assistance from Matt Hohmann. Other staff present were David Alexander, Peggy Asseo, Jim Barnes, Victor Barnes, David Bender, Michele Berg, Julie Burke, Meredith Burlew, Faiz Hanif, Armando Huerta, Mary Jo Jean-Francois, April Jensen, Eric Jones, Fergal McCarthy, Abby McNear, 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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113. Approval of the April and May 2020 Meeting Minutes

Statement: The general secretary distributed the April and May 2020 Trustees meeting minutes to each trustee.

DECISION: The Trustees approve the minutes of their April and May 2020 meetings and request the chairman to sign the official copy of those minutes.

114. 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 10 March and 18 May 2020, as shown in Appendix A, filed only with the official copy of these minutes.

115. General Secretary's Report

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

DECISION: The Trustees receive the general secretary's report on the activities at the Secretariat since the April and May 2020 Trustees meetings.

116. Nomination of Trustees

Statement: Trustee Webb recommended adding language to the Rotary Foundation Code of Policies from the Joint Operating Agreement between Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation regarding the consultation between the president-elect and chair-elect prior to the nomination of Foundation Trustees.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. to reflect paragraph 8 of the Joint Operating Agreement between The Rotary Foundation and Rotary International, amend the Rotary Foundation Code of Policies by adding new section 20.030.5. as follows:

20.030.5. Nomination of Trustees

The chair-elect, upon being consulted by the president-elect prior to nominating candidates to be elected as trustees by the Board, shall, in consultation with the Trustees' Executive Committee, identify which essential skills and experience are most needed on the board of Trustees in the coming years and communicate these to the president-elect.

2. request the president-elect not to nominate, and the Board not to elect, as trustee any Rotarian who has previously been sanctioned or otherwise found by the Trustees or Board to have acted contrary to Foundation or Rotary International policies;
3. request the Board to adopt amendments to the Rotary Code of Policies corresponding to points 1 and 2 above.

117. Joint Committee on Partnerships Report

Statement: The Joint Committee on Partnership met virtually on 18 March and discussed the status of various sponsorships, the proposed new “recommended program” designation, and the status of current partnerships with USAID and the Eleanor Crook Foundation.

DECISION: The Trustees thank the Joint Committee on Partnerships for its report.

118. Shaping Rotary's Future Committee Report

Statement: The Shaping Rotary's Future Committee met virtually on 24–25 February 2020 and discussed results of focus groups at the International Assembly, the status of organizing Rotary regions based on geography and existing regional leader teams, and further refinements to the proposed new structural model for Rotary. The committee suggested pilot projects be established to better test the proposed structural model.

DECISION: The Trustees thank the Shaping Rotary's Future Committee for its report.

119. Resource Partnership Opportunity with Eleanor Crook Foundation

Statement: In decision 41, October 2019, the Trustees agreed in concept to a co-financed, developed, and implemented early childhood nutritional intervention

program in a sub-Saharan Africa country with The Power of Nutrition in cooperation with The Eleanor Crook Foundation. The general secretary reported on the status of the partnership, including entering into a Letter of Intent with both organizations, developing a set of goals for the program, and identifying possible countries for program enactment.

DECISION: The Trustees approve a resource partnership with the Eleanor Crook Foundation to address malnutrition and severe stunting in Ethiopia.

120. Strategic Planning Committee Report

Statement: The Strategic Planning Committee met virtually on 7–8 April 2020 to discuss a possible new structure for Rotary committees, a Rotary programs evaluation methodology, 2020–21 strategic initiatives, strategic plan communication efforts, and preliminary results of the 2020 Triennial Strategic Plan Survey, among other topics.

DECISION: The Trustees thank the Strategic Planning Committee for its report.

121. Possible Associate Foundation in Korea

Statement: In decision 81, January 2020, the Trustees requested the general secretary, in response to changes in Korea's tax laws, to explore the establishment of a new associate foundation in Korea that would provide tax benefits to Korean donors to The Rotary Foundation. The general secretary reported on the development of this associate foundation, including the necessary legal requirements and the possible establishment of an Incorporated Foundation Corporation.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. receive the general secretary's report on the possible establishment of an associate foundation in Korea;
2. authorize the Executive Committee to act on their behalf to approve the establishment of an associate foundation in Korea, for report to the Trustees by their October 2020 meeting.

