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Rotary International Board of Directors Meeting

The Rotary International Board of Directors held its third meeting of the year on 29 May–2 June 2015 in Guarujá, Brazil.

Present were: President Gary C. K. Huang, President-elect K.R. Ravindran, Vice President Celia Elena Cruz de Giay, Treasurer Holger Knaack, Executive Committee Chairman Larry A. Lunsford, other directors, Safak Alpay, Mary Beth Growney Selene, Robert L. Hall, Per Høyen, Seiji Kita, Julia D. Phelps, Greg E. Podd, P. T. Prabhakar, Steven A. Snyder, Guiller E. Tumangan, Michael F. Webb, Giuseppe Viale, Sangkoo Yun, and General Secretary John Hewko. Samuel F. Owori attended at trustee liaison. Director Takanori Sugitani was unable to attend the meeting.

At the Board’s invitation, also present were President-nominee John F. Germ, and Directors-elect Manoj D. Desai, Bradford R. Howard, Jennifer E. Jones, Frederick Lin, Peter Offer, Saowalak Ratanavich, Eduardo San Martin Carreño, José Ubiracy Silva, and Karen Wentz. Mark Daniel Maloney, Operations Review Committee chair, presented the report of that committee.

Andrew McDonald served as secretary of the meeting with assistance from Jennifer Faron and Matt Hohmann. Other staff present were David Alexander, Michele Berg, Joseph Brownlee, Lori Carlson, Bernadette Knight, Peter Markos, Michele Moiron, Steve Routburg, Matthew Switzer, Shannon Watson and Niki Zohrab. Ligia Lima, Sandra LeBlanc, Dora Calkins, Fabio Teso, Eiko Terao and Taka Hoshino 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 analyses. Those items, along with others initiated during this meeting, constituted the agenda of the meeting as reflected in the remainder of these minutes.

158. Minutes of the January 2015 Board Meeting

Statement: The general secretary distributed the January 2015 Board meeting minutes to each director.

DECISION: The Board approves the minutes of the January 2015 Board meeting as distributed.

159. Ratification of Decisions Made by the President

Statement: As authorized, President Huang took several decisions on behalf of the Board during the period 12 December 2014 through 15 April 2015.

DECISION: The Board ratifies the decisions shown in Appendix A made on behalf of the Board by President Huang during the period 12 December 2014 through 15 April 2015.

160. Ratification of Decisions Made by the General Secretary

Statement: As authorized, the general secretary took several decisions on behalf of the Board during the period 1 December 2014 through 15 April 2015.

DECISION: The Board ratifies the decisions shown in Appendix B made by the general secretary on behalf of the Board during the period 1 December 2014 through 15 April 2015.

161. President’s Report

Statement: President Huang reported on his activities, accomplishments, and concerns since the January 2015 Board meeting.

DECISION: The Board thanks President Huang for his report.
162. Report of the General Secretary to the Board and to the Convention

**Statement:** The general secretary reported on the work at the Secretariat since the Board’s January 2015 meeting. In accordance with the RI Bylaws, he also presented his report to the 2015 RI (São Paulo) Convention.

**DECISION:** The Board thanks the general secretary for his report concerning the work at the Secretariat since the January 2015 Board meeting and approves the convention report for submission to the 2015 RI (São Paulo) Convention.

163. Report of the Treasurer to the Board and to the Convention

**Statement:** Rotary Code of Policies section 29.040.6. requires the RI treasurer to report on the status of RI finances at each Board meeting. The RI Bylaws require the treasurer to make a report to the annual convention.

**DECISION:** The Board thanks Treasurer Knaack for the text of his report to the 2015 RI (São Paulo) Convention, which is presented in fulfillment of RI Bylaws section 6.140.4., and expresses its sincere appreciation to Director Knaack for his service as RI treasurer.

164. Communications from the Trustees

**Statement:** At their April 2015 meeting, the Rotary Foundation Trustees took several decisions of interest to the Board.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. notes the following decisions from the April 2015 Trustees meeting:
   
   106. Communications from the RI Board
   114. Rotary Foundation Strategic Planning Committee Options
   117. Jean Thomson Harris Society
   118. Areas of Focus Major Gifts Initiatives
   124. Areas of Focus Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) in Schools Target Challenge
   130. Budget for 2015–16 Contributions and Program Awards

2. agrees in concept with the joint policy statement for strategic planning committee roles and responsibilities as shown in Appendix C (filed only with the official copy of these minutes).

165. Petitions to the Board

**Statement:** The Board considered five petitions from Rotary clubs and districts:

- from the Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill, CA, USA, requesting the Board to consider establishing a new service hours recognition program.
- from District 3300, requesting the Board to suspend the nomination of Governor-Nominee Darul Abdullah in accordance with Article 13.060. of the RI Bylaws.
- from the Rotary Club of Ensenada Calafia, Mexico, requesting the Board to bar any Rotarian that is ineligible from participating in RI or TRF programs to also be unable to occupy any position or participate in committees or programs at the club, district, or zone level.
- from the RIBI general council, requesting the Board to look with favor upon RIBI’s use of social media and other methods to distribute biographical information about candidates for elective office.
- from District 3140, requesting the Board to review the new deadlines for club invoicing.

**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.

166. Updates to the Rotary Code of Policies

**Statement:** Board policy requires the general secretary to review at the conclusion of each Board meeting the decisions taken at that meeting and prepare a report listing the decisions that may be added to the Rotary Code of Policies. The general secretary provided suggested amendments to the Code based upon decisions the Board took at its January 2015 meeting.

Rotary Code of Policies section 49.060. states that any section or subsection of the Code that is more than 30 years old, and has not been subsequently amended, shall be automatically rescinded effective 1 July of the
applicable year, unless formally retained by specific Board action. Since the Board had reviewed sections of the Code adopted before 1985 at its previous meeting, it considered Code sections adopted during 1985 at this meeting.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. to record the decisions taken at its January 2015 meeting and previously, amends the Rotary Code of Policies as shown in Appendix D, filed only with the official copy of the minutes.

2. agrees to retain the section of the Rotary Code of Policies adopted before 1985 as currently written and shown in Appendix D, filed only with the official copy of the minutes.

167. **Update on RI Strategic Plan**

*Statement:* The Board requested semi-annual updates on the most current strategic plan at its second and fourth meetings. The general secretary reported on updates to the strategic plan measurers, a 2016 Council on Legislation proposal to change the committee’s terms of reference, the development of a Rotary vision statement, and key strategic issues facing Rotary, among other topics.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. receives the interim report on Strategic Plan measures as presented in Appendix E, filed only with the official copy of the minutes;

2. agrees that the information presented in the measures is critical to monitor and evaluate progress on the RI Strategic Plan, and requests an update on the measures and indexes at its October 2015 meeting;

3. defers point 3 of its decision 59, October 2014 that requested the Strategic Planning Committee to develop an RI vision statement, and requests the Strategic Planning Committee to work with the general secretary to develop the long-term vision for the organization, for report to the Board at its October 2015 meeting.

