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JANUARY 2020

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

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JANUARY 2020 MEETING

Rotary International Board of Directors

The Rotary International Board of Directors held its third meeting of the year on
27–29 January 2020 in Evanston, IL, USA

Present were: President Mark Daniel Maloney, President-elect Holger Knaack, Vice President Olayinka Babalola, Treasurer David D. Stovall, Executive Committee Chairman Francesco Arezzo, other directors, Tony Black, Jeffrey Cadorette, Mário César de Camargo, Lawrence A. Dimmitt, Rafael M. Garcia III, Jan Lucas Ket, Kyun Kim, Floyd A. Lancia, Akira Miki, Bharat S. Pandya, Kamal Sanghvi, Johrita Solari, Stephanie A. Urchick, Piotr Wygnańczuk, and General Secretary John Hewko. Per Høyen attended as Trustee liaison. Also present was Lena Mjerskaug representing the Young Past District Governors Committee.

At the president's invitation, also attending were President-nominee Shekhar Mehta and Directors-elect Virpi Honkala, Susan Howe, Aikaterini Kotsali-Papadimitriou, Peter Kyle, Roger Lhors, Shi-Tien Liu, Katsuhiko Tatsuno, and Valarie Wafer.

District Governor Barton Goldenberg presented on enhancing participant engagement. Shawn Pierce, President, Strategic Events, Meetings & Incentives at MCI presented on non-Rotarian events at the RI Convention.

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, Jessie Dunbar-Bickmore, Faiz Hanif, Eric Jones, Brian King, Laurie McCarthy, Steve Routburg, Eric Schmelling, Zuhail Sharp, Dave Stumpf, Tom Thorfinnson, Shannon Watson, Doris Xie, and Nora Zei. Dora Calkins 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 analysis. Those items, along with others initiated during this meeting, constituted the agenda of the meeting as reflected in the remainder of these minutes.

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77. Minutes of the October 2019 Board Meeting

Statement: The general secretary distributed the October 2019 Board meeting minutes to each director.

DECISION: The Board approves the October 2019 Board meeting minutes as distributed.

78. Ratification of Decision Made by the President

Statement: As authorized, President Maloney took two decisions on behalf of the Board.

DECISION: The Board ratifies the decisions shown in Appendix A made on behalf of the Board by President Maloney during the period 7 September through 13 December 2019.

79. Ratification of Decisions Made by the General Secretary

Statement: As authorized, the general secretary took several decisions on behalf of the Board.

DECISION: The Board ratifies the decisions shown in Appendix B made by the general secretary on behalf of the Board during the period 7 September through 13 December 2019.

80. Draft April 2020 Board Meeting Agenda

Statement: To help the Board in its planning and to provide scope for its work ahead, the general secretary presents a draft agenda for the Board's next meeting.

DECISION: The Board approves its draft April 2020 meeting agenda as presented at this meeting.

81. General Secretary's Report

Statement: The general secretary reported on Secretariat work since the Board's October 2019 meeting and progress made on Secretariat initiatives during 2019–20.

DECISION: The Board receives the general secretary's report on the activities at the Secretariat since the October 2019 Board meeting.

82. Treasurer's Report

Statement: Rotary Code of Policies section 29.040.2. requires the treasurer to report on the status of RI finances at each Board meeting.

DECISION: The Board thanks Treasurer Stovall for his report on the status of RI finances.

83. Communications from the Trustees

Statement: At their October 2019 and January 2020 meetings, the Foundation Trustees took several decisions of interest to the Board. The Trustees had requested the Board to approve an amendment to the Foundation's bylaws that was required after action at the 2019 Council on Legislation regarding removal of a Trustee, and further requested Board action to terminate membership of a Rotarian for Foundation stewardship violations.

DECISION: The Board

1. notes the following decisions from the October 2019 Trustees meeting:

22. Communications from the Board
24. 2020–21 Annual Goals
26. Election of Officers for 2020–21
28. Strategic Planning Committee Report
31. Reconsideration of Rotarian Sanction
32. TRF Bylaws Amendment
40. Joint Committee on Partnership
41. Resource Partnership Opportunity
42. Environmental Issues
44. New Partner to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative
49. Report on Allegations

2. in accordance with The Rotary Foundation Bylaws section 9.4, amends the Rotary Foundation Bylaws as follows:

Section 3.5 — Removal. [text omitted] For good and sufficient cause, and upon notice to all the trustees and the trustee concerned (who shall be given an opportunity to be heard), a trustee may be removed by the three-fourths vote of the directors of the corporate member. ~~Such removal shall be effective upon ratification of the directors' action by majority vote at the next scheduled convention of the corporate member.~~

3. requests the Rotary Club of La Romana Rio Dulce, Dominican Republic, to terminate the membership of Moises Sifren Juan for breaching Rotary Foundation stewardship policies;

4. notes the following decisions from the January 2020 Trustees meeting:

62. Trustee Adviser from Japan
63. Timing of Committee Meetings
64. Approval of 2020–21 Committee Structure and Appointments
65. Foundation Role Descriptions
67. Official Participants at the International Assembly
75. 2019–20 Alumni Awards Recipients
81. Possible Associate Foundation in Korea

84. Petitions to the Board

Statement. The Board reviewed two petitions from Rotary clubs and districts:

- from the Rotary Club of Riccione-Cattolica, Italy, requesting the Board to invalidate the admission of a new Rotary club for alleged non-compliance with RI policy regarding the creation of a new club.
- from the RIBI Executive Governing Council, requesting the Board to reinstate the Rotaract upper age limit.

DECISION: The Board, the Executive Committee acting on its behalf, requests the general secretary to follow-through on the petitions received at this meeting in accordance with discussion at this meeting.

85. Updates to the Rotary Code of Policies

Statement: Board policy requires the general secretary, at the conclusion of each Board meeting, to review the decisions taken by the Board at that meeting and to prepare a report listing the decisions that might be added to the Rotary Code of Policies. The general secretary provided suggested amendments to the Code based upon decisions taken by the Board at its October 2019 meeting and further recommended amendments to the Code to reflect current practices, language, or other factors.

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

86. 2020–21 RI Committee Appointments

Statement: RI Bylaws section 17.010. mandates that the Board establish standing committees on communications, constitution and bylaws, conventions, districting, election review, finance, and Rotaract and Interact, as well as such other committees as it may determine are in Rotary’s best interest. The number of members and terms of reference for all other committees are determined by the Board. President-elect Knaack presented his 2020–21 committee appointments for the Board’s review. In accordance with decision 37, October 2019, the Board must approve by a two-thirds majority the addition of any advisers to Board committees.

DECISION: The Board

1. approves President-elect Knaack’s recommendations for the 2020–21 RI and joint RI/TRF committees as shown in Appendix D (filed only with the official copy of these minutes) and requests the president-elect to invite the listed persons to serve in their respective roles;
2. authorizes the president-elect to appoint a replacement if any of the listed persons is unable to serve;
3. approves by a two-thirds vote the appointment of committee advisers as shown in Appendix D;
4. offers congratulations, encouragement, and support to all committee members for the next Rotary year.

87. Election Review Committee Report

Statement: In accordance with Board policy, the Election Review Committee reviewed three election complaints received by the general secretary since the Board’s last meeting and offered its recommendations to the Board.