122. Associate Foundation Appointments

Statement: The associate foundations have differing requirements for their director appointments. The

Trustees considered appointments in accordance with each associate foundation's governing documents.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. thank Trustee Seiji Kita for his dedicated services as TRF Trustee Liaison to Public Interest Incorporated Foundation – Rotary Foundation Japan's board of directors;
2. thank Trustee Ken Schuppert for his dedicated services as TRF Trustee Liaison to The Rotary Foundation Canada's board of directors;
3. extend Trustee Michael Webb's term as a director and TRF Trustee Liaison of Rotary Foundation of the United Kingdom's committee of management for an additional year to 30 June 2021;
4. extend Michael J. Parry's term as a director of Rotary Foundation of the United Kingdom's committee of management for additional two years to 30 June 2022;
5. appoint past Trustee Kazuhiko Ozawa as TRF Trustee Liaison to Public Interest Incorporated Foundation – Rotary Foundation Japan's board of directors effective 1 July 2020 through 30 June 2021;
6. appoint Trustee Gulam Vahanvaty, Trustee Sangkoo Yun, and Trustee Chairman-elect K.R. Ravindran as Trustee members of Rotary Foundation India's (RFI) General Body to serve for the term commencing on 1 July 2020 through 30 June 2021 and request the RFI secretary to enter the names in the appropriate records as provided in RFI's rules and regulations;
7. thank Rotarians Lou Johnson, John Barnes, Philip Archer, and Ian Lee Salmon for their dedicated service as trustees of the Australian Rotary Foundation Trust and directors of Rotary Foundation Australia Limited;
8. agree to be members of The Rotary Foundation Canada (TRFC) and request TRFC secretary to enter their names in the appropriate records;
9. agree to be members of the Rotary Foundation of the United Kingdom (RFUK) and request the RFUK secretary to enter their names in the appropriate records as provided in RFUK's articles of association.

123. Sunsetting Working Group Report

Statement: In decision 127, April 2019, the Trustees requested the Sunsetting Working Group to continue to investigate opportunities for streamlining major gifts fund-raising support and the Peace program operations and its volunteer structure. The TRF Sunsetting Working Group met several times and made several recommendations for consideration by the Trustees.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. thank the TRF Sunsetting Working Group for its report;
2. request the general secretary to analyze, for report no later than at the February 2021 Trustees meeting:
 - a. the policy and structure of the Peace Symposium to be a self-funded event;
 - b. ways to reduce the scholarship expenses of the Peace Centers Program by either reducing the number of scholars or by reducing the value of the scholarship per student;
 - c. the amounts of the university stipends;
 - d. the impact on prioritizing major gift fundraising to fully fund the Peace Centers program;
3. agree that no further expansion of the Peace Centers shall be made until the program is self-funded;
4. request the general secretary to conduct an evaluation of the EMGA program for report to the 2020–21 Fund Development Committee, such analysis to include a review of the job description, review of the term length, and the cost/benefit of the position;
5. request the general secretary to conduct an analysis of the impact of virtual reality to determine if future investments are warranted, for report no later than at the October 2021 Trustees meeting;
6. subject to the agreement of the RI Board, agree that the Joint Committee on Partnerships shall be discontinued after the 2020–21 Rotary year;
7. request future Trustee chairs, in consultation with the general secretary, to develop schedules for Trustees during the International Assembly to take advantage

of times when the Trustees are not otherwise occupied, at no additional cost to TRF.

124. Communications from the Board

Statement: In its ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board held a special meeting on 8 June to discuss time-sensitive issues regarding the Youth Exchange program. The decision taken by the Board at this meeting was reported to the Trustees.

DECISION: The Trustees note Board decision 180 (2020–21 Youth Exchange Program Risk Assessment) taken at a special meeting of the Board on 8 June 2020.

125. Fund Development Committee Report

Statement: The Fund Development Committee met via conference call on 16 March 2020 and discussed an update from the Areas of Focus Major Gifts Committee, a review of the Corporate Social Responsibility in India pilot, legally binding pledges, a review of donor recognition, and an update on the disaster response fund, among other topics.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. thank the Fund Development Committee for its report;
2. agree to extend Benefactor recognition for an outright gift or a future commitment by bequest, life insurance, life income gift, or other estate plan of US\$1,000 or more to the Endowment Fund.

126. Rotary India Humanity Foundation

Statement: The Trustees discussed recent issues regarding the Rotary India Humanity Foundation and requested the Board to ensure that this entity acts in compliance with Rotary policies.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. note with concern an article on “The Rotary India Humanity Foundation” in the June issue of Rotary News magazine detailing the organization of “Areas of Focus/Service” applicable to India, which mirror partially The Rotary Foundation’s Areas of Focus;
2. note further that TRF was not notified prior to establishment of this structure nor was its permission

obtained for the circulation of logos of the said Areas of Focus/Service in social media;

3. express concern that it will be detrimental to TRF for these Areas of Focus/Service within India to raise their own funds in a manner unconnected with TRF;
4. believe this structure could cause confusion among Rotarians in fundraising and program participation and may set a precedent in the Rotary world that will generally be harmful to the long-term interests of TRF and Rotary International;
5. request the RI Board to agree at its June 2020 meeting to request
 - a. answers from Rotary India Humanity Foundation to the points raised by the Trustees in this decision and share its findings with the Trustees;
 - b. the general secretary to confirm that Rotary India Humanity Foundation fully complies with all RI and TRF policies;
 - c. Rotary India Humanity Foundation to desist immediately from functioning in this manner until points a. and b. above are completed to the satisfaction of the Board and Trustees.