168. **Designation of Conveners and Sites for 2015–16 Director Nominating Committees**

*Statement:* During 2015–16, Zones 1, 5A, 9, 14, 23A, 25, 28, and 31 selected director nominating committees that will meet in September 2015. RI Bylaws section 12.020.12. requires the Board to designate a convener from the members of each nominating committee no later than 15 June in the year preceding the year in which the committees will meet, and to designate the location of each nominating committee meeting. The Board also reviewed requests from several directors to allow the nominating committee in their zone to meet outside the 15-30 September period designated in the bylaws.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. designates the following conveners, dates, and cities for the 2015–16 RI Director Nominating Committees to select the next RI directors from those zones:

   **Zone 1:**
   Convener: Hajime Sawara
   Date: Between 15–30 September
   City: TBD

   **Zone 5A:**
   Convener: Ravi Vadlamani
   Date: Between 12–30 September
   City: Bangalore, India

   **Zone 9:**
   Convener: Suk Hwa Kim
   Date: Between 15–30 September
   City: Seoul, Korea

   **Zone 14:**
   Convener: Hans-Jochem A. Lüer
   Date: 11 September
   City: Cologne, Germany

   **Zone 23A:**
   Convener: Julio Cesar Silva Santisteban Ojeda
   Date: Between 10-30 September
   City: Puerto Iguazu, Argentina

   **Zone 25:**
   Convener: Joan Firkins
   Date: Between 15–30 September
   City: Portland, OR, USA

   **Zone 28:**
   Convener: Dean Ryerson
   Date: Between 10–30 September
   City: Detroit, MI, USA
Zone 31:
Convener: Keith R. Lape
Date: Between 15–30 September
City: Baton Rouge, LA, USA

2. authorizes the general secretary, for good reason and in consultation with the director from that zone, to fill any convener vacancy;

3. authorizes the general secretary, for good reason and in consultation with the director from the zone, to change any of the meeting places listed above, if so requested by a convener;

4. encourages conveners to schedule their committee meetings at the time most convenient for the majority of the committee members.

169. Nominating Committee for RI President Procedures—Interview Questions

Statement: In accordance with RI Bylaws section 11.050.2., the Board develops three to five interview questions annually that candidates for RI president are asked to answer in writing.

DECISION: The Board

1. agrees that candidates for 2017–18 RI president shall be asked to provide answers to the following:
   1. Why do you want to be president of Rotary International?
   2. Describe your leadership style and how it will have a positive impact on Rotary.
   3. What can you and other Rotary senior leaders do to encourage engagement of members in an effort to retain our members?
   4. What can you and other Rotary senior leaders do to encourage support of The Rotary Foundation?
   5. What can you and other Rotary senior leaders do to encourage Rotarians and Rotary clubs to promote Rotary’s public image in their local communities?

2. requests the general secretary to send these questions to those Rotarians who submit their names for consideration by the Nominating Committee for RI President and share the responses with the committee.

170. Nominating Committee for RI President Procedures—Candidate Interviews

Statement: In decision 115, June 2014, the Board agreed that interviews with candidates for president would help the Nominating Committee for RI President to select the best qualified candidate. In 2014, the committee used video conferencing software to interview candidates. President-elect Germ suggested that in-person interviews would better serve the committee when selecting the next RI president.

DECISION: The Board

1. agrees that in-person interviews of the candidates for RI president would assist the Nominating Committee to select the best qualified Rotarian available to perform the functions of the office;

2. amends Rotary Code of Policies 27.010.2. as shown in Appendix F to provide for the Nominating Committee to identify six candidates to invite to meet in-person with the Committee at the time of their meeting in Evanston, Illinois, USA;

3. requests the general secretary to provide simultaneous interpretation for all in-person interviews of the candidates for RI president;

4. as an exception to RI’s travel policy, agrees that candidates invited to Evanston for in-person interviews shall be funded to travel in economy class;

5. agrees to budget US$11,000 in the 2015–16 budget to cover the travel expenses of those candidates identified by the Nominating Committee.

171. Operations Review Committee Report

Statement: The Operations Review Committee met on 10–12 March 2015 in Evanston, Illinois, USA and discussed its compensation advisory responsibilities, including a summary review of salary paid to all RI staff, and a review of non-cash employee benefits. The committee also reviewed analysis of an employee engagement survey, proposed legislation to the 2016 Council regarding the Operations Review Committee, and a report from the general auditor, among other topics.
**DECISION:** The Board

1. notes that the Operations Review Committee has reported its recommendations with respect to the pay ranges recommended by the general secretary for the general managers and the reasonableness of compensation proposed to be paid to Rotary’s disqualified persons to the Executive Committee;

2. receives with appreciation the Operation Review Committee’s summary report of the compensation paid to all RI staff;

3. notes that the general secretary intends to undertake a compensation and benefits analysis in 2015–16 and requests the general secretary to share the results of this analysis with the Operations Review Committee upon completion, for eventual report to the Board’s executive committee.

**172. Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report: Club and District Proposed Legislation**


**DECISION:** The Board agrees to defer consideration of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee report to its “July” 2015 meeting.

**173. Election Review Committee Report**

*Statement:* The general secretary received five election complaints since the Board’s January 2015 meeting. In accordance with Board policy, the Election Review Committee reviewed these complaints and made its recommendations to the Board.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. receives the complaint of the Rotary Club of Osaka Chiyoda, Osaka, Japan, concerning the election of the 2017–18 governor of District 2640 (Japan) and
   a. notes with disappointment the continuing difficulties with the leadership in District 2640 and recommends that Past RI Director Kazuhiko Ozawa continue in his role as special representative in this district;
   b. finds that Governor Hidekazu Tsuji conducted the election of the 2017–18 governor in full compliance with the RI Bylaws, dismisses the complaint of the Rotary Club of Osaka Chiyoda, and confirms the selection of Rotarian Hiroshi Okamoto as the 2017–18 governor of District 2640;

2. receives the complaint of the Rotary Club of Lucknow Trans Gomti, Utt. Pr., India, appealing the decision of the zone-level election complaint panel concerning the election of the 2017–18 governor of District 3120 (India) and
   a. agrees with the findings of the zone-level election complaint panel that the complainant club failed to document that Rotarian Ranjeet Singh held any assignments that would prevent him from running for office under the terms of the South Asia election pilot program;
   b. agrees further that the list of clubs that were eligible to vote in the election was determined by reports furnished by RI and Rotary News trust;
   c. finds that the additional allegations were not supported by documentary evidence;
   d. confirms the findings of the zone-level election complaint panel, dismisses the complaint of the Rotary Club of Lucknow Trans Gomti, and confirms the selection of Rotarian Singh as the 2017–18 governor of District 3120;