DECISION: The Board

1. receives the complaint of the Rotary Club of Chennai Pearls, Tamil Nadu, India concerning the election of the 2022–23 governor of District 3232 (India) and
 - a. finds that the winning candidate, Dr. N. Nandakumar, meets the eligibility requirements of the RI Bylaws;
 - b. does not find any evidence of campaigning in violation of the RI Bylaws or of non-eligible clubs being allowed to vote;

- c. dismisses the complaint of the Rotary Club of Chennai Pearls and confirms the selection of Rotarian Dr. N. Nandakumar as the 2022–23 governor of District 3232;
2. receives the complaint of the Rotary Club of Malolos, Bulacan, Philippines concerning the selection of the 2021–22 governor of District 3770 (Philippines) and
 - a. notes that the RI Bylaws provide that districts may use a nominating committee, mail ballot, or district conference to select a governor;
 - b. notes that RI has previously advised the district leadership that RI is not in a position to determine the validity of a 2016 district resolution authorizing the use of a mail ballot;
 - c. finds that the Rotary Club of Malolos did not present evidence that 2018–19 governor Celso C. Cruz acted outside his authority in conducting a mail ballot to select the 2021–22 governor from the district;
 - d. dismisses the Rotary Club of Malolos’ complaint and confirms selection of Rotarian Arturo Que as the 2021–22 governor of District 3770;
3. receives the complaint of the Rotary Club of Downtown Batangas City, Batangas, Philippines concerning the election of the 2021–22 governor of District 3820 (Philippines) and
 - a. notes that the validation and counting of ballots in district elections is the responsibility of the district balloting committee;
 - b. finds that the balloting committee in District 3820 acted fairly and within its authority in determining the validity of the ballot cast by the Rotary Club of Tayabas Central;
 - c. dismisses the complaint of the Rotary Club of Downtown Batangas City and confirms the selection of Rotarian Angelita Sunio as the 2021–22 governor of District 3820;
4. thanks the Election Review Committee for its service to the Board.

88. Service Awards Committee Report

Statement: The Service Above Self Award is one of the highest honors a Rotarian can receive. Up to 150 awards

can be granted annually for outstanding humanitarian service. Rotary annually recognizes one outstanding Rotary Foundation alumnus with the Rotary Alumni Global Service Award and one exemplary alumni association with the Rotary Alumni Association of the Year Award. The RI Service Awards Selection Committee met via webinar in December 2019 to review nominations for these awards and submitted its recommendations to the Board.

DECISION: The Board

1. approves the 145 recipients of the 2019–20 RI Service Above Self Award, as shown in Appendix E, filed only with the official copy of these minutes;
2. confirms that the selection results for the Service Above Self Award shall be kept confidential until the presentations of the awards have been made;
3. selects the individuals as shown in Appendix E as the primary recipient and alternate recipient of the 2019–20 Rotary Alumni Global Service Award;
4. requests the general secretary to notify the Rotary Alumni Global Service Award recipient and confirm the recipient’s commitment to receive the award;
5. authorizes the general secretary, on behalf of the Board, to designate the alternate as the Rotary Alumni Global Service Award recipient if the primary award recipient cannot receive the award in person at the 2020 RI (Honolulu) Convention;
6. selects the alumni association as shown in Appendix E as the recipient of the 2019–20 Rotary Alumni Association of the Year Award;
7. requests the general secretary to notify the association and confirm its commitment to receive the award at the 2020 RI Convention in Honolulu.

89. Shaping Rotary’s Future Committee Report: Volunteer Model

Statement: The Shaping Rotary’s Future Committee met on 12–13 November 2019 and discussed Board feedback from its October 2019 meeting, the process for RI director selection and the relationship the director role has to regions, the district governor’s role, factors for determining Rotary regions, strategic alliances with other organizations, the process for selecting the RI president, and a possible new volunteer structure model, among other topics.

DECISION: The Board thanks the Shaping Rotary’s Future Committee for its report.

90. Trustees Election Eligibility

Statement: President Maloney suggested the Board make amendments to its procedures for electing Rotary Foundation trustees.

DECISION: The Board amends its procedures for electing Rotary Foundation trustees as follows:

26.110.4. Election of Rotary Foundation Trustees by the RI Board

The president-elect shall submit to the RI Board for election, no later than at its second meeting each year, the names of the individuals he or she nominates as Rotary Foundation Trustees. Presidents-elect are requested 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. Current directors shall not be eligible to be nominated by the president-elect or elected by the Board.

91. Directors’ Attendance at the 2022 Council on Legislation

Statement: Noting that the 2019 Council on Legislation adopted an enactment reducing the number of directors who serve as non-voting members of the Council to just one is impractical for the Board’s required work at a Council, President Maloney suggested the Board submit legislation to the 2020 Council on Resolutions that would reinstate all directors as non-voting members.

DECISION: The Board requests the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to draft an enactment for possible submission to the 2020 Council on Resolutions that would make all directors non-voting members of the councils, for report to the Board at its April 2020 meeting.

92. Rotary Clubs in the United Arab Emirates

Statement: In decision 180, May 2019, the Board received a report on matters of concern regarding Rotary clubs in the United Arab Emirates and requested the general secretary, in consultation with director Babalola to further investigate the matter. After an October 2019 visit to the area clubs by RI’s general counsel, and with the advice of local legal counsel, the general secretary reported that the matters appear to be resolved but that they should continue to be monitored.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks Director Babalola and the general secretary for the update on Rotary clubs in the United Arab Emirates;
2. requests the general secretary to continue to monitor clubs in the United Arab Emirates to ensure that they comply with local legal requirements and Rotary's constitutional documents and policies.

DECISIONS 93–98

2019 Council on Resolutions Requests

Statement: The 2019 Council on Resolutions met on 14 October–15 November 2019 and adopted six resolutions for the Board's consideration.

93. To Consider Recommending That Clubs Form a Strategy Committee

Statement: Noting the importance of mid- to long-term strategic planning for a club's success, the 2019 Council on Resolutions approved Resolution 19R-05 proposed by the Rotary Club of Winterthur, Switzerland, and Districts 1980 and 2000 (Switzerland and Liechtenstein), requesting the Board to consider recommending that clubs form a strategy committee.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks Rotary Club of Winterthur, Switzerland, and Districts 1980 and 2000 for their Resolution 19R-05;
2. notes that the Club Leadership Plan and Club Strategic Planning Guide currently encourage clubs to implement a strategic plan and strategic planning team;
3. requests the general secretary to continue to work with clubs in following the Club Leadership Plan and Club Strategic Planning Guide to help clubs establish a strong strategic directive;
4. notes that any club may form a Strategy Committee if it wishes to do so, but declines to make this a specific recommendation at this time.

94. To Consider Recommending Guidelines for Rotaract Clubs

Statement: Noting that a new Rotaract club's success can depend upon it following best practices regarding minimum number of club members, service activities, public image, and finances, the 2019 Council on Resolutions approved Resolution 19R-15 proposed by

District 2660 (Japan), requesting the Board to consider recommending guidelines for Rotaract clubs.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks District 2660 (Japan) for resolution 19R-15;
2. notes that under current practice, in addition to information provided in the Rotaract Handbook, Rotaract clubs are provided guidelines through:
 - a) mandatory adoption of the Standard Rotaract Club Constitution and Rotaract club bylaws, which outline best practices for establishing successful and sustainable clubs, including election and training of club leaders, appropriate service activities, Rotary Marks usage, and fiduciary responsibilities;
 - b) routine Secretariat communication with Rotaract club leaders regarding strategies for club and membership growth, promotion of club activities, fundraising, Rotary's Brand Center, and training materials for Rotaract leaders available in Rotary's online Learning Center.

95. To Publicize Rotary's Achievements and Activities, Including Vocational Service

Statement: Noting that the Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service and that through Rotary's many activities this ideal can be inspired in others and positively impact Rotary's membership, the 2019 Council on Resolutions approved Resolution 19R-17 proposed by District 2580 (Japan) requesting the Board to consider publicizing all of Rotary's achievements and activities, including vocational service.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks District 2580 (Japan) for Resolution 19R-17;
2. notes that Rotary's achievements are regularly publicized in *The Rotarian*, on rotary.org, and other Rotary outlets;
3. acknowledges the importance of publicizing the work of clubs and districts within the avenues of service and encourages clubs to publicize their service accomplishments through the Rotary Showcase page (www.rotary.org/showcase).