Note: Trustee Vahanvaty did not participate in the discussion or vote on this item.

127. Applications for COVID-19 Specific Disaster Response Grants

Statement: Noting that the number of COVID-19 disaster response grants has exhausted the capacity of the Disaster Response fund, the Trustees discussed discontinuing accepting applications for this grant type.

DECISION: Recognizing that over 200 COVID-19 Disaster Response Grants have been funded to date, the Trustees thank Rotarians for their extraordinary efforts, but in view of current fiscal constraints, agree to discontinue accepting applications for COVID-19 specific Disaster Response Grants, excluding USAID grants, effective immediately.

DECISIONS 128–129
Level III Grant Requests

128. Global Grant 1989785

Statement: Trustee policy requires Global Grants requesting over US\$100,000 from the World Fund to obtain Trustee approval. The Trustees reviewed a basic education and literacy grant request above this amount.

DECISION: The Trustees agree to award Global Grant 1989785, a basic education and literacy grant sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Sudbury, Canada (District 7010) and Guatemala Oeste (District 4250) to be carried out with Cooperative for Education to provide teachers with training in reading instruction and student engagement, new textbooks, computer training, and a youth development program in schools located in six departments across Guatemala in the amount of US\$234,716 from the World Fund (total project cost of \$631,247).

129. Global Grant 1988620

Statement: Trustee policy requires Global Grants requesting over US\$100,000 from the World Fund to obtain Trustee approval. The Trustees reviewed a disease prevention and treatment grant request above this amount.

DECISION: The Trustees agree, effective 1 July 2020, to award Global Grant 1988620, a disease prevention and treatment grant sponsored by District 1260 (United Kingdom) and the Rotary Club of Monrovia, Liberia (District 9101) to be carried out with Mercy Ships to provide medical and surgical equipment for a new ship, Global Mercy, as well as training to support the local healthcare system in Liberia, in the amount of \$400,000 from the World Fund (total project cost of \$1,125,956).

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130. Elevate Rotaract Task Force Requests

Statement: In decision 57, October 2019, the Board requested the Trustees to allow Rotaract clubs to be either an international or host sponsor of a global grant, beginning 1 July 2022, and further requested the general secretary to update the Grants Center to allow Rotaract clubs to be formally recognized as a donor or partner on a global grant application. The Board also requested the Trustees to confirm that no rights or privileges previously afforded to Rotaractors as program participants will be revoked. The Trustees' Programs Committee reviewed and endorsed these requests to the Trustees.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. noting the Board's request in its decision 57, October 2019, agree to allow Rotaract clubs to be either the international or host sponsor of a global grant beginning 1 July 2022, provided they have previously partnered with a Rotary club on a global grant;
2. request the general secretary to update the Grants Center to allow Rotaract clubs to be formally recognized as a donor or partner on a global grant application;
3. confirm that no rights or privileges previously afforded to Rotaractors as program participants will be revoked.

131. Environmental Issues Task Force

Statement: In decision 42, October 2019, the Trustees agreed to consider adding the Environment as a new Area of Focus or adding the Environment to an existing Area of Focus and approved the creation of a task force to review this matter. The task force met on 3–5 February 2020 in Evanston, IL, USA, to study the pros and cons of both options and further discussed various current environmental issues, survey results on the environment, environmental philanthropy, environmental activities funded by district grants, and possible policy statements for the Environment as part of an existing area of focus or as a new area of focus, among other topics.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. thank the Environmental Issues Task Force for their work;
2. revise the mission statement of The Rotary Foundation as follows:

Our Mission: ~~The mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable~~ helps Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace ~~through the improvement of~~ by improving health, ~~the support of~~ providing quality education, ~~improving the environment,~~ and the alleviation of alleviating poverty.

3. agree to add the Environment as a seventh area of focus, effective 1 July 2021 and request the Board's approval;

4. subject to the Board's approval of point 3 above, requests the Environmental Issues Task Force to provide final policy statements for this area of focus for review by the Trustees at their August 2020 meeting;
 5. request the general secretary to
 - a. use the timetable and communication plan as shown in Appendix B, filed only with the official copy of these minutes, as a guide and provide an implementation plan for this new area of focus for consideration by the Trustees at their August 2020 meeting;
 - b. review Rotary's policies and procedures to ensure they align with the goal of minimizing Rotary's own environmental impact.
2. agree to continue the Disaster Response Fund and Disaster Response Grants for the remainder of the pilot term and further agree take a final decision on the status of the fund and grant type after an evaluation at that time;
 3. agree that any proper disaster response grant application that cannot be awarded due to lack of funds in the Disaster Response Fund, will be considered expired upon a six-month period after the application's submission;
 4. request the general secretary to review whether to amending the Disaster Response Grant type criteria to allow for targeted giving for specific disasters, provided that the gift be a minimum of US\$1,000 and be expended within two years of the creation of that targeted fund, after which time any remaining funds are either immediately used for that specific disaster recovery effort or rolled into the general disaster recovery fund, for report to the Trustees at their October 2020 meeting.