3. receives the complaint of the Rotary Club of Chittagong Sagorika, Bangladesh, concerning the election of the 2017–18 governor from District 3282 (Bangladesh) and
   a. finds that the allegations raised in complaint lack sufficient documentation to establish their credibility;
   b. dismisses the complaint filed by the Rotary Club of Chittagong Sagorika for lack of evidence and affirms the selection of Rotarian Shohid Ahmed as the 2017–18 governor of District 3282;

4. receives the complaint of the Rotary Club of Villa de Leiva, Boyaca, Colombia, concerning the election of the 2016–17 Governor of District 4281 (Colombia) and
   a. finds that the provision in the District 4281 bylaws that prohibits clubs with fewer than 20 members from suggesting a candidate for
governor is contrary to section 13.020.4. of the RI Bylaws;

b. finds that that the candidate from the Rotary Club of Villa de Leiva, Boyacá was unduly excluded from consideration by the nominating committee because of this provision in the district bylaws;

c. upholds the complaint of the Rotary Club of Villa de Leiva, voids the election for the 2016–17 governor, and requests the 2016–17 election process to be restarted in accordance with the RI Bylaws.

5. receives the complaint of the Rotary Club of Rio Segundo-Pilar, Cord., Argentina, concerning the election of the 2016–17 Governor of District 4815 (Argentina) and

a. notes that RI Bylaws sections 13.020.8. and 13.020.9. state that establishing a deadline for filing club resolutions supporting a challenge to the selection of the nominating committee is at the discretion of the governor, provided that it not be more than 14 days after the publication of the announcement of the selection of the governor-nominee by the governor;

b. finds that the seven-day deadline established by Governor Carlos Rapp for clubs to file resolutions to concur with the challenge to the selection of the nominating committee was not in violation of RI Bylaws section 13.020.9.;

c. notes further that the concurrences must be “filed with the governor” by the date determined by the governor and therefore Governor Rapp was correct to exclude concurrences not received by this deadline;

d. dismisses the complaint of the Rotary Club of Rio Segundo-Pilar and confirms the selection of Rotarian Armando José Rotondo as the 2016–17 governor of District 4815;

6. thanks the Election Review Committee for its review of the above-referenced complaints.

174. Election Complaints and Litigation in Zones 4, 5, and 6A

Statement: In decision 121, January 2015, the Board requested the senior leadership in Zones 4, 5, and 6A to consider a comprehensive approach to reduce election complaints and election- and stewardship-related litigation in those zones, for report at this meeting.

DECISION: The Board thanks the senior leadership in Zones 4, 5 and 6A for its report on efforts to reduce election complaints and election- and stewardship-related litigation in those zones.

175. Addition of Rotary Clubs in Bangladesh to Election Pilot Projects

Statement: Director Prabhakar suggested that clubs in Districts 3281 and 3282 would benefit from being included in the two election-related pilots in South Asia.

DECISION: The Board agrees to add the clubs in Districts 3281 and 3282 (Bangladesh) to the Regional Election Complaint Pilot Project and the Governor-nominee Selection Procedures Pilot Project currently in effect in zones 4, 5, and 6A, effective 1 July 2015.

176. Criteria and Evaluation for RI Committees Selection Task Force

Statement: In decision 40, October 2014, the Board requested the president to appoint a committee to establish appointment criteria and evaluation metrics for membership on RI’s standing committees. The committee met via teleconference on 9 March 2015 and developed a policy statement for the Board’s consideration.

DECISION: The Board

1. adopts the policy statement on RI Committee Selection and Evaluation as shown in Appendix G, which shall be implemented for the next three appointment cycles through 2018–19, for those committees identified in RI Bylaws, Article 16;

2. requests the general secretary to suggest revisions to the Rotary Code of Policies to incorporate these concepts for recruiting, selecting, evaluating, and reappointing/removing committee members, for report to the Board at its October 2015 meeting;

3. requests an evaluation of this process for report to the Board in January 2019.

177. Rotary Global Rewards

Statement: In decision 60, October 2014, the Board agreed to establish a new member benefit card program
called Rotary Global Rewards that will provide participating Rotarians with discounts or reward points on a variety of products and services. President-elect Ravindran presented an update on this initiative, including details about a timeline for the program, the technology platform, potential partners, success factors, and a marketing plan, among other topics.

**DECISION:** The Board thanks President-elect Ravindran for the update on Rotary Global Rewards.

### 178. Intercountry Committees

**Statement:** Treasurer Knaack suggested the Board amend its policy on intercountry committees to clarify that it is the district governor’s responsibility to establish intercountry committees, establish national sections, and appoint national coordinators.

**DECISION:** The Board amends Rotary Code of Policies regarding intercountry committees as shown in Appendix H.

### 179. District 3292 Disaster Relief

**Statement:** President Huang suggested that the Board consider ways it may help those affected by the recent earthquakes in Nepal.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. expresses its sympathy for the people of Nepal following the recent disaster in the country;

2. pursuant to Rotary Code of Policies section 31.030.5., encourages Rotary clubs in Nepal whose localities have sustained serious damage to apply to the general secretary for a reduction or postponement of per capita dues;

3. encourages Rotarians to contribute to relief efforts in Nepal.

### 180. RI Board Membership Governance Committee Report

**Statement:** In decision 44, October 2014, the Board requested the president to appoint a committee to study several membership support-related proposals from the Operations Review Committee, for review at this meeting. The committee met on 18 January 2015 in San Diego, CA, USA and discussed the creation of a new volunteer leadership team focused on membership, modified terms of reference for the district membership chair, an enhanced volunteer structure, and a regional staffing structure, among other topics.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. thanks the Board Membership Governance Committee for its report;

2. amends its proposal “To provide for a standing committee of RI for membership” that it agreed to submit to the 2016 Council on Legislation (decision 48, October 2014), as shown in Appendix I;

3. agrees that if the 2016 Council on Legislation adopts File 001E “To provide for a standing committee of RI for membership” proposed by the RI Board, then the terms of reference for the standing committee on membership shall be included in the Rotary Code of Policies as shown below:

**Membership Committee**

The committee shall consist of nine members, two of whom shall be members of the board and one of whom shall be a member of the trustees of The Rotary Foundation. All members of the committee shall be appointed by the president, after consultation with the RI Board. In addition, the Trustee member shall be appointed by the president in consultation with the Trustee chair. All members shall serve three-year staggered terms. Members may be reappointed, but not serve more than six years.

The initial appointments for this committee may include terms shorter than three years in order to implement the requirement for staggered terms.

### 181. RI Membership Committee Report

**Statement:** The RI Membership Committee met on 24–25 March 2015 in Evanston, IL, USA and discussed a Trustee proposal to support membership, regional membership plans, new members sponsor pin program, the Meeting Frequency Pilot program, membership-related legislation going to the 2016 Council, a marketing and membership grants proposal, and a strategic plan for membership among other topics.