96. To Consider Emphasizing Vocational Service for the Purpose of Membership Development

Statement: Noting that through Rotary's unique vocational service concept, Rotarians can provide wide-ranging service activities and that vocational service may contribute to professional success, and further noting that many younger prospective members cite commitment to career development as a hindrance to joining Rotary, the 2019 Council on Resolutions approved Resolution 19R-18 proposed by District 2580 (Japan) requesting the Board to consider emphasizing vocational service for the purposes of membership development.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks District 2580 (Japan) for Resolution 19R-18;
2. encourages clubs to promote professional development and vocational service as a means to recruit young professionals to existing clubs or to start new clubs that better reflect their interests, communities, and activities.

97. To Consider Informing Rotarians about the Progress of RI's Tax Status Change

Statement: Noting that the 2019 Council on Legislation approved the Board's plan to change Rotary International's tax status under the United States Internal Revenue code to a 501(c)(3) and that doing so would result in significant savings to the organization, the 2019 Council on Resolutions approved Resolution 19R-21 proposed by District 2660 (Japan) requesting the Board to consider informing Rotarians about the progress of RI's tax status change.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks District 2660 (Japan) for Resolution 19R-21;
2. notes that RI is awaiting confirmation from the Internal Revenue Service that RI will retain its group tax exemption for U.S. Rotary clubs upon a conversion to a Section 501(c)(3) organization;
3. agrees with Resolution 19R-21's request and requests the general secretary to periodically update Rotarians of progress in this process.

98. Resolutions Requesting Trustee Action

Statement: The 2019 Council on Resolutions approved two resolutions regarding the Rotary Foundation that require consideration by the Trustees.

DECISION: The Board submits the following two resolutions passed by the 2019 Council on Resolutions to the Trustees for consideration:

- 19R-26: To request the Trustees to consider allowing modifications to the original approved budget for a global grant.
- 19R-30: To request the Trustees to consider making global grant funding available for local electricity supply projects.

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99. Official Directory

Statement: The general secretary reported that in ongoing efforts to streamline Secretariat activities and reduce operational costs, a recently completed audit of the Official Directory concluded that due to low over-all usage of the publication, the high cost of its production, and changes to how the data in the directory is used today, continued production of the Official Directory is no longer viable. Also, the general secretary noted that much of the information in the directory is subject to change or becomes obsolete soon after it is printed and that most of the data found in the Official Directory will be up-to-date and available to Rotarians via the My Rotary website.

DECISION: The Board

1. noting the low usage and high cost of its production, agrees to cease producing the Official Directory as of 1 July 2020;
2. requests the general secretary to communicate to clubs, districts, and senior leaders the availability on My Rotary of information that was previously found in the Official Directory;
3. amends the Rotary Code of Policies regarding the Official Directory as shown in Appendix F, filed only with the official copy of these minutes.

100. Networking and Service Groups Committee Report

Statement: The Networking and Service Groups Committee met on 14-15 November 2019 in Evanston,

Illinois, USA, and discussed possible amendments to Rotarian Action Group and Rotary Fellowships policies, the performance and status of current Rotarian Action Groups and Rotary Fellowships, consideration of opening Rotarian Action Groups to non-Rotarians, Rotary's new strategic plan, Rotary's diversity, equity, and inclusion statement, a project enhancement update, membership development initiatives, a Rotaract status update, and the exemption Rotary Fellowships maintain on fundraising at Rotary conventions, among other topics.

DECISION: The Board

1. in support of Rotary's strategic priority to enhance participant engagement by growing and diversifying participation in Rotary and to increase Rotary's openness and appeal,
 - a. renames Rotarian Action Groups to Rotary Action Groups;
 - b. amends the Rotary Code of Policies regarding Rotary Fellowships and Rotary Action Groups as shown in Appendix G to provide for
 - i) Rotaractors and Peace Fellows to serve in Rotary Action Group and Fellowship leadership roles;
 - ii) non-Rotarians membership in Rotary Action Groups and Rotary Fellowships;and requests the general secretary to amend the Rotary Action Group Standard Bylaws accordingly;
2. in support of Rotary's strategic priority to increase our impact, requests the general secretary to encourage Rotary Institute conveners to invite Rotary Action Groups to showcase their work in support of club and district service activities;
3. in support of Rotary's strategic objective to enhance participant engagement and to increase awareness of Rotary Action Groups and Rotary Fellowships as vehicles for engagement, encourages Rotary's leaders to promote Rotary Action Groups and Rotary Fellowships in their districts and regions;
4. in support of Rotary's strategic objective to increase our ability to adapt by streamlining governance and processes, authorizes the general secretary to approve Rotary Fellowships on the Board's behalf

and to amend the Rotary Code of Policies accordingly (included in Appendix G);

5. to ensure consistency and equity in the treatment of Rotary Entities, discontinues, effective 1 July 2020, the fundraising exemption provided to Rotary Fellowships at RI conventions, and amends its Code of Policies section 35.040.4. and the Manual for Conventions accordingly, as shown in Appendix G.

101. Rotaract Per Capita Dues

Statement: In decision 11, "July" 2019, the Board established a task force to study how best to administer the 2019 Council on Legislation's enactment to admit Rotaract clubs to RI membership. The task force was charged to advise the Board on a possible Rotaract per capita dues rate, among other topics. The task force made several recommendations to the Board at its October 2019 meeting and in decision 57 from that meeting, the Board agreed in principle that Rotaractors shall pay per capita dues and requested the Elevate Rotaract Task Force to further research an appropriate dues rate. The general secretary reported that analysis of an extensive survey of 9,000 Rotaractors indicated that while support for a dues structure is mixed, there is a fee range that Rotaractors would be willing to pay, provided that there is a clear value obtained from paying dues. To accommodate Rotaractors in different stages of their education and career, the task force recommended that the Board establish a dual fee structure; one for university-based clubs and one for community-based clubs.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks the Elevate Rotaract Task Force for its report;
2. establishes a Rotaract per capita dues fee structure of US\$5.00 for university-based clubs and \$8.00 for community-based clubs per year, beginning 1 July 2022;
3. amends its decision 57, paragraph 6, October 2019, to eliminate the US\$50 one-time chartering fee for new Rotaract clubs, beginning 1 July 2022.

102. Rotaract Age Limit Policy

Statement: In decision 57, October 2019, the Board agreed to remove the upper age limit of Rotaract but maintained that the program is for young adults. The general secretary reported that while overall response to this decision has been positive, feedback from some Rotary institutes and other Rotary events indicated a

desire for flexibility in the policy to allow clubs to maintain an upper age limit if that is more appropriate to their club culture.

DECISION: The Board agrees that a Rotaract club may, but is not required to, establish upper age limits, provided that the club (in accordance with its bylaws) obtain the concurrence of its members and the sponsor club(s) (if applicable).

103. Process for Reporting of Interact Club Adviser

Statement: Noting that the Standard Interact Club Constitution requires that clubs report the name and contact information of their club adviser, but that the reporting process is problematic, resulting in many clubs not providing this information to the Secretariat, Director Cadorette suggested that the Board provide for the necessary technical improvements to allow Interact clubs to more easily complete this required administrative task.

DECISION: The Board requests the general secretary to implement the necessary technical improvements in the online reporting process (to be completed by no later than 30 June 2021) that will better facilitate compliance with the Standard Interact Club Constitution, Article 3 requiring Interact clubs to report to the Secretariat the contact information of their adult adviser.

