

RESOLUTION 21R-32

To request the RI Board to consider providing training on polio eradication and PolioPlus to incoming governors

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Zonhoven, District 2140, Belgium

1 WHEREAS, Article 32 of the Rotary Foundation Code of Policies states that, as
2 endorsed by Councils on Legislation, the global eradication of polio is, and must
3 remain, the premier goal of Rotary International and its Foundation until the
4 world is certified as polio-free. Polio is our corporate program; however, it is not
5 part of the training curriculum for governors-nominee and it is not on the
6 training curriculum during the governors-elect training seminar. Only at the
7 International Assembly is it included in that capacity, and
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9 WHEREAS, subsection 20.100.1. of the Rotary Foundation Code of Policies states
10 that programs relating to The Rotary Foundation must be presented during the
11 session allotted to the Foundation at the governors-elect training seminar.
12 However, we have noticed that the PolioPlus program is not part of the training
13 and is not even included as a topic in the Participant's Workbook. Although the
14 eradication of polio is RI's corporate program, it is not included as a mandatory
15 subject in the curricula of training seminars for either the governors-elect or the
16 governors-nominee, and
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18 WHEREAS, section 32.030. of the Rotary Foundation Code of Policies states that
19 'advocacy' for PolioPlus by Rotary leaders needs to be encouraged. But there is no
20 recommended or mandatory advocacy training on PolioPlus for future leaders on
21 the program of the governors-nominee training seminar, nor that of the
22 governors-elect training seminar, or of the Rotary Institutes. However, without
23 advocacy, without building support, donations to eradicate polio will not occur
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25 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
26 International consider including dedicated explicit training on polio eradication
27 and the PolioPlus program conducted by the End Polio Now coordinators at
28 governors-nominee training seminars, governors-elect training seminars, and
29 Rotary Institutes. End Polio Now coordinators are part of the regional team and
30 should lead the polio-related trainings.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

31 The purpose of this resolution is to effectively increase internal support for RI's
32 number one goal: the eradication of polio. The training on PolioPlus of future
33 district leaders should start at the governors-nominee training seminar, continue

1 at the governors-elect training seminar, and receive further elaboration at the
2 International Assembly. The training curriculum includes a multi-year plan of
3 action for the district in which all clubs are involved in an effort to create
4 awareness, to inform, to fundraise, and to advocate. By actively building
5 momentum, clubs and Rotarians will be more involved and better informed in
6 their roles as advocates and fundraisers. At regional institutes, a masterclass on
7 PolioPlus should be developed to encourage district polio fighters to maintain
8 their momentum as well as to thank them for their ongoing efforts. Knowledge
9 and motivation will also lead to internal support for volunteers, which ultimately
10 provides them with the confidence to approach donors for large contributions in
11 support of the polio eradication effort.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

12 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
13 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
14 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal. End Polio Now
15 coordinators' expenses would be reimbursed if they are speakers or trainers at
16 the governors-elect training seminar.