**DECISION:** The Board

1. thanks the Trustees for their proposal to support membership development, however, in view of the
administrative complexity of implementing this concept, does not agree to the proposal;

2. noting the growing financial costs for the New Member Sponsor Pin program, requests the general secretary to investigate potential cost savings for the program and to conduct a full program evaluation, for report to the Board at its October 2015 meeting;

3. extends the transition plan for the Meeting Frequency Pilot clubs to 30 June 2016;

4. endorses the development and implementation of a dual growth strategic plan to guide the tactical activities related to membership, for report to the Board at its April 2016 meeting;

5. requests the RI Membership Committee chair to identify up to three young professionals (under the age of 40) to serve as advisers to the committee and approves a US$9,600 budget for the advisers to attend Membership Committee meetings in 2015–16;

6. endorses the RI Statement on Membership Strategy as shown in Appendix J;

7. amends Rotary Code of Policies section 17.030.3. to add a provision making the District Membership Committee chair and District New Club Development Committee chair a three-year appointment and approves US$4,000 for the administration of this change, as shown in Appendix K;

8. amends Rotary Code of Policies section 18.010.2. regarding special representatives as follows:

18.010.2. Special Representatives – New Club Activities
A special representative is a Rotarian who represents the governor in the organization of a provisional club in the district. To be effective, a district special representative must have continuity of leadership; therefore, special representatives shall be appointed for a three-year term, subject to review.

182. Rotarian Action Groups Committee Report

Statement: In decision 139, January 2015, the Board requested the Rotarian Action Groups Committee to form a subcommittee to continue exploring strategies for improving Rotarians’ awareness of, and involvement in, Rotarian Action Groups, for report to the Board at this meeting. The committee considered several recommendations submitted by Rotarian Action Groups, including strategies involving The Rotarian, the International Assembly, social media, and global grants.

DECISION: The Board requests the general secretary to

a. include an informational article in The Rotarian and the regional magazines describing Rotarian Action Groups and how Rotarians can use them as a resource, and to regularly feature stories in The Rotarian and the regional magazines from individual Rotarian Action Groups on a semi-annual basis;

b. promote Rotarian Action Groups as a resource for clubs and districts in all RI-produced training materials for club and district leaders, including PETS materials, GETS materials, and the Grant Management Manual.

183. Vocational Service Committee Report

Statement: While establishing the new member benefit program, the Board, in decision 60, October 2014, amended the Rotarian Code of Conduct to remove the statement “as a Rotarian, I will not seek special business or professional advantages from other Rotarians.” The Board had agreed that this statement could be perceived to conflict with the new member benefit program. The Vocational Service Committee suggested that this point be reinstated.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks the Vocational Service Committee for its report;

2. notes that unethical business practices are covered in the existing points in the Rotarian Code of Conduct.

184. Membership Eligibility in Rotary Fellowships

Statement: The Rotary Fellowships Committee suggested broadening eligibility requirements for membership in Rotary fellowships to include family members of Rotarians, program participants, and alumni. Since this new scope of fellowship membership would include minors, the committee also suggested a new youth protection article for the Code.

DECISION: The Board amends the Rotary Code of Policies regarding Rotary Fellowship as follows:

42.010.2. Organization and Membership
A fellowship shall have a governing document (charter, constitution, bylaws or similar document) which must be consistent with RI policy. All governing documents, and amendments thereto, must be reviewed by the fellowships committee, if practicable, and approved by the general secretary.
A fellowship shall be organized with at least three officers, one of whom shall be the chair (president or other administrative head) and serve as a non-voting member-at-large of the RI fellowships committee. The chair must be an active Rotarian. A fellowship’s membership shall be open to all Rotarians, family members of Rotarians, program participants and alumni, and spouses of Rotarians. Fellowships are encouraged to open their memberships to Rotaractors. Only Rotarians, spouses of Rotarians, and Rotaractors may be members of fellowships.

[Text omitted]

42.010.17. Youth Protection
Rotary Fellowships must protect the safety and wellbeing of all youth participating in their activities and comply with Rotary International’s youth protection policies.

185. 2019, 2021, and 2022 RI Conventions Site Selection

Statement: In considering possible host cities for the 2019, 2021, and 2022 RI conventions, the Board, in decision 68, October 2014, requested the general secretary to proceed with inspections of Hamburg, Germany; Hong Kong/Macau, People’s Republic of China; Houston, Texas, USA; and Taipei City, Taiwan. Site inspection teams visited these cities, and using RI convention site selection criteria as provided in Rotary Code of Policies section 57.040., reviewed each city’s proposal.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks the convention site inspection team for its report;

2. tentatively selects Hamburg, Germany for the 2019 RI Convention on 1–5 June 2019, using the Hamburg Messe und Congress as the primary venue, subject to the general secretary’s successful negotiation of an appropriate block of hotel rooms, adequate space in which to hold all convention activities, a transportation agreement, thorough review of related tax implications, and any other agreements necessary to memorialize the proposal from the host area, and requests the general secretary to provide a status report at the Board’s June 2016 meeting;

3. looks with favor on Taipei for the 2021 RI Convention on 13–16 June 2021, although Taipei does not fully meet RI’s convention venue specifications due to the future construction of Nangang 2, the Grand Hi-Lai Hotel and the Caesar Park Hotel Nangang, and is therefore subject to further confirmation and details of the construction of these facilities, and further subject to the general secretary’s successful negotiation of an appropriate block of hotel rooms, adequate space in which to hold all convention activities, a transportation agreement, thorough review of related tax implications, and any other agreements necessary to memorialize the proposal from the host area, and requests the general secretary to provide a status report at the Board’s June 2016 meeting;

4. tentatively selects Houston, Texas, USA, for the 2022 RI convention, on 5–8 June 2022, using the George R. Brown Convention Center as the primary venue subject to the general secretary’s successful negotiation of an appropriate block of hotel rooms, adequate space in which to hold all convention activities, a transportation agreement, thorough review of related tax implications, and any other agreements necessary to memorialize the proposal from the host area, and requests the general secretary to provide a status report at the Board’s June 2019 meeting;

5. requests the general secretary to contact the Rotarians and tourism offices in Hong Kong to thank them for their proposals, and to inform them of the Board’s decision regarding the 2019, 2021, and 2022 RI conventions.

Note: President Huang and Directors Knaack and Podd did not participate in the discussion and vote on this item.

186. 2016 RI (Seoul) Convention Report

Statement: The Seoul Convention Committee provided an update on the 2016 convention, including the status of contracts, registration, housing, the convention program, and promotions, among other topics.

DECISION: The Board thanks the general secretary for the 2016 RI (Seoul) Convention update.
187. Convention Strategy Workgroup

Statement: In decision 156, January 2015, the Board requested the RI president to appoint a working group of Rotarians with past convention experience to define the purpose of the convention, establish success measurements, and clarify the opportunities and challenges with the current convention model, for review at the Board’s October 2015 meeting. Considering the scope of the Board’s request, the committee suggested that an in-person meeting would better facilitate its work, and requested the Board to consider providing a budget accordingly.