104. Non-Rotarian Events at RI Convention

Statement: In decision 52, September 2016, the Board requested the general secretary to conduct a feasibility study to determine the type of events in conjunction with an RI convention that would attract non-Rotarian participation and increase Rotary's public image. In decision 53, October 2018, the Board received a phase 1 (insights) feasibility report on this concept, including data collection, community assessments, and organizational capacity analysis, and further requested the general secretary to proceed with a phase 2 (ideation) study, to include an exploration of subject matter options to maximize event impact. The Board reviewed a report from external contractor MCI that included a possible event concept and activities, event launch locations, sponsors, budgets, and other factors.

DECISION: The Board

1. approves the concept of the "Better World, Better You" festival as shown in Appendix H (filed only with the official copy of these minutes) as the non-Rotarian event at a Rotary convention;

2. agrees to launch the non-Rotarian event in Melbourne, Australia in May 2023;
3. approves governing the non-Rotarian event in a similar manner to non-standard pre-conventions, to include a convener and local taskforce to coordinate with the general secretary;
4. approves the "go/no-go" decisions, schedule, participants, and metrics as shown in Appendix H, for regular report to the Board;
5. approves supporting the non-Rotarian event for three years, beginning with the 2023 launch in Melbourne, and requests the general secretary to annually evaluate the event and provide a final report at the October 2025 Board meeting;
6. approves up to US\$500,000 from the convention reserve to support implementation of this non-Rotarian event.

105. Sergeant-at-Arms Policy

Statement: The Sergeant-at-Arms Committee meets every three years after the Council on Legislation. At its April 2019 meeting, the committee discussed, among other topics, enhancing its recruitment opportunities, the expense reimbursement policy for sergeants-at-arms, the practice of appointing couples to the committee, and ideas for ensuring balance in the sergeants-at-arms composition to include Rotarians with varying degrees of experience in the role.

DECISION: The Board

1. requests the general secretary to develop a reimbursement policy for sergeant-at-arms expenses at the International Convention, International Assembly, and Council on Legislation, to include travel expenses for attending the International Convention, beginning with the 2020 Honolulu Convention and approves a 2019–20 budget variance of up to US\$32,400 for this purpose;
2. agrees that a Rotarian may be appointed to serve as a sergeant-at-arms regardless whether the Rotarian has a partner and, if the Rotarian has a partner, regardless whether the partner is also willing to serve as a sergeant-at arms, beginning with the 2020 Honolulu Convention and approves a 2019–20 budget variance up to US\$12,200 for this purpose;

3. to provide opportunities for more Rotarians to serve as sergeants-at-arms, agrees that a sergeant-at-arms team shall comprise members with approximately
 - one-third having two years' or less prior experience as a sergeant-at-arms
 - one-third having three to five years' prior experience as a sergeant-at-arms
 - one-third having five or more years' experience as a sergeant-at-arms;
4. requests that future RI directors, and Convention Committee members recommend Rotarians experienced in the sergeant-at-arms role at the regional level for consideration as candidates on future sergeant-at-arms teams;
5. requests the general secretary to design a sergeant-at-arms evaluation procedure that can be used by the chief sergeant-at-arms to better inform the selection of a sergeant-at-arms team;
6. limits the number of times a Rotarian can serve as chief sergeant-at-arms for a given event to two;
7. requests the general secretary to amend the Rotary Code of Policies, the Sergeants-at-Arms Manual, and the appropriate events manuals accordingly.

106. Non Club-Based Participant Model Report

Statement: In decision 62, October 2018, the Board agreed to the development of a global membership test project that would provide for alternative paths into Rotary membership. Survey results have shown that the largest unmet need of Rotary's target audience is the facilitation of authentic and impactful mentoring and volunteering opportunities. In decision 167, April 2019, the Board requested the general secretary to continuing conducting non club-based participant model testing through 2022 and to report on the status of this testing at each Board meeting. The general secretary reported that the initial phase of this model seeks to establish a community where new participants can engage in discussion on relevant professional and service topics and access volunteer service opportunities to positively contribute to local and international communities. This community-based platform, called "Connect," is scheduled to launch in test markets later this Rotary year.

DECISION: The Board receives the general secretary's report on the non club-based participant model test.

107. Districting Committee Report

Statement: The Districting Committee met via correspondence throughout October and December 2019 to review district requests to change merger or split dates and to review two district boundary amendments.

DECISION: The Board

1. acknowledging local district consolidation efforts, agrees to merge District 9670 with District 9650 (Australia), effective 1 July 2022 if District 9670 does not reach 1,100 members by 1 July 2020, this decision to supersede earlier Board action in this regard;
2. splits District 9211(Tanzania, Uganda) into Districts 9213 and 9214, effective 1 July 2021, this decision to supersede earlier Board action in this regard;
3. approves an updated district boundary description for District 1890 (Germany), effective 1 July 2020, as presented at this meeting;
4. approves an updated district boundary description for District 2120 (Italy), effective 1 July 2021, as presented at this meeting.

108. Electronic Voting Pilot

Statement: To address the high number of election complaints in South Asia, the Board adopted an electronic voting pilot to be used whenever a mail ballot is needed in district and Zone elections in South Asia. Citing frequent election complaints, the general secretary recommended adding the Philippines and Bangladesh to this pilot. Director Garcia suggested further review of the underlining causes of disputes before taking this decision.

DECISION: The Board requests the general secretary to work with Director Garcia to develop a suggested pilot program to address the causes of election disputes in the Philippines and Bangladesh, for report at the April 2020 Board meeting.

109. Club Naming Pilot

Statement: In decision 67, October 2019, the Board requested the general secretary to design a pilot program whereby clubs may adopt a club name that is not in compliance with Board policy. A common exception request to club naming policy is for a club name to also include a company's name. The general secretary reported that the potential risks, liability concerns, and

sponsorship implications for this type of club naming practice are still being studied.

DECISION: The Board receives the general secretary's report on the design of a program whereby clubs may adopt a name that includes a third party company name and looks forward to the general secretary's report at the October 2020 Board meeting on how to operationalize such a program.

110. Regional Magazines Licensing Policy

Statement: For better continuity of Rotary content and messaging, the general secretary recommended increasing the term regional magazine advisory board members serve and the frequency of their meetings.

DECISION: The Board amends the Rotary Code of Policies regarding guidelines for Rotary regional magazine licensing as follows:

51.020.4. Guidelines for Rotary Regional Magazine Licensing

The Board has approved the following guidelines for Rotary regional magazine licensing:

[text omitted]

2. Regional magazines with circulation of 5,000 or more must be directly supervised by an advisory board consisting of at least six members, including a current governor or designate, a current incoming governor or designate, the magazine's editor in chief, and three past RI officers (preferably media professionals or members with communications experience). Regional magazines with circulation of less than 5,000 must be directly supervised by an advisory board consisting of a minimum of three members, including a current governor or designate, a current incoming governor or designate and the magazine's editor in chief. Members will serve for a period of at least ~~one~~ two years, and the advisory board must meet at least ~~once~~ twice a year. The advisory board shall fairly and equally represent the region it serves.

111. Rotary Day at the United Nations Report

Statement: The president wished to report to the Board on the 2019 Rotary Day at the United Nations.

DECISION: The Board receives the general secretary's report on the 2019 Rotary Day at the United Nations.

112. Simultaneous Interpretation at Training Events

Statement: The general secretary reported that at some regional Rotary training events where multiple languages are spoken but no simultaneous interpretation is provided, not all participants are fully benefiting from the training and that training organizers cite cost as the main barrier to providing interpretation at these events. Given the importance high quality training is for the success of Rotary's district governors, the general secretary suggested that the Board provide funding for simultaneous interpretation at Governors-Elect Training Seminars and Governors-Nominee Training Seminars where requested.

DECISION: The Board, recognizing the importance of full participant engagement at Governors-Elect Training Seminars and Governors-Nominee Training Seminars, agrees to fund simultaneous interpretation at these events as requested by the convener and requests the general secretary to budget annually for this purpose.

113. Finance Committee Report

Statement: In decision 62, October 2019, the Board agreed to a registration fee range for the 2021 Taipei Convention and requested the general secretary to further develop the convention's budget in consultation with the convention chair, vice chair, and president-elect. In decision 72, October 2019, the Board requested the Finance Committee to review the policies for annual membership assumptions used in preparing the budget and to recommend changes to more accurately reflect anticipated dues revenue. The Finance Committee met on 8 January 2020 to consider these requests. The committee also reviewed year-to-date financial dashboards, the 2020–21 district governors funding budget, and updates to the administrative services agreement between Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks the Finance Committee for its report;
2. agrees to the 2020–21 budget assumption as shown in Appendix I, filed only with the official copy of these minutes;
3. approves the 2020–21 district governors funding budget of US\$9,310,831;
4. approves the 2020–21 RI (Taipei) Convention budget of \$13,887,000 for revenues and \$14,483,000 for expenses;

5. sets the 2020–21 RI (Taipei) Convention registration fee based upon 25,000 registrants with corresponding registration fees, as shown in Appendix I;
6. approves renewal of the Administrative Services Agreement from 1 July 2020 through 1 July 2023, as shown in Appendix J, filed only with the official copy of these minutes.

114. Audit Committee Report

Statement: The Audit Committee met via webinar on 8 January 2020 to discuss recently issued audit reports, management action plans, trustees expense reporting policy, and the results of the annual survey to evaluate the performance of Rotary’s external audit firm, Deloitte.

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

115. Investment Committee Report

Statement: The Investment Committee met on 31 October 2019 to discuss investment strategy performance and met via webinar on 20 November 2019 to discuss possible amendments to the Statement of Investment Policy and Guidelines.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks the Investment Committee for its report;
2. approves the Statement of Investment Policy and Guidelines as shown in Appendix K, filed only with the official copy of these minutes.

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2019–20 Budget Review

Board-approved budget, 2019–20 (in US dollars)

Revenues:	111,639,000
Expenses:	<u>110,134,000</u>
Change in net assets:	1,505,000
Convention reserves:	1,215,000
GSF funded expenses:	<u>572,000</u>
Net total of revenue and reserve funding over expenses:	<u>3,292,000</u>

Decisions taken at this meeting impacting current year:

Expenses:	2019–20
Dec. 105 Sergeant-at-Arms Policy	\$44,600

Decisions taken at this meeting impacting future years:

Revenues:	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23
Dec. 101 Rotaract Per Capita Dues:			1,215,000
Expenses:	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23
Dec. 104 Non-Rotarian Event at RI Conv.:			250,000
Dec. 105 Sergeant-at-Arms Policy:	98,000	101,300	
Dec. 112 Simultaneous Interpretation at Training Events	81,000	83,500	86,000
Total:	(179,000)	(184,800)	879,000

Adjournment

The foregoing is a true record of the proceedings at the January 2020 Rotary International Board meeting.

Mark Daniel Maloney
President

Andrew McDonald
Secretary of the Meeting

ATTEST:

John Hewko
General Secretary, RI

APPENDIX A

RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS MADE BY THE PRESIDENT (Decision 78)

1. Waiver of Qualifications for Governor-nominee

Statement: Under the Board's terms of delegation of authority (Rotary Code of Policies section 27.040), the president is authorized to act on the Board's behalf in excusing a Rotarian from the qualifications for a district governor or governor-nominee specified in the RI Bylaws.

DECISION: The Board, the president acting on its behalf, in accordance with RI Bylaws section 16.010. or 16.020, excuses the following Rotarians from the qualifications for a governor or governor-nominee:

<u>Rotarian Name</u>	<u>Club Name</u>	<u>District</u>
Shinichi Kurokawa	Toyama South, Japan	2610
Gil Dindo Ocampo Berino	Cabanatuan North, Philippines	3770

APPENDIX B

RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS MADE BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY (Decision 79)

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 7 September through 13 December 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

Adarsha Cumilla, Bangladesh
Adhunik Chattogram, Bangladesh
Aparup Chattogram, Bangladesh
Bandar Nagar Chattogram, Bangladesh
Chittagong Prime, Bangladesh
Dadu Fayyaz Augham, Sind, Pakistan
Dhaka Stars, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Faiz Bagh Peshawar, K.P.K., Pakistan
Islamabad Platinum, Punjab, Pakistan
Jakarta Simatupang, South Jakarta, Indonesia
Jamshoro, Sindh, Pakistan
Jhang Executives, Punjab, Pakistan
Jhang Galaxy, Punjab, Pakistan
Karachi Nexus, Sind, Pakistan
Lahore Badshahi, Punjab, Pakistan
Lahore Darbar, Punjab, Pakistan
Lahore DHA, Punjab, Pakistan
Lahore Iqbal, Punjab, Pakistan
Mavericks Karachi, Sind, Pakistan
Modhumoti Khulna, Bangladesh
Orbit Cumilla, Bangladesh
Oronno Cumilla, Bangladesh
Parshuram, Bangladesh
Sohbat Pur, Balochistan, Pakistan
Sylhet Rising Star, Bangladesh
Sylhet Star, Bangladesh
Sylhet White Stone, Bangladesh

Zone 4

Alwar City, Rajasthan, India
Alwar Sariska, Rajasthan, India
Delhi Premier, Delhi, India
Delhi Regalia, Delhi, India

Zone 4 (cont.)

Delhi Regals, Delhi, India
Ghaziabad Anant, Uttar Pradesh, India
Ghaziabad Hindon, Uttar Pradesh, India
Ghaziabad Tejasvi, Uttar Pradesh, India
Hapur Platinum, Uttar Pradesh, India
Jaipur Crown, Rajasthan, India
New Kalyan, Maharashtra, India
Pehowa, Haryana, India
Thane Imperial, Maharashtra, India

Zone 5

Chennai Legends, Tamil Nadu, India
Cheyyar Angels, Tamil Nadu, India
Coimbatore Industrial City, Tamil Nadu, India
Colombo Circle, Sri Lanka
Gudiyatham Gold, Tamil Nadu, India
Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu, India
Perambalur Kings, Tamil Nadu, India
Tirupur Everest, Tamil Nadu, India
Tiruvannamalai Agni, Tamil Nadu, India

Zone 6

Adi Kalighat, West Bengal, India
Amroha Royal, Uttar Pradesh, India
Baliguda, Odisha, India
Bareilly Glory, Uttar Pradesh, India
Bareilly Sunrise, Uttar Pradesh, India
Bhubaneswar Unique, Odisha, India
Bodhgaya Regency, Bihar, India
Butwal Chautari, Nepal
Daringbadi, Odisha, India
Lumbini Stars, Nepal
Meerut Defence, Uttar Pradesh, India
Meerut Green, Uttar Pradesh, India
Meerut Shivam, Uttar Pradesh, India
Meerut Unique, Uttar Pradesh, India
Muzaffarnagar Shikhar, Uttar Pradesh, India
Nawabganj Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh, India
Purastampur, Odisha, India
Salt Lake Silicon Valley, West Bengal, India
Salt Lake South, West Bengal, India
Shamli Stars, Uttar Pradesh, India

Zone 7

Bengaluru Chandralayout, Karnataka, India
Hassan Heritage, Karnataka, India
Mangalagiri, Andhra Pradesh, India
Maruteru Central, Andhra Pradesh, India
Pimpri Chinchwad Industrial Town, Maharashtra, India
Pune Phoenix, Maharashtra, India
Ravet, Maharashtra, India
Udyognagari Pimpri, Maharashtra, India