132. New Disaster Response Fund and Grant Type

Statement: In decision 82, January 2019, the Trustees agreed to establish a "Rotary Disaster Response Fund" as the single support fund to receive contributions through the Foundation's normal contribution mechanisms, including DDF, for worldwide Rotarian response to disasters. In decision 76, January 2020, the Trustees agreed to continue the Disaster Response Fund and Disaster Response Grants in their current forms and requested their Programs Committee to consider possible program changes that would address Rotarian feedback. After considering various possible changes to the fund and grant type, the Programs Committee recommended no alterations be made until a full evaluation can be conducted after the pilot has finished. The Trustees discussed how to address the backlog of applications that cannot be awarded due lack of funds the Disaster Response Fund and allowing donors to give for specific disasters.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. note that Rotary provides opportunities for disaster response through a general fund, district grants, club- and district-created disaster specific funds, and through its partnerships with ShelterBox, Habitat for Humanity, and Disaster Network of Assistance Rotarian Action Group, and that all of these options for disaster response are promoted and linked on the RI website;
1. based upon a comprehensive evaluation of the low-cost shelter and simple school pilot, which revealed low demand, incompatibility with areas of focus goals, and significant administrative burdens, agree that low-cost shelter and simple school construction is no longer eligible within global grants;
 2. encourage interested Rotarians to continue funding these projects, including construction, through either district grants or disaster response grants.

133. Low-Cost Shelters and Simple Schools Pilot

Statement: In decision 39, October 2019, the Trustees agreed to stop accepting applications for low-cost shelters and simple schools projects beginning 1 January 2020 and requested the Programs Committee to work with the general secretary to offer an alternative recommendation, if any, regarding low-cost shelters and simple schools. The Programs Committee reported on the findings of a 2019 evaluation of the low-cost shelters pilot, which showed that these projects are incompatible with the Foundations grant models and areas of focus.

DECISION: The Trustees

134. 2019 Council on Resolutions: To Consider Allowing Modifications to the Original Approved Budget of a Global Grant

Statement: The Trustees considered Resolution 19R-26 from District 3141 (India), regarding allowing modifications to the original approved budget of a global grant.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. thank District 3141 (India) for its Resolution 19R-26, requesting the Trustees to consider allowing modifications to the original approved budget of a global grant;
2. note that this is a limitation of the current online system for global grants;
3. look with favor on this resolution and request the general secretary to consider modifying the Grants Center software should it be possible to do so at minimal cost to the organization.

135. 2019 Council on Resolutions: To Consider Making Global Grant Funding Available for Local Electricity Supply Projects

Statement: The Trustees considered Resolution 19R-30 from Rotary Club of Pézenas (France), regarding making global grant funding available for local electricity supply projects.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. thank the Rotary Club of Pézenas (France) for its Resolution 19R-30, requesting the Trustees to consider making global grant funding available for local electricity supply projects;
2. note that electrification is currently eligible as part of a global grant, provided it supports the activities the grant addresses in the area of focus;
3. encourage the Rotary Club of Pézenas to work within the existing framework for global grants.

136. International Partner Contribution to Global Grants

Statement: In decision 84, April 2020, the Trustees agreed to waive the 30 percent foreign financing

requirement for any new global grant that addresses COVID-19. Trustee Vahanvaty, noting that the COVID-19 pandemic will likely make it increasingly difficult for host sponsors to find partners for all project types, suggested that the Trustees consider permanently reducing the percentage of a contribution that must come from outside the project country.

DECISION: The Trustees, noting the difficulties clubs and districts encounter in finding international partners for their global grant activities, amend the Rotary Foundation Code of Policies to reduce the funding requirement for international sponsors as follows:

33.050.2. General Criteria

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

[text omitted]

- e) At least ~~30%~~ 15% of contributions to global grants funding humanitarian projects exclusively must come from outside of the project country.