DECISION: The Board requests the general secretary to budget US$22,000 in 2015–16, to be funded by the Convention reserve, for an in-person meeting of the Convention Strategy Workgroup.

188. Convention Reserves

Statement: The general secretary suggested that the Board approve use of convention reserve funds if necessary to address possible unforeseen events at the São Paulo convention and to ensure the safety and positive experience of convention registrants.

DECISION: The Board

1. in addition to the US$2,400,000 authorized by decision 85, January 2014 and decision 154, January 2015, authorizes the general secretary, in consultation with the RI treasurer, to use additional amounts up to $300,000 from the convention reserve as necessary to assure the safety and experience of convention attendees for the 2015 RI (São Paulo) Convention;

2. agrees that payment of any expenses referenced in point 1 above greater than $300,000 requires the general secretary to seek approval of the Executive Committee;

3. requests the general secretary to ensure that the impact of unplanned changes to revenues and expenses are minimized;

4. notes that any payments made for or on behalf of the São Paulo Convention host committee shall be recoverable from the host committee.

189. Designation of Unused Funds from 2014 RI (Sydney) Convention

Statement: The general secretary received indication from the New South Wales, Australia government that Rotary will not be required to return any unused funds provided by the government for the 2014 RI Convention in Sydney. The Board discussed where to designate these funds but agreed written receipt from the New South Wales government of this release should be obtained before a decision is made.

DECISION: The Board defers consideration of this item until receipt of the release letter from the New South Wales government.

190. Alumni Engagement Strategies

Statement: In decision 65, October 2014, the Board accepted the draft alumni engagement strategies as developed by the Joint Committee on Alumni Relations and requested the committee to complete them for report at this meeting. The general secretary reported that survey results show that alumni wish to engage with Rotary in a similar manner as Rotarians by joining leaders, exchanging ideas, and taking action. The general secretary developed a menu of activities based on these categories that Rotarians can use when seeking to involve Rotary alumni.

DECISION: The Board receives the general secretary’s report on alumni engagement strategies.

191. Rotary in China

Statement: In decision 92, October 2014, the Board received an update on Rotary in China and requested a further update at this meeting. The general secretary reported that four new expatriate-only clubs were chartered and several new Rotary fellowships achieved provisional Rotary club status. The general secretary also reported that the Chinese government is preparing a new law to regulate foreign NGOs that may require RI to open a “representative office.” Currently there are seven expatriate-only clubs in China.

DECISION: The Board

1. receives the update on Rotary in China from President Huang;
2. requests the general secretary to review the draft Chinese foreign NGO law, including retaining outside legal counsel, for report to the Board at its October 2015 meeting regarding its potential implications for Rotary in China;

3. agrees to permit the Rotarians in China to explore, at no cost to RI, the possibility of opening a representative office in China, in preparation for complying with a new law governing foreign NGOs expected to be promulgated later this year;

4. grants to the Executive Committee of the Board the authority to give final approval to open a representative office in China if deemed necessary before the October 2015 Board meeting.

192. Rotary in Vietnam

Statement: At its January 2015 meeting, the Board considered a proposal to form expatriate-only clubs in Vietnam. The Board deferred consideration of this proposal and requested the general secretary to investigate options for clubs to operate within the legal framework of Vietnam consistent with Rotary’s policies and practices. After consultation with RI’s extension representative in Vietnam, and with legal counsel in Hanoi, the general secretary reported that under existing Vietnamese law, options for forming an independent Rotary club in Vietnam are very limited.

DECISION: The Board receives the report on Rotary in Vietnam.

193. Districting Committee Report

Statement: The Districting Committee met via teleconference in April 2015 to discuss membership plans it had previously requested from districts under 1,100 members, the status of those districts under 1,300 members, a regional districting concept for the Caribbean, and a possible creation of satellite districts, among other topics.

DECISION: The Board

1. noting that Districts 4855 and 4915 (Argentina) have recently provided redistricting plans, as requested by the Board in its decision 88, October 2014, requests the 2015–16 Districting Committee to review these plans and submit their recommendation regarding this merger to the October 2015 Board meeting;

2. noting low membership numbers in Districts 4980 (Uruguay) and 7510 (USA), requests these districts to provide a comprehensive action plan for review at the October 2015 Board meeting;

3. requests Director Hall to share the proposal that would move four clubs in Aruba, Bonaire, and Curacao from District 4370 to District 7030 with the district leadership in these areas, for report to the Board’s October 2015 meeting;

4. with respect to District 7000 (Puerto Rico), requests the general secretary to investigate the implications of creating pilot satellite districts, for report at the October 2015 Board meeting;

5. as part of the exploration of a pilot satellite district, requests Director Hall to share the proposal that would move four clubs in the Grand Bahamas from District 6990 to District 7020 with the district leadership in these areas, for report to the October 2015 Board meeting.

194. Membership Reporting

Statement: Noting instances where clubs may have underreported their membership to RI, Director Prabhakar suggested amendments to the Rotary Code of Polices that would address this problem.

DECISION: The Board amends Rotary Code of Policies section 5.010.2. as follows:

5.010.2. Accurate Club Membership Increase Monthly Reporting

When a club is suspected by the governor or director of inaccurate membership reporting’s membership increases by more than 25 percent between two club invoices, the general secretary may shall take the following action:

a. Determine the legitimacy accuracy of the club’s membership report list

b. If the club has not been accurately reporting its membership purported membership increase is not verified, advise the club president that the Board will consider this a serious violation of the trust placed in him/her as a club officer, and—pursuant to RI bylaws section 3.030.—will consider disciplining the club, up to and including termination for cause.
195. Communications Committee Report

Statement: The Communications Committee met on 23–24 February 2015 in Evanston, IL, USA and discussed Rotary’s communications plan, the public image grant program, Rotary’s social media campaigns, end of Polio communications, program logo changes, the Rotary World Magazine Press, and The Rotary Foundation centennial, among other topics.

DECISION: The Board

1. amends the Rotary Code of Policies as shown in Appendix L to allow for use of the simplified Rotary emblem as part of the new Interact and Rotaract logos simplified signature formats, and to allow for licensed embroidery uses of the simplified Rotary emblem in sizes larger than 0.5 inches (1.27 cm);

2. amends the Rotary Code of Policies as shown in Appendix M to align the language with that in the regional magazine license agreements, and to establish a standard procedure for districts wishing to change their “approved and prescribed” magazine.

196. PolioPlus Communications

Statement: In decision 152, January 2015 the Board requested the president and the trustee chairman to appoint a joint subcommittee of the Communications and International PolioPlus Committees to discuss Rotary’s communication plans for the end of polio, for report at this meeting. The committee met via teleconference and discussed their role, protocol for their work, and strategies for success.