Zone 8

Coomera Waters, Queensland, Australia
Macedon Ranges, Victoria, Australia
Melbourne Passport, Victoria, Australia
Ormeau-Pimpama, Queensland, Australia

Zone 9

Chung Li Sunshine, Taiwan
Shenyang Dynasty, People's Republic of China
Taichung Tung In, Taiwan
Tainan Diamond, Taiwan
Taipei Da Tang Fong, Taiwan
Taipei Jinhua, Taiwan
Taipei Rui Ke, Taipei City, Taiwan
Taipei Rui Yin, Taipei City, Taiwan
Taipei Ruisheng, Taipei City, Taiwan
Taipei Songzhi, Taiwan
Taipei Tianai, Taiwan
Taoyuan Neolink, Taoyuan City, Taiwan

Zone 10

Alaminos, Pangasinan, Philippines
Catbalogan City, Samar, Philippines
Ibaan, Batangas, Philippines
Lipa Midwest, Batangas, Philippines
Mandaluyong Biyaya, Metro Manila, Philippines
Muang Tonnam Cha-uat, Thailand
Plaridel Luminary, Bulacan, Philippines
Proud Nakhon, Nakhonsithammarat, Thailand
Quezon City Big Bike Riders, NCR, Philippines
Tagaytay City, Cavite, Philippines
Tagaytay Premier, Cavite, Philippines
Valenzuela Sunrise, Metro Manila, Philippines

Zone 11

Jucheon, Gangwon, Korea, Republic of
Seosan Songwha, Chungcheongnam, Korea, Republic of
Taeon Hangyeol, Chungcheongnam, Korea, Republic of

Zone 12

Busan Dongbu, Busan, Korea, Republic of
Daejeon Chunghwa, Daejeon, Korea, Republic of
Daejeon Gold, Daejeon, Korea, Republic of
Daejeon Inhwa, Daejeon, Korea, Republic of
Ganggyeong Jeil, Chungcheongnam, Korea, Republic of
Masan Calla, Gyeongsangnam, Korea, Republic of
Ulsan Bongwoori, Ulsan, Korea, Republic of

Zone 14

Turchino, Italy

Zone 15

E-Club Palatinate Global, Germany

Zone 19

Ythan Valley, Aberdeenshire, Scotland

Zone 20

Rotterdam Feijenoord, Netherlands

Zone 21

Belgrade International, Republic of Serbia
E-club of Moldova International, Republic of Moldova
Fälticeni, Romania
Iraklion-El Greco, Greece
Istanbul-Bebek, Turkey
Palm Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Rethymno, Greece
Rodos-Kolossos, Greece
Sombor-Dunav, Republic of Serbia
Trabzon Ortahisar, Turkey
Wien-Belvedere, Austria
Zagreb Grič, Croatia
Žilina International, Slovakia

Zone 22

Arua Eco City, Uganda
Benin GRA, Edo State, Nigeria
Bujumbura Inyange, Burundi
Bungoma-Elgon, Kenya
Cairo Enigma, Egypt
Casablanca Golf Epicure, Morocco
E-Club of Uganda Global, Uganda
Embakasi, Kenya
Giza Lotus, Egypt
Itezhi-Tezhi, Zambia
Kigo, Uganda
Koko, Delta State, Nigeria
Mbarara City, Uganda
Nairobi-Connect, Kenya
New Heliopolis, Egypt
Ol Kalou, Kenya
Ololulung'a, Kenya
Plantation City, Otokutu, Delta State, Nigeria
Port Harcourt Golf Estate, Rivers State, Nigeria
Port-Harcourt West, Rivers State, Nigeria
St Francis, South Africa

Zone 23

Caçapava do Sul-Maria Augusta, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil
Cascavel-Maria Luiza, Paraná, Brazil
Coronel Oviedo Centro, Paraguay
Héroes de San Juan, Lima, Peru
Maringá-FEITEP, Paraná, Brazil
Porto Rico, Paraná, Brazil
São Pedro do Paraná, Paraná, Brazil
Zapallar, Valparaíso, Chile

Zone 24

Anápolis-DAIA, Goiás, Brazil
Arujá-Sul, São Paulo, Brazil
E-Club de Motociclistas, Brazil
Itanhangá, Mato Grosso, Brazil
São Bernardo do Campo-Novo Horizonte, São Paulo, Brazil

Zone 25

Cancún Conmemorativo, Quintana Roo, Mexico
Cuaauhahuac Cuernava, Morelos, Mexico
Juárez Educación y Salud, Chihuahua, Mexico

Zone 25 (cont.)

Mérida English, Yucatán, Mexico
 Nueva Generación Navolato, Sinaloa, Mexico
 Reforma Torre Mayor, Mexico City, Mexico

Zone 26

Silicon Valley Rainbow, California, USA

Zone 27

Graham Frederickson Eatonville, Washington, USA

Zone 29

Melrose Park Cosmopolita, Illinois, USA
 Minnesota Veterans (District 5950), Minnesota, USA

Zone 31

Youngsville, Louisiana, USA

Zone 33

Buckhannon Upshur, West Virginia, USA

Zone 34

Canóvanas-Río Grande, Puerto Rico

2. 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>
Agargaon Dhaka, Bangladesh	Dhaka Abani, Bangladesh
Amtala, West Bengal, India	Ankur Kolkata, West Bengal, India
Avranches, Manche, France	Avranches Mont Saint Michel, Manche, France
Bangkok First, Thailand	Bangkok Central, Thailand
Bartram Trail-Jacksonville, Florida, USA	Bartram Trail - Julington Creek, Florida, USA
Basse Terre Fort Saint Charles, Guadeloupe	Pont de l'Alliance, Guadeloupe
Big Pine & Lower Keys, Florida, USA	The Lower Keys, Florida, USA
Busan Sinoryun, Busan, Korea, Republic of	Busan-Baekyangsan, Busan, Korea, Republic of
Cefalù, Italy	Cefalù-Madonie, Italy
Changhua Genesis, Taiwan	Yuanlin Genesis, Taiwan
Chennai North, Tamil Nadu, India	Chennai Legacy, Tamil Nadu, India

From

Chennai South, Tamil Nadu, India
 Daegu Womanlife, Daegu, Korea, Republic of
 Daejeon Deamyung, Daejeon, Korea, Republic of
 Dallas North, Texas, USA
 Dongtan Shindosi, Gyeonggi, Korea, Republic of
 Dongtan, Gyeonggi, Korea, Republic of
 Duwamish Southside, Washington, USA
 E-Club del Uruguay D4970, Montevideo, Uruguay
 E-Club of Belgium 1, Belgium
 E-Club of District 7300, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA
 E-Club of District 7530, West Virginia, USA
 E-Club of Kanagawa 2780, Kanagawa, Japan
 E-Club of Seoul Foto, Seoul, Korea, Republic of
 Ferndown, Dorset, England
 Flórida-Lobato, Paraná, Brazil
 Fort Mohave Sunrise, Arizona, USA
 Gimpo Woman, Gyeonggi, Korea, Republic of
 Hwaseong Ladies, Gyeonggi, Korea, Republic of
 Jeju Baeknyeondocho, Jeju, Korea, Republic of
 Jeonju Leaders Woman, Jeonrabug, Korea, Republic of
 Kampala City-Makerere, Uganda
 Kupang Timor Raya, Indonesia
 Kyongsan Queens, Gyeongsangbug, Korea, Republic of
 Lake/Green, Ohio, USA
 Lamentin Cœur Caraïbes, Martinique
 Legaspi West, Albay, Philippines

To

Chennai Sagar, Tamil Nadu, India
 Daegu Life, Daegu, Korea, Republic of
 Daejeon Daemyung, Daejeon, Korea, Republic of
 Preston Hollow, Texas, USA
 Dongtan, Gyeonggi, Korea, Republic of
 Dongtan Star, Gyeonggi, Korea, Republic of
 Bellevue Eastside, Washington, USA
 E-Club 4970, Montevideo, Uruguay
 E-Club of Belgium 1 Passport, Belgium
 E-Club of District 7305, Pennsylvania, USA
 E-Club of District 7545, West Virginia, USA
 Arcus Shonan, Kanagawa, Japan
 Seoul Young Leaders Bridge, Seoul, Korea, Republic of
 Ferndown & Parley, Dorset, England
 Flórida, Paraná, Brazil
 Mohave Sunrise, Arizona, USA
 Gimpo Geumbit, Gyeonggi, Korea, Republic of
 Hwaseong Angel, Gyeonggi, Korea, Republic of
 Jeju Angel, Jeju, Korea, Republic of
 Jeonju Leaders, Jeonrabug, Korea, Republic of
 Makerere Rainbow Kampala, Uganda
 Kupang Central, Indonesia
 Gyeongsan Quinze, Gyeongsangbug, Korea, Republic of
 Lake Township, Ohio, USA
 Cœur Caraïbes (Lamentin), Martinique
 Legazpi West, Albay, Philippines

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Leiden Oost, The Netherlands	Leiden de Burcht, The Netherlands
Lexington Sunrise, Kentucky, USA	Lexington After Hours, Kentucky, USA
Llangollen Dee Valley, Clwyd, Wales	Hawarden Dee Valley, Clwyd, Wales
Miami Dadeland-Pinecrest, Florida, USA	Rotary Club of Pinecrest, Florida, USA
Middletown-Odessa, Delaware, USA	Middletown-Odessa-Townsend, Delaware, USA
Muggia, Italy	Trieste Alto Adriatico, Italy
New Kent County, Virginia, USA	New Kent, Virginia, USA
Nugegoda, Sri Lanka	PanColombo, Sri Lanka
Oakhurst Sierra Sunrise, California, USA	Oakhurst Sunrise
Osan Woojin, Gyeonggi, Korea, Republic of	Osan Mulhyanggi, Gyeonggi, Korea, Republic of
Osnabrück Friedensreiter, Germany	Friedensstadt Osnabrück, Germany
Pallanza-Stresa, Italy	Pallanza-Stresa del Verbano-Cusio-Ossola, Italy
Richland Township (Johnstown), Pennsylvania, USA	Johnstown Sunset, Pennsylvania, USA
Roquebrune-sur-Argens-Le Rocher, Var, France	Roquebrune-sur-Argens / Puget sur Argens "Le Rocher", Var, France
San Pedro Huaquilpan (Valle de San Javier), Hidalgo, Mexico	Valle de San Javier, Hidalgo, Mexico
Seawoods Grand Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, India	Navi Mumbai Grand, Maharashtra, India
Sendhwa Town, Madhya Pradesh, India	Sendhwa, Madhya Pradesh, India
Sherrill, New York, USA	Vernon-Verona-Sherrill Community, New York, USA
Southern Midlands, Tasmania, Australia	Tasmania Passport, Tasmania, Australia
St. George, Quebec, Canada	St-Georges, Quebec, Canada
Swansea Valley, Wales	Cwmtawe, Wales
Taipei Chang Qing, Taiwan	Taipei Chang Ching, Taiwan
Taliparamba Town, Kerala, India	Taliparamba, Kerala, India
Thane Harbour, Maharashtra, India	Thane Royales, Maharashtra, India
The Greater Heights of Cleveland, Ohio, USA	The Heights of Greater Cleveland, Ohio, USA
Tucumán Ciudadela y Noroeste, Tucumán, Argentina	Jardín del Tucumán, Tucumán, Argentina
Vernon, Eure, France	Vernon-Giverny, Eure, France

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Walsum/Niederrhein, Germany	Dinslaken-Walsum, Germany
Walworth-Fonata, Wisconsin, USA	Geneva Lake West, Wisconsin, USA

3. 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 IV 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:

288 Corridor (Pearland), Texas, USA
 Bribie Island, Qld, Australia
 Carnoux-Roquefort la Bédoule, Bouches-du-Rhône, France
 Cayenne-Est, French Guiana
 Club Rotario de Jean Thomson-Los Hornos, Buenos Aires, Argentina
 E-Club of Cheongju Leaders, Korea, Republic of
 Ishikawa, Fukushima, Japan
 Kuroiso, Japan
 Praga Caput Regni, Czech Republic
 Reynolds County-Ellington, Missouri, USA

4. Ballot-by-Mail – Council on Legislation Representative

Statement: Under the terms of delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary, in accordance with Rotary Code of Policies section 32.040.1., may authorize a district to select the representative and the alternative representative to the councils in a ballot-by-mail.

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, authorizes the following district to select the Council representative and alternate in a ballot-by-mail in accordance with RI Bylaws section 9.080:

<u>District</u>	<u>Rotary Year Serving</u>
9510	2020-2021

5. 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:

<u>Clubs</u>	<u>New Club</u>	<u>New Charter Date</u>
Salem Smart City, Tamil Nadu, India	Salem Smart City, Tamil Nadu, India	29 August 2017
Salem Hasthampatti, Tamil Nadu, India		
Vercelli S. Andrea, Italy	Sant'Andrea	24 March 1983
Santhià-Crescentino, Italy	Vercelli-Santheià-Crescentino, Italy	
Ipatinga-Ribeirão Ipanema, Minas Gerais, Brazil	Ipatinga-Ribeirão Ipanema, Minas Gerais, Brazil	9 January 1986
Ipatinga-Norte, Minas Gerais, Brazil		
Antelope Valley Sunrise (Palmdale), California, USA	Antelope Valley, California, USA	1 May 1950
Palmdale, California, USA		
Rosamond, California, USA		
Kilmarnock-Irvington-White Stone, Virginia, USA	The Northern Neck (Kilmarnock, Irvington, White Stone), Virginia, USA	5 July 1929
Northern Neck (Lancaster County), Virginia, USA		
Manatee Riverside, Florida, USA	Manatee River, Florida, USA	23 November 1955
West Bradenton, Florida, USA		

6. 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>
1430	Ilomantsi, Finland
1580	Amsterdam-Oost, Netherlands
1610	Rucphen-Zundert-Halderberge, Netherlands
2490	Givatayim, Israel
2490	Gan Yavne, Israel
2550	Kanuma Awano, Tochigi, Japan
2680	Toyooka Mikata Reiwa, Hyogo, Japan

<u>District</u>	<u>Club Name</u>
3620	Asan Smart, Chungcheongnam, Korea, Republic of
4560	Lavras-Dos Ipês, Minas Gerais, Brazil
4563	Mogi das Cruzes-Norte, São Paulo, Brazil
4571	Taubaté-Joana Martins Castilho, São Paulo, Brazil
4621	Sorocaba-Bandeirantes, São Paulo, Brazil
4652	Gravatal-Energia das Águas, Santa Catarina, Brazil
4895	Liniers-Parque Avellaneda, Buenos Aires, Argentina
6860	North Shelby-Inverness, Alabama, USA
7120	Scottsville, New York, USA
7890	Monson, MA, USA
9520	South Mildura, South Australia, Australia
9670	Myall Coast, Australia
9710	Canberra North, ACT, Australia
9800	Yarra Bend, Victoria, Australia
9930	Kihikihi, New Zealand

7. 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>
1470	Ærø, Denmark
1470	Faaborg Fjord, Denmark
2241	Sinaia, Romania
2290	Gimsøy, Norway
3132	Latur City, Maharashtra, India
3142	Navi Mumbai APMC, Maharashtra, India
3220	Kandy Regency, Sri Lanka
3770	Hagonoy Ang Bayang Kay Ganda
3800	Caloocan Silangan
4391	Barra de São Miguel, Alagoas, Brazil
4563	Guarulhos-Leste, São Paulo, Brazil
4571	Belford Roxo, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
4571	Petrópolis-Itaipava
4571	Pindamonhangaba-Princesa do Norte, São Paulo, Brazil
4751	Colatina-Rio Doce, Espírito Santo, Brazil
4851	Concepción, S.J., Argentina
4851	General Paz-Córdoba, Córdoba, Argentina
4851	Jujuy Tacita de Plata, Jujuy, Argentina
5100	Salem Sunset, Oregon, USA
5230	E-Club of Peninsula, California, USA
5495	Prescott Valley, Arizona, USA
5520	Alpine, Texas, USA
5810	Lancaster, Texas, USA
6670	Moraine, Ohio, USA
6890	Avon Park Breakfast, Florida, USA

<u>District</u>	<u>Club Name</u>
7090	E-Club of The Planet Shakers D7090, New York, USA
7120	Hornell, New York, USA
7475	Wharton, New Jersey, USA
7505	Palmyra-Riverton-Cinnaminson, New Jersey, USA
9370	Queensburgh, South Africa

8. 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 3.030.3., terminates the membership in RI of the following Rotary clubs:

<u>District</u>	<u>Club Name</u>	<u>Admitted</u>	<u>Terminated</u>
3730	Gangneung-Saimdang, Gangweon, Korea, Republic of	30 September 2010	6 December 2019
4521	Caratinga-Leste, Minas Gerais, Brazil	24 January 1975	11 November 2019
4521	Santana do Paraíso, Minas Gerais, Brazil	2 March 2012	11 November 2019
4530	Brasília-Plano Piloto, Distrito Federal, Brazil	6 June 2012	24 October 2019
4563	E-Club do Distrito 4610	23 June 2016	11 November 2019
4730	Ipiranga, Paraná, Brazil	18 May 2017	11 November 2019

9. Recognition of new Rotary Fellowships

Statement: Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary is authorized to recognize Rotary Fellowships, in consultation with the Networking and Service Groups Committee.

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, recognizes the following new Rotary Fellowship:

Rotary Peace Fellowship Alumni Association

10. Request to Form a Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organization

Statement: In accordance with the policy established by the Board with respect to multidistrict activities, the governors and Rotaract representatives requested the Board’s approval to form a Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organization.

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, in accordance with established policy concerning multidistrict activities, recognizes and authorizes the governors and Rotaract clubs in districts 7600 and 6840 to participate in Ascention Rotaract Network Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organization Representing Districts 7600 and 6840 subject to the activities being organized and conducted in accordance with RI policy.

11. Request to Join Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organization—Districts 1660, 1690, 2032, 2080, 2201, 2420, 2430, and 2440

Statement: In accordance with the policy established by the Board with respect to multidistrict activities, the governors and Rotaract representatives for Districts 1660, 1690, 2032, 2080, 2201, 2420, 2430, and 2440 request the Board’s approval to participate in Rotaract activities on a multidistrict level.

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, in accordance with established policy concerning multidistrict activities, authorizes the governors and Rotaract clubs in Districts 1660, 1690, 2032, 2080, 2201, 2420, 2430, and 2440 to participate in Rotaract Mediterranean MDIO Multidistrict Information Organization representing Districts 55, 1660, 1690, 1700, 1730, 1760, 1912, 1913, 2032, 2060, 2071, 2080, 2090, 2100, 2110, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2420, 2430, 2440, 2451, 2452, 2470, 2483, 2484, 9010 subject to the activities being organized and conducted in accordance with RI policy.

APPENDIX G

AMENDMENTS TO THE ROTARY CODE OF POLICIES REGARDING ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS AND ROTARY ACTION GROUPS (Decision 100)

35.040.4. Rotary Fellowships

Any sales of merchandise by Rotary Fellowships bearing the Rotary Marks shall comply with Rotary's brand standards by 30 June 2020, in accordance with Rotary Code section 34.030.18. All manufacture and sales of goods, including for fundraising purposes, shall comply with RI licensing policies, as they pertain to all Rotary Entities. No fundraising or sales of goods bearing the Rotary Marks will be permitted at the RI Convention from the project booth area in the House of Friendship beginning with the 2021 RI Convention (Taipei), as is required of all other Rotary Entities.

~~Rotary Fellowships need not be licensed by RI for the sale of merchandise at the RI Convention, so long as the fellowship meets the following requirements:~~

~~a) The products sold by the fellowship shall either carry the fellowship logo, or be event specific.~~

~~b) The fellowship shall submit a list of items and descriptions to the general secretary for review by 1 January and receive written approval before producing items for sale at the convention. Items that have not received express written approval from the general secretary cannot be sold at the convention.~~

~~c) The fellowship shall agree to purchase its goods from Official Licensees whenever reasonably available, or otherwise to get specific RI authorization, in accordance with Board policy.~~

~~d) Consistent with Board policy, the fellowship shall ensure that revenue gained from such sales~~

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42.020. Rotary Fellowships

42.020.1. Terms of Fellowships

A Rotary fellowship is a group of ~~Rotarians, their family members, Rotaractors, program participants, and alumni~~ individuals who globally unite around a common interest, vocation, or recreational activity with the primary purpose to network and further friendship. Membership in a fellowship is open to any interested

individual. Fellowship activities must be conducted independently of RI, but must be in harmony with RI policy, including the use of the Rotary Marks. Fellowships may not be used to promote religious beliefs, political issues, or other organizations. Recognition of a fellowship by RI in no way implies legal, financial or other obligation or responsibility on the part of RI, or any district or club. A fellowship may not act on behalf of RI, or represent or imply that it has authority to act on behalf of RI. A fellowship is not an agency of RI. Fellowships must be self-sustaining financially, administratively, and otherwise. Fellowships may not exist or function in any country in violation of the laws of such country. Individual Rotary Fellowships are not covered by RI insurance and are encouraged to assess their own risk and secure coverage as appropriate.

42.020.2. Criteria for Recognition

~~The general secretary, in consultation with the Global Networking Groups Committee, recognizes Rotary Fellowships on behalf of the Board.~~

To be recognized as a fellowship, a group shall:

- 1) Have at least 25 members representing at least five countries.
- 2) Not duplicate the purposes of an existing fellowship.
- 3) Be led by an active Rotarian, Rotaractor, or Peace Fellow.
- 4) Have governing documents (charter, constitution, bylaws, or similar documents), which shall be consistent with RI policy.
- 5) Propose a web presence strategy (such as a website, social media page, etc.).

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42.030. Rotarian Rotary Action Groups

42.030.1. Purpose and Membership

~~A Rotarian Rotary Action Group shall be an association of Rotarians, family members of Rotarians, program participants and alumni who have as their~~ internationally

organized group with subject-matter expertise and experience in a particular service area whose purpose is the advancement of the Object of Rotary by providing assistance and support to Rotary clubs, districts, and multidistricts in planning and implementing large-scale, community development and humanitarian service projects. Membership may also be offered to Rotaract clubs, Rotary clubs, and districts on an annual basis at the discretion of the Rotarian Action Groups' board of directors.

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42.030.3. Governance and Membership

~~Rotarian~~ Rotary Action Groups must adhere to standard bylaws as approved by the Board. ~~Rotarian~~ Rotary Action Groups shall be governed by a board of directors with at least five members who must be active Rotarians, Rotaractors, or Peace Fellows.

Membership in the Rotary Action Group is open to any interested individual. Membership may also be offered to Rotaract clubs, Rotary clubs, and districts on an annual basis at the discretion of the Rotary Action Groups' board of directors.

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