

## Minutes

Annual Meeting of the Members of the PDGs Fellowship  
June 5, 2015, 11:45 a.m. – Rotary Convention – São Paulo, Brazil

1. **Introductions:** **Johrita Solari** chaired the meeting and **Tom Thorfinnson** served as Secretary. The meeting was attended by a large number of members from across the globe. Johrita had the members around the room stand up, introduce themselves and indicate what year they served as Governor.
2. **Treasurer's Report – Floyd Lancia** updated the attendees on the financial status of the organization. He reported that the bank account has approximately \$5,400.00 on hand and these funds are more than adequate at the present time, since there are few expenses associated with the operation of the fellowship.
3. **Membership and Website Report – Philippe Lamoise** gave a report on the status of the membership indicating that membership remains strong at just under 350 members. The booth in the house of friendship was discussed and a request for assistance in manning the booth was made.
4. **Elections** - A slate of officers was proposed and approved by the members in attendance. The officers for the coming year shall include the following:
  - a. Co-Chairs – Johrita Solari and Bruce Baumberger
  - b. Vice Chair – Ann Lee Hussey
  - c. Treasurer – Floyd Lancia
  - d. Secretary – Tom Thorfinnson
  - e. Registrar - Philippe Lamoise
  - f. Directors (3 year term) – Bob Aitken, Mario Cesar de Camargo, Penny Offer.
5. **Past Officers Reunion (POR)** – Philippe Lamoise reported on the upcoming Past Officers Reunion scheduled for San Diego in conjunction with the International Assembly. The event is back at the Hyatt this coming year and attendees of the POR can also register as observers for the International Assembly. The POR allows a great opportunity to meet with and hear from past, current and incoming senior leadership in Rotary and be updated on all that is happening in terms of Rotary International and TRF. All PDGs are encouraged to consider attending this event and can obtain additional information by visiting the following website: [www.rotaryreunion.org](http://www.rotaryreunion.org)
6. **Comely Bank - Robb Knuepfer** updated those in attendance on the status of fund raising to refurbish and rejuvenate the Paul and Jean Harris home. Fund raising is going well, but additional funds are still needed to fully fund the rehabilitation and restoration of this great historic home.
7. **Priorities for this coming year** – Johrita then filled in the membership on the plans for the coming year and the priorities associated with those plans. The plans include the following:
  - a. Establishing a Facebook page, which will be handled by Ann Lee. She hopes to have the work done and the site up and running in the next 2 months.
  - b. Connecting PDGs through holding purely fellowship events on a regional basis around the Rotary world. A discussion followed on what is happening in various parts of the world and ideas for holding these fellowship events. Johrita will head a committee to identify a small group of members in our specific member areas to arrange for a fellowship event. This is help identify new PDGs and non PDG members to become members of our fellowship.
  - c. Holding a fellowship event for the PDGs in association with the Seoul Convention. Discussion followed on the best time to hold that event including the possibility of holding it in the evening following the closing plenary.
8. **Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.**