DECISION: The Board

1. agrees to the End of Polio Subcommittee’s structure and continuation through 2015–16 and requests the subcommittee to focus on developing outcomes and a plan for the communications around the end of polio;

2. requests the subcommittee to provide a status report at the October 2015 Board meeting.

197. Rotary Recognition Working Group Report

Statement: In decision 151, January 2015, the Board requested the president to appoint a working group to review appropriate recognition for Rotary’s humanitarian efforts, for report to the Board at this meeting. The committee met via teleconference and discussed their role, protocol for their work, and strategies for success.

DECISION: The Board

1. agrees to the Rotary Recognition Working Group’s structure and its continuation through the 2015–16 Rotary year and requests the president-elect to reappoint the working group members through the 2015–16 Rotary year;

2. requests the president-elect to assign a second-year director to serve as the working group’s liaison to the Board.

198. Finance Committee Report: Cost Alternatives for InfoTech, Pvt. Ltd. in Pune, India

Statement: The Rotary International Finance Committee and the Rotary Foundation Finance Committee met jointly on 20–22 April 2015 in Evanston, Illinois, USA to discuss matters of mutual interest, including information technology infrastructure requirements at Rotary’s Pune, India office, among other topics. The RI Finance Committee met again on 11 May 2015 via webinar to discuss modifications to the 2015–16 recommended budgets.

DECISION: The Board

1. thanks the Finance Committee for its report;

2. agrees to remain in Pune, India for its Information Technology and Business Process offshoring operations;

3. approves up to US$600,000, incorporated in the 2015–16 capital budget, to address current space constraints in Pune, India;

4. requests the general secretary to determine the best solution to either expand current space, procure additional space, or to relocate to new office space in the Pune region for the next five to ten years.
199. Adoption of 2015–16 Budget

Statement: The RI Bylaws provide for the Board to annually adopt a budget for the succeeding fiscal year, subject to review by the Board at any time. At its 20–22 April and 11 May 2015 meetings, the Finance Committee considered detailed budget estimates.

DECISION: The Board

1. adopts the 2015–16 RI budget, reflecting revenues of US$103,432,000, operating expenses of $103,663,600, a one-time pension termination expense of $5,200,000, netted with a pension valuation adjustment gain of $9,000,000, use of general surplus funds of $1,663,000, use of convention reserves of $102,000, resulting in an excess of revenues, general surplus funds and convention reserve over expenditures of $5,333,400;

2. in accordance with RI Bylaws section 17.050.6. and by three quarters vote of all directors, ratifies the expenditure of up to $1,663,000 from the general surplus fund to provide
   a. $187,000 for social networking efforts associated with decision 253, May 2011;
   b. $656,000 for regional membership plans associated with decision 298, May 2012 meeting;
   c. $820,000 for End of Polio public relations associated with decision 168, May 2014;

3. ratifies the expenditure of up to $80,000 from the convention reserve to cover the expenses associated with its decision 202, January 2012, regarding registration and housing system software;

4. in accordance with RI Bylaws section 17.050.6. and by three quarters vote of all directors, authorizes the use of up to $5,200,000 from the general surplus fund to settle the one-time pension termination expenses of the Rotary International retirement plan through its final payout and termination in 2015–16;

5. in accordance with RI Bylaws section 17.050.6. and by three quarters vote of all directors, authorizes the use of up to $22,000 from the convention reserve to fund a meeting of the Convention Strategy Working Group;

6. requests the president to notify all RI officers within 60 days and to further notify the next convention of the planned expenditures of general surplus funds and the circumstances leading to these decisions;

7. adopts the fiscal year 2015–16 RI capital expenditures budget of $7,900,000.

200. Five-Year Financial Forecast

Statement: The RI Bylaws require the Board to annually consider a five-year financial forecast and further require Rotary institute conveners to present the forecast for discussion at the institutes. The Finance Committee recommended a five-year forecast through 2020 for the Board’s approval.

DECISION: The Board

1. approves the assumptions for the five-year financial forecast for fiscal years 2015–16 through 2019–20;

2. in accordance with RI Bylaws section 17.060.4. agrees that the five-year financial forecast should be presented for discussion at each 2015–16 Rotary institute.

201. Audit Committee Report

Statement: The Audit Committee met on 20–22 May 2015 in Evanston, Illinois, USA and discussed a summary of management action plans, the 2015 internal audit plan, recently completed audits, a review and approval of the Auditing Services charter, the Audit Committee’s terms of reference, and convention-related communications to the Board, among other topics.

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


Statement: In accordance with Rotary Code of Polices section 32.030.19., the Board’s Executive Committee annually reviews RI’s compensation to “disqualified persons” to determine whether such compensation is reasonable under US tax laws regarding not-for-profit corporations. “Disqualified persons” is defined to include certain officers and senior staff. US tax law penalizes tax-exempt corporations that provide “excess benefits,” including unreasonable compensation, to their senior officers and decision makers.
Decision: The Board notes that its Executive Committee has determined that the amounts to be paid in 2015–16 to or on behalf of the president, president-elect, general secretary, and certain senior staff are reasonable under US tax law.

Note: President-elect Ravindran, President-nominee Germ, and General Secretary Hewko were not present during the discussion or vote on this item.

203. Board Designated Funds

Statement: In decision 102, January 2014, the Board approved termination of the RI defined benefit plan for Rotary employees. A recent actuarial plan estimate indicated that the Rotary International Pension Plan may need up to US$9 million to fund its obligations through the termination. The Defined Benefits Review Committee suggested that the Board allocate up to $9 million as needed to fund this pension plan.

Decision: The Board designates up to $9 million of unrestricted net assets as needed to fund the Rotary International Pension Plan, noting that funds will be used to settle the final obligations of the Pension Plan through its final payout and termination.

204. Appreciation to President Huang

Statement: The Board wished to record its appreciation and gratitude to President Huang.

Decision: The Board expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to President Huang for his excellent service and support rendered to Rotarians, to the Board, and to Rotary International in 2014–15.

205. Review of 2014–15 RI Budget

Statement: At the conclusion of each meeting, the Board reviews all actions taken during that meeting affecting Rotary’s budget.

Decision: The Board

1. notes no modification to the 2014–15 RI budget as approved through July 2014, as follows:

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Convention reserves: 557,000
GSF funded expenses: 3,388,000
Additional GSF spending 2014–15: 1,630,000
Total change in net assets (net resv/GSF): $2,000,000

2. approves the following 2014–15 budget variances:

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Funding from GSF/Reserves:

| July 2014 meeting | 5,000   |
| January 2015 meeting | 2,000,000 |
| May 2015 meeting   |         |
| Dec. 188 Convention São Paulo | 300,000 |
| Funding (May 2015): |         |
| Total 2014–15 Board meeting funding variances to the 2014–15 budget: | 2,305,000 |

Total 2014–15 changes in net assets Including variances: $1,608,950

3. notes no modifications to the 2015-16 budget as approved in decision 199:

2015–16 Budget (US$)

| Revenues:                           | $103,432,000 |
| Expenses:                           | (103,663,600) |
| Change in net assets (before pension adj): | (231,600) |
| Pension settlement                  | (5,200,000)  |
| Pension valuation adjustment        | 9,000,000    |
| Change in net assets (after pension adj): | 3,568,400 |
| Convention reserves                 | 102,000      |
| GSF funded expenses                 | 1,663,000    |
| Total change in net assets (net resv/GSF): | $5,333,400 |


4. notes the following decisions at this meeting impacting future years:

|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
Dec. 176. Criteria/ Evaluation for RI Committees Selection Task Force - 11,000 11,000

Dec. 181. RI Mem. Comm. Report 13,600 - -
Dec. 187. Convention Strategy Workgroup Mtg. 22,600 - -

Total Expenses $46,600 $11,000 $11,000

Adjournment

The foregoing is a true record of the proceedings at the May 2015 Rotary International Board of Directors meeting.

Gary C. K. Huang
President

Andrew McDonald
Secretary of the Meeting

ATTEST:

John Hewko
General Secretary, RI
1. Waiver of Qualifications for Governor-nominee, District 1842 (Germany)

Statement: District 1842 requested that a waiver be granted to Peter Heider, a member of the Rotary Club of Traunstein, Germany, for the qualifications of governor-nominee as set forth in RI Bylaws section 15.070.3. At the time of his selection, Rotarian Heider had not served a full term as club president but was otherwise fully qualified to serve as governor-nominee.

DECISION: The Board, the president acting on its behalf, in accordance with RI Bylaws section 15.070.3, excuses Rotarian Peter Heider, a member of the Rotary Club of Traunstein, Gunman, Japan, from the qualifications for a governor-nominee set forth in RI Bylaws section 15.070.3.

2. Waiver of Qualifications for Governor-nominee, District 1990 (Switzerland)

Statement: District 1990 requested that a waiver be granted to Christiane Griessen, a member of the Rotary Club of Gstaad-Saanenland, Switzerland, for the qualifications for a governor-nominee as set forth in RI Bylaws section 15.070.3. At the time of her selection, Rotarian Griessen had not served a full term as club president but was otherwise fully qualified to serve as governor-nominee.

DECISION: The Board, the president acting on its behalf, in accordance with RI Bylaws section 15.070.3, excuses Rotarian Christiane Griessen, a member of the Rotary Club of Gstaad-Saanenland, Switzerland, from the qualifications for a governor-nominee set forth in RI Bylaws section 15.070.3.

3. Waiver of Qualifications for Governor-nominee, District 2840 (Japan)

Statement: District 2840 requested that a waiver be granted to Hisao Tanaka, a member of the Rotary Club of Takasaki, Gunman, Japan, for the qualifications of governor-nominee as set forth in RI Bylaws section 15.070.3. At the time of his selection, Rotarian Tanaka had not served a full term as club president but was otherwise fully qualified to serve as governor-nominee.

DECISION: The Board, the president acting on its behalf, in accordance with RI Bylaws section 15.070.3, excuses Rotarian Hisao Tanaka, a member of the Rotary Club of Takasaki, Gunman, Japan, from the qualifications for a governor-nominee set forth in RI Bylaws section 15.070.3.

4. Waiver of Qualifications for Governor-nominee, District 6490 (Illinois, USA)

Statement: District 6490 requested that a waiver be granted to Larry Howell, a member of the Rotary Club of Arcola, Illinois, USA, for the qualifications of governor-nominee as set forth in RI Bylaws section 15.080. At the time of his selection, Rotarian Howell had not been a Rotarian for at least seven years but was otherwise fully qualified to serve as governor-nominee.

DECISION: The Board, the president acting on its behalf, in accordance with RI Bylaws section 15.080, excuses Rotarian Larry Howell, a member of the Rotary Club of Arcola, Illinois, USA, from the qualifications for a governor-nominee as set forth in RI Bylaws section 15.080.

5. Waiver of Qualifications for Governor-nominee, District 7910 (Massachusetts, USA)

Statement: District 7910 requested that a waiver be granted to Karin Gaffney, a member of the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley, Massachusetts, USA, for the qualifications of governor-nominee as set forth in RI Bylaws section 15.080. At the time of her selection, Rotarian Gaffney had not been a Rotarian for at least seven years but was otherwise fully qualified to serve as governor-nominee.

DECISION: The Board, the president acting on its behalf, in accordance with RI Bylaws section 15.080, excuses Rotarian Karin Gaffney, a member of the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley, Massachusetts, USA, from the qualifications for a governor-nominee set forth in RI Bylaws section 15.080.
6. Vacancy in the Office of District Governor, District 4370 (Venezuela)

Statement: District 4370 reported that Governor Leone Rosse passed away. The Council of Governors recommended that Rotarian Alejandro Pannini, a member of the Rotary Club of Maracay, Aragua, Venezuela, be appointed as governor. Director Podd concurred with this recommendation, and Rotarian Pannini indicated that he is willing to perform this duty.

DECISION: The Board, the president acting on its behalf, in accordance with RI Bylaws section 13.070., appoints Rotarian Alejandro Pannini, a member of the Rotary Club of Maracay, Aragua, Venezuela, to serve as governor of District 4370, assuming all the powers and privileges of the office.

7. Vacancy in the Office of District Governor, District 4650 (Brazil)

Statement: District 4650 reported that Governor-elect Ari Antonio Fischer was unable to perform the duties of office because of personal reasons. Governor Celso de Camargo Campos recommended that Past Governor Roque Heerdt, a member of the Rotary Club of Blumenau-Norte, Santa Catarina, Brazil, be appointed as governor-elect. Director Giay concurred with this recommendation, and Rotarian Heerdt indicated that he is willing to perform this duty.

DECISION: The Board, the president acting on its behalf, in accordance with RI Bylaws sections 13.070., appoints Past Governor Roque Heerdt, a member of the Rotary Club of Blumenau-Norte, Santa Catarina, Brazil, to serve as governor of District 4650, assuming all the powers and privileges of the office.

8. Vacancy in the Office of District Governor, District 5100 (Washington, USA)

Statement: District 5100 reported that Governor-elect James Walker was unable to perform the duties of office because of personal reasons. Governor Douglas Taylor recommended that Past Governor Barbara Crozier, a member of the Rotary Club of Camas-Washougal, Washington, USA, be appointed as governor-elect. Director Snyder concurred with this recommendation, and Rotarian Crozier indicated that she is willing to perform this duty.

DECISION: The Board, the president acting on its behalf, in accordance with RI Bylaws sections 6.120.1. and 13.070., appoints Past Governor Barbara Crozier, a member of the Rotary Club of Camas-Washougal, Washington, USA, to serve as governor of District 5100, assuming all the powers and privileges of the office.

9. Vacancy in the Office of District Governor, District 5450 (Colorado, USA)

Statement: District 5450 reported that Governor-elect Kevin O’Connell was unable to perform the duties of office because of personal reasons. Governor Peter Ewing recommended that Rotarian Mary Kay Hasz, a member of the Rotary Club of Highlands Ranch (Littleton), Colorado, USA, be appointed as governor-elect. Director Podd concurred with this recommendation, and Rotarian Hasz indicated that she is willing to perform this duty.

DECISION: The Board, the president acting on its behalf, in accordance with RI Bylaws sections 6.120.1. and 13.070., appoints Rotarian Mary Kay Hasz, a member of the Rotary Club of Highlands Ranch (Littleton), Colorado, USA, to serve as governor of District 5450, assuming all the powers and privileges of the office.
APPENDIX B

RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS MADE BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY
(Decision 160)

Statement: The general secretary reported that, in accordance with instruction and authorization from the Board, he had made the following decisions on behalf of the Board during the period 12 December 2014 through 15 April 2015.

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 2
Tokyo Akebono, Tokyo, Japan
Tokyo Gyoen, Tokyo, Japan
Tokyo Sanno, Tokyo, Japan

Zone 4 (continued)
Katturmannarkoil Galaxy, Tamil Nadu, India
Kavali Town, Andhra Pradesh, India
Kumbakonam Queens, Tamil Nadu, India
Kunhimangalam, Kerala, India
Kurkumbh MIDC, Maharashtra, India
Kuttiady Mid Town, Kerala, India
Light City Tiruvannamalai, Tamil Nadu, India
Malegaon Camp, Maharashtra, India
Manipur Town, Karnataka, India
Matara, Sri Lanka
Melapalayam, Tamil Nadu, India
Nannilam, Tamil Nadu, India
Palasdeo, Maharashtra, India
Panvel Horizon, Maharashtra, India
Payyoli Town, Kerala, India
Pune Heritage, Maharashtra, India
Pune Kharadi, Maharashtra, India
Pune Magarpatta Elite, Maharashtra, India
Pune Paradise, Maharashtra, India
Pune Paud Road, Maharashtra, India
Pune Status, Maharashtra, India
Pune Synergy, Maharashtra, India
Puttur Yuva, Karnataka, India
Rajahmundry Gowthami, Andhra Pradesh, India
Roha, Maharashtra, India
Salem Elite, Tamil Nadu, India
Salem Hasthampatti, Tamil Nadu, India
Seawoods Grand Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
Shaktinagar, Karnataka, India
Thirumullavaasal, Tamil Nadu, India
Tiruchirapalli Chola, Tamil Nadu, India
Tirunelveli Star, Tamil Nadu, India
Tirupur Vision, Tamil Nadu, India
Tiruvannamalai Vegan, Tamil Nadu, India
United Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
Vadakkencherry, Kerala, India
Vellarikundu, Kerala, India

Zone 6
Aababil Dhaka, Bangladesh
Aaporupa Sylhet, Bangladesh
Agra Royal, Uttar Pradesh, India
Agra Vishal, Uttar Pradesh, India
Bagerhat Central, Bangladesh
Banani Model Town, Bangladesh
Bandar Narayanganj, Bangladesh
Changkhong, Chiang Rai, Thailand
Chittagong Sugandha, Bangladesh
Cuttack Mahanadi, Odisha, India
Dhaka Midland, Bangladesh
Dhaka Phoenix, Bangladesh
Zone 6 (continued)
Dhanbad Midtown, Jharkhand, India
Fatullah Narayanganj, Bangladesh
Geetanjali Kolkata, West Bengal, India
Green Land Silchar, Assam, India
Habiganj Central, Bangladesh
Habiganj Khoai, Bangladesh
Hathai Rat, Bangkok, Thailand
Hatayi East, Songkhla, Thailand
Khulna South, Bangladesh
Lake Gardens, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Lighthouse Dhaka, Bangladesh
Moghbazar Dhaka, Bangladesh
Nainpur Junction, Madhya Pradesh, India
Nilai Central, Malaysia
Pearl of Siam, Phuket, Thailand
Rama 9, Bangkok, Thailand
Shahparan, Bangladesh
Shikhar Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh, India
Srinagarindra, Bangkok, Thailand
Suphannikar, Suphanburi, Thailand
Sylhet Elegance, Bangladesh
Sylhet Regal, Bangladesh
Sylhet Regency, Bangladesh
Sylhet Shine City, Bangladesh
Tanakpur Sevarth, Uttarakhand, India

Zone 7
Atambua Kota, Indonesia
Batanes Isles, Batanes, Philippines
Jakarta Cawang Tebet, Indonesia
Metro Calamba, Laguna, Philippines
Paranaque- San Dionisio, Paranaque City, Philippines
Pasay Marina, Pasay City, Philippines

Zone 8
Ellenbrook, W. A., Australia
Lake Macquarie, N.S.W., Australia

Zone 9 (continued)
Rotary E-Club of Good For U, Gyeonggi, Korea, Republic of
Rotary E-Club of Renaissance, Gangweon, Korea, Republic of
Rotary E-Club of Seoul Yang-Chung Wor-Yak, Seoul, Korea, Republic of
Saemangeum, Jeonrakug, Korea, Republic of
Seoul Daeneung Chorus, Seoul, Korea, Republic of
Seoul Yongdungpo Jungang, Seoul, Korea, Republic of
Sin-Yeongju, Gyeongsangbuk, Korea, Republic of
Sokcho Dream, Gangweon, Korea, Republic of
Suwon Dadam, Gyeonggi, Korea, Republic of
Yeongwol Eunhasu, Gangweon, Korea, Republic of

Zone 10
Busan Changjo, Busan, Korea, Republic of
Busan Dasom, Busan, Korea, Republic of
Busan Haenudae Marine, Busan, Korea, Republic of
Busan Mint, Busan, Korea, Republic of
Busan Sinoryun, Busan, Korea, Republic of
Chungli TaTung, Taiwan
Gangjin Chungja, Jeonranam, Korea, Republic of
Glory East, New Taipei City, Taiwan
Golden Bauhina Hong Kong, Hong Kong
Hsinchu Eastmen, Taiwan
Jeju Neulhaerang, Jeju, Korea, Republic of
Kaohsiung Elite, Taiwan
Kaohsiung Wunshan, Taiwan
Mogpo Namak, Jeonranam, Korea, Republic of
NCKU, Taiwan
New Taipei City Light-up, Taiwan
Rotary E-Club of Busan Global , Busan, Korea, Republic of
Selenge, Mongolia
Shanghai Fresh Start, People's Republic of China
Shanghai Pudong Luizhuzui, People's Republic of China
Shanghai West, People's Republic of China
Taichung Dawn, Taiwan
Taichung Elite, Taiwan
Taichung Harbor West Coast, Taiwan
Taipei Mushