

MINUTES

of

SPECIAL SESSION

Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees

The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees held a special meeting on
2 April 2020 via video conference

Present were: 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, Jim Barnes, Victor Barnes, Michele Berg, Julie Burke, Faiz Hanif, Abby McNear, Carol Pandak, Steven Routburg, Eric Schmelling, Tom Thorfinnson, Doris Xie, and Nora Zei. Nobuko Andrews, and Eiko Terao served as staff interpreters.

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84. Executive Committee Report: COVID-19 Response

Statement: In response to the COVID-19 virus outbreak, the Trustees' Executive Committee met via webinar on 24 March 2020 and considered on the Trustees' behalf several immediate steps The Rotary Foundation could take to help Rotarians in their efforts to address this global pandemic.

DECISION: The Trustees, the Executive Committee acting on its behalf,

1. approve a special, one-time exception be given for these unprecedented circumstances to allow COVID-19 related expenses incurred since 15 March 2020 to be reimbursed through the 2020–21 district grants;

2. agree to waive the 30 percent foreign financing requirement for any new global grant that addresses COVID-19;
3. agree to allow districts to designate that their DDF contributions to the Disaster Response Fund be held exclusively for COVID-19 grant activities (this does not apply to cash contributions);
4. effective immediately, agree to a transfer of US\$1 million from the World Fund to the Disaster Response Fund with the stipulation that it be used for COVID-19 response efforts;
5. limit the number of Disaster Response grants any one district can receive for COVID-19 response to one;
6. request the general secretary to promote this decision while encouraging contributions and transfer of DDF to the Disaster Response Fund;
7. request the general secretary to provide the Trustees with an update on how district, disaster response, and global grants are being used for COVID-19 response at their next meeting.

85. World Fund Transfer to Disaster Response Fund

Statement: Following the actions of the Executive Committee the previous week, the Trustees considered and discussed the transfer of additional World Fund monies to the Disaster Response fund in response to COVID-19.

DECISION: The Trustees, effective immediately, agree to transfer of \$2 million from the World Fund to the Disaster Response Fund with the stipulation that it be used for COVID-19 response efforts.

Adjournment

The foregoing is a true record of the special session proceedings of The Rotary Foundation Trustees.

Gary C.K. Huang
Trustee Chair

Andrew McDonald
Secretary of the Meeting

ATTEST:

John Hewko
General Secretary, RI