137. Rotary Recommended Programs

Statement: In decision 40, October 2019, the Trustees deferred consideration of establishing a new program designation acknowledging successful, data-driven, community-based projects that have proven successful across multiple regions and/or populations, until the general secretary could conduct research to determine how scaling global grants would intersect with such recommended programs. The Joint Committee on Partnerships proposed criteria for a Rotary recommended program designation.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. to acknowledge successful, data-driven, community-based projects that have proven successful across multiple regions and/or populations, establish the new program designation: "Rotary Recommended Programs" with the following criteria:
 - a. Program should be of sufficient scale (geographic or population) to affect substantive positive change and impact on the targeted community and or remediated issue.
 - b. Program must align with Rotary International's Strategic Plan.
 - c. Program must have reached proof of concept during previous years of operation and now be

positioned to implement proven intervention based on data and impact.

- d. Program must enhance Rotary's impact in alignment with one or more of Rotary's six areas of focus.
 - e. Program should contribute to the ability of Rotary to expand its programmatic reach with the capacity to adapt at national and regional levels preferably across cultural and geographic boundaries.
 - f. Program must be structured with strong and proven policies and procedures, including program management, monitoring and evaluation, on-going reporting capacity and preferably training protocols enhancing replication capacity. The functions and contributions of Rotarians should be clearly defined as well as the functions and contributions of other partners whether implementing or financial.
 - g. Program funding sources would be external to the World Fund and represent additional resources for Rotary's international service. Ideally resources would emanate from the private sector, NGO sector and/or government sector.
 - h. Program should enhance partnership development opportunities both at an in-country level and an international level.
 - i. Program should be adaptive and innovative to accommodate regional and national implementation environments.
 - j. Program is required to meet Rotary marks and branding requirements.
 - k. Program must have strong in-country government endorsement.
 - l. Program would benefit from strong working relationships with affiliated Rotary organizations such as Rotary Actions Groups as well as ties to other Rotary service resources.
2. note that while this designation is determined by the general secretary and indicates Rotary's recognition, it does not imply any financial support from Rotary.

138. WASH in Schools Target Challenge Update

Statement: In decision 124, April 2015, the Trustees agreed to implement a pilot project for the development of integrated infrastructure focused on education and behavioral change for water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) in schools. The pilot is scheduled to end on 30 June 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however,

the WASH in Schools Steering Committee requested the pilot be extended for one year.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. noting the delay in implementation of the WASH in Schools Target Challenge due to the COVID-19 pandemic, approve an additional 2020–21 budget amount of US\$90,500 for extension of the pilot program until 1 July 2021;
2. extend the WASH in Schools Target Challenge Committee appointment until 1 July 2021, with virtual meetings as needed.

DECISIONS 139–145

International PolioPlus Committee Report Meeting 5 June 2020 via Zoom Conferencing

139. PolioPlus Communications Funding Request

Statement: The International PolioPlus Committee reported that due to the current status of polio eradication efforts, and to keep Rotarians and the general public engaged in and informed about the ongoing polio eradication initiative, additional funds were needed to continue executing a comprehensive communications plan encompassing media relations, digital communications, celebrity ambassadors, and special events.

DECISION: The Trustees approve the PolioPlus Communications spending plan for 2021–23, totaling US\$2 million, of which 50 percent shall be allocated to the RI Reserves for PolioPlus Communications.

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

Statement: The World Health Organization African regional office (WHO/AFRO) and UNICEF requested grants for surveillance support in the African region and operational support in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. approve a PolioPlus grant in the amount of US\$4,078,999 to WHO for surveillance support in the African region, this grant to be released in accordance with Trustee policies;

2. approve a PolioPlus grant in the amount of \$3,018,000 to WHO for operational support in DR Congo, this grant to be released in accordance with Trustee policies;
3. authorize the general secretary to execute agreement letters with WHO to convey the funds on a scheduled basis. WHO will apply the funds to appropriate projects under such controls and conditions as the agreement specifies;
4. note that these are one-year grants that must be fully expended by 31 August 2021, or one year after the transfer of funds to the grantee, whichever comes later;
5. note that these grants, if fully expended, will increase total PolioPlus grants as follows:
 - African Region from:
\$224,975,931 to \$229,054,930;
 - DR Congo from:
\$83,261,316 to \$86,279,316.

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

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

DECISION: The Trustees

1. approve a PolioPlus grant in the amount of US\$7,739,821 to UNICEF for social mobilization support in the following countries:
 - Afghanistan: \$4,154,813
 - Pakistan: \$3,585,008

this grant to be released in accordance with Trustee policies;
2. approve a PolioPlus grant in the amount of \$4,415,113 to WHO for operational support in the following countries:
 - Afghanistan: \$2,722,000
 - Pakistan: \$1,012,113
 - Sudan: \$681,000

this grant to be released in accordance with Trustee policies;

3. approve a PolioPlus grant in the amount of \$10,437,342 to UNICEF for operational support in Pakistan, this grant to be released in accordance with Trustee policies;
4. authorize the general secretary to execute agreement letters with WHO and UNICEF to convey the funds on a scheduled basis. WHO and UNICEF will apply the funds to appropriate projects under such controls and conditions as the agreement specifies;
5. note that these are one-year grants that must be fully expended by 31 August 2021, or one year after the transfer of funds to the grantee, whichever comes later;
6. note that these grants, if fully expended, will increase total PolioPlus grants as follows:
 - Afghanistan from:
\$184,305,469 to \$191,182,282;
 - Pakistan from:
\$246,374,973 to \$261,409,436;
 - Sudan from:
\$43,917,608 to \$44,598,608.

142. PolioPlus Grants: Combined World Health Organization and UNICEF Polio Outbreak Response Grant Request

Statement: The World Health Organization and UNICEF requested a grant for social mobilization support and operational support for polio outbreak response activities.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. approve a PolioPlus grant in the amount of US\$5,925,420 to UNICEF to support social mobilization for outbreak response activities;
2. approve a PolioPlus grant in the amount of \$5,925,420 to WHO to support operational support for outbreak response activities;
3. authorize the general secretary to execute an agreement letter with UNICEF and WHO. UNICEF and WHO will apply the funds to the appropriate project under such controls and conditions as the agreement specifies;

4. note that this is a one-year grant that must be fully expended by 31 August 2021;
5. note that this grant, if fully expended, will bring the total PolioPlus grants to UNICEF/Outbreak to \$5,925,420;
6. note that this grant, if fully expended, will bring the total PolioPlus grants to WHO/Outbreak to \$5,925,420.

143. PolioPlus Grants: UNICEF Communications Support Grant Request

Statement: UNICEF requested a grant for the support of polio communication activities.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. approve a PolioPlus grant in the amount of US\$1,032,550 to UNICEF for the support of polio communications activities;
2. authorize the general secretary to execute an agreement letter with UNICEF. UNICEF will apply the funds to the appropriate project under such controls and conditions as the agreement specifies;
3. note that this is a one-year grant that must be fully expended by 31 August 2021;
4. note that this grant, if fully expended, will bring the total PolioPlus grants to UNICEF/HQ to \$1,489,719.

144. PolioPlus Grants: World Health Organization mOPV2 Stockpile Grant Request

Statement: The World Health Organization Polio Research Committee requested a grant for the replenishment of the mOPV2 polio vaccine stockpile.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. approve a PolioPlus grant in the amount of US\$11,989,200 to WHO for the replenishment of the mOPV2 stockpile;
2. authorize the general secretary to execute an agreement letter with WHO. WHO will apply the funds to the appropriate project under such controls and conditions as the agreement specifies;

3. note that this is a one-year grant that must be fully expended by 31 August 2021;
4. note that this grant, if fully expended, will bring the total PolioPlus grants to WHO/Vaccine to \$24,382,523.

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

Statement: The World Health Organization Polio Research Committee requested a grant for polio eradication research activities in Pakistan and the US.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. approve a PolioPlus grant in the amount of US\$332,217 and agree to reallocate \$407,638 from unspent funds from previous research grants to WHO for the implementation of polio eradication research activities in Pakistan and the US as proposed by the Polio Research Committee;
2. authorize the general secretary to execute an agreement letter with WHO to convey the funds on a scheduled basis. WHO will apply the funds to appropriate projects under such controls and conditions as the agreement specifies;
3. note that this is a two-year grant that must be fully expended by 31 August 2022;
4. note that this grant, if fully expended, will bring the total PolioPlus grants to WHO/Research to \$34,884,033.

146. 2019–20 Distinguished Service Award

Statement: The Trustees annually recognize up to 50 Rotarians worldwide to receive the Distinguished Service Award for their outstanding efforts on behalf of The Rotary Foundation. Nominations for the 2019–20 awards were received by the general secretary and forwarded to the Trustees for approval.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. select the Rotarians as shown in Appendix C, filed only with the official copy of these minutes, to

receive the 2019–20 Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award;

2. confirm that the selection results shall be kept confidential until the presentations of the awards have been made.

147. Rotaractor Eligibility for Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award

Statement: In decision 139, April 2020, the Board requested the Trustees to consider amending their policy to include Rotaractors as eligible recipients of the Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award in an effort to demonstrate commitment to elevating Rotaract within The Rotary Foundation.

DECISION: The Trustees agree that Rotaractors shall be eligible recipients of Rotary Foundation awards and amend the Rotary Foundation Code of Policies, as shown in Appendix D.

148. Distinguished Service Award Eligible Recipients

Statement: In decision 125, April 2018, the Trustees amended their policies regarding the Citation for Meritorious Service Award and Distinguished Service award to streamline the nomination process, eligibility criteria, selection evaluation, and the format of the recognition. The Trustees also removed a provision that entitled departing trustees to receive the Distinguished Service Award if they had not previously received it. Trustee Cressey recommended the Trustees consider reinstating this provision to the Foundation Code of Policies to acknowledge the contributions made by all outgoing Rotary Foundation trustees.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. agree that Trustees who have completed their term should receive the Distinguished Service Award if they have not already received it, and amend Rotary Foundation Code of Policies section 51.060.4.2. as follows:

51.060.4.2. Eligible Nominees

Any active Rotarian in good standing who has received the Citation for Meritorious Service at least four complete years (1 January through 31 December) prior may

be nominated except current, incoming, or immediate past district governors, or RI directors, ~~and Rotary Foundation Trustees~~. It is not possible to nominate one's self for the award. An individual may only receive the award once.

In addition to the fifty competitive awards available each Rotary year, Rotarians who have served as trustees of The Rotary Foundation will receive the award upon completion of their term of service as a trustee, provided that this award has not been received previously.

2. request the general secretary to recognize any former trustees with the Distinguished Service Award who have not received it previously.

149. Amendments to Peacebuilder Recognition Program

Statement: The Peacebuilder District recognition program was established in 2003 to raise awareness and funds for immediate use for the Rotary Peace Centers. Districts can donate \$25,000 per year to the program to achieve Peacebuilder District recognition. The general secretary recommended the Trustees consider amending policy to award the Peacebuilder District recognition to any District that has donated to any endowment that supports the Rotary Peace Centers, the Peacebuilding & Conflict Prevention global grants, or the Peacebuilding & Conflict Prevention immediate expenditure fund.

DECISION: The Trustees amend the Rotary Foundation Code of Policies regarding peacebuilder districts as follows:

35.020.5. Global Peacebuilder District

Districts that ~~support contribute to future classes of Rotary peacebuilding activities Peace Fellowships~~ with an annual district donation of US\$25,000 or more, will receive ~~are recognized with a special~~ Global "Peacebuilder" District recognition designation during the year in which they donate. These donations can be directed to either the Rotary Peace Centers, or the Peacebuilding & Conflict Prevention for immediate expenditure, or any endowment that supports the Rotary Peace Centers or global grants in Peacebuilding & Conflict Prevention. The name of this recognition program will now be the 'Global' Peacebuilder District program.

Districts can count any and all DDF contributions and district cash gifts to the Rotary Peace Centers towards their these funds, in order to achieve Global Peacebuilder District status. Districts must self-identify as a Global Peacebuilder district and shall be recognized as a Global Peacebuilder districts upon their initial contribution of \$25,000

150. 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 Webb for his review of Rotary Foundation finances.

151. Finance Committee Report: 2020–21 Operating Expenses Budget

Statement: The Foundation Bylaws state that the Trustees shall annually adopt a budget for the succeeding year.

DECISION: The Trustees

1. thank the RI and TRF Finance Committees for their report;
2. reaffirm the 2020–21 budget as approved in decision 108, May 2020 with minor changes, as follows:

Contributions:	\$312,600,000
Net Investment Return:	34,521,000
Other Income:	2,295,000
Total Revenues:	349,416,000
Program awards:	278,617,000
Program Services and Supporting Activities:	57,941,462
Total Expenses:	336,558,462
Increase in net assets:	<u><u>\$12,857,538</u></u>

3. authorize the general secretary for good cause, to exceed the operating budget in any category by up to five percent. The operating budget in total can be exceeded by up to five percent with approval of the Executive Committee and provided that an

explanation of such expenditure is presented to the Trustees at their next scheduled meeting.

152. Investment Committee Report

Statement: The Investment Committee met virtually on 30 April 2020 to discuss current investment performance. A report from that meeting was provided to the Trustees.

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

153. Audit Committee Report

Statement: The Audit Committee met virtually on 12 June 2020 to discuss recently issued audit reports, management action plans related to past audits, the internal 2020–21 audit plan, proposed legislation to the 2022 Council on Legislation, and updates to the Rotary's risk management program, among other topics.

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

Adjournment

The foregoing is a true record of the proceedings at the 15–18 June 2020 Trustees meeting.

Gary C. K. Huang, Chair
The Rotary Foundation

Andrew McDonald
Secretary of the Meeting

ATTEST:

John Hewko
General Secretary, RI

APPENDIX D

AMENDMENTS TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION CODE OF POLICIES REGARDING ROTARACTOR ELIGIBILITY FOR FOUNDATION AWARDS (Decision 147)

51.060.3. Citation for Meritorious Service

51.060.3.1. Criteria and Eligibility

The Citation for Meritorious Service recognizes one individual Rotarian or Rotaractor per year per district who has demonstrated outstanding active service to The Rotary Foundation.

51.060.3.2. Eligible Nominators

Nominations may be made by the current district Rotary Foundation chairs and must be endorsed by the current governor of the nominee's district. District governors may only endorse one nomination from their district per year.

51.060.3.3. Eligible Nominees

Any active Rotarian or Rotaractor in good standing may be nominated except current, incoming, and immediate past district governors, RI directors, and Rotary Foundation trustees. It is not possible to nominate one's self for the award. An individual may only receive the award once.

51.060.3.4. Nomination Criteria

Service to The Rotary Foundation must have been for more than one year. Examples of eligible service include, but are not limited to:

- Service on Foundation committees at the club, district, or international level
- Participation in Foundation grants or programs
- Support of Ambassadorial or Rotary Scholars or Rotary Peace Fellows
- Participation in Group Study Exchange teams or vocational training teams

Financial contributions to the Foundation, however notable, are not relevant considerations for this award.

51.060.3.5. Selection of Recipients

The General Secretary shall review the nominations to confirm the nominee has not previously been awarded the Citation for Meritorious Service and that the nomination is complete with the requisite signatures and endorsements. Upon confirmation, RI shall return to the nominator or the nominator's designee the Citation for

Meritorious Service certificate for presentation to the ~~Rotarian~~ recipient.

51.060.3.6. General Secretary Authority to Rescind an Award

The general secretary is authorized to deem ineligible any nomination of a Rotarian or Rotaractor who is prohibited from participating in the programmatic activities of Rotary International or The Rotary Foundation at the time of selection.

51.060.4. Foundation Distinguished Service Awards

The Trustees recognize up to fifty Rotarians and Rotaractors worldwide for their outstanding efforts on behalf of The Rotary Foundation each year.

51.060.4.1. Eligible Nominators

Nominations may be made by any Rotarian or Rotaractor and must be endorsed by the current governor of the nominee's district. The nominee must also be endorsed by a Rotarian or Rotaractor from outside the nominee's district. District governors may only endorse one nomination for their district. Current and incoming Trustees are not eligible to nominate or endorse candidates for this award.

51.060.4.2. Eligible Nominees

Any active Rotarian or Rotaractor in good standing who has received the Citation for Meritorious Service at least four complete years (1 January through 31 December) prior may be nominated except current, incoming, or immediate past district governors, RI directors, and Rotary Foundation Trustees. It is not possible to nominate one's self for the award. An individual may only receive the award once.

51.060.4.3. Nomination Criteria

Nominations for the Foundation Distinguished Service Award will be accepted at RI World Headquarters from 1 January through 28/29 February.

To receive a Foundation Distinguished Service Award, the recipient's service must be on a broad basis, over an extended period of time, including at least six of the following activities, with a substantial level of activity in

the past two years. Nominations must include detailed information concerning the specific Foundation activities and responsibilities of the nominee since he or she received the Citation for Meritorious Service.

- Serving on a district Rotary Foundation committee for a total of at least five years
- Providing significant leadership at district or multidistrict Foundation training events
- Presenting on The Rotary Foundation at district or regional events
- Presenting on The Rotary Foundation at more than twenty club meetings within a two year period
- Serving as a Scholar counselor and/or host at least three times
- Organizing and carrying out successful fundraising efforts at the district or multidistrict level
- Providing significant leadership in district or multidistrict scholar and GSE team (Vocational Training Team) orientation
- Serving as the designated project contact person for a successful grant project for which a final report has been received
- Providing substantial leadership in PolioPlus projects and activities
- Maintaining contact with alumni and involving them in district activities
- Other special projects or activities in support of The Rotary Foundation (must be clearly defined and described in detail by the nominator).

The Foundation Distinguished Service Award shall be given only for exceptional active service to The Rotary Foundation. Financial contributions to the Foundation, however notable, are not relevant considerations for this award.

51.060.4.4. Selection of Recipients

The trustee chairman shall select up to five current trustees to review the nominations prior to the April Trustees meeting. The recommendations will be presented to the full board of Trustees for confirmation. Upon selection, RI shall return to the nominator or nominator's designee the Distinguished Service Award pin and plaque for presentation to the ~~Rotarian~~ Rotarian-recipient.

51.060.4.5. General Secretary Authority to Rescind an Award

The general secretary is authorized to deem ineligible any nomination of a Rotarian or Rotaractor who is prohibited

from participating in the programmatic activities of Rotary International or The Rotary Foundation at the time of selection.

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51.060.5. District Foundation Service Award

At its annual conference, each district is strongly encouraged to present "The District Rotary Foundation Service Award" to one or more Rotarians or Rotaractors nominated by their respective clubs in that district who have demonstrated laudable service in promoting The Rotary Foundation and its goal of world understanding and peace. The selection shall be made by the district governor with the advice of the district Rotary Foundation committee. The requisite service does not depend on, but does not preclude, any financial support for the Foundation. Each district shall notify the Trustees of the names and clubs of these honored Rotarians and Rotaractors.

The nature of this award shall be entirely at the discretion and cost of the district. However, there is a suggested standard recognition certificate for this purpose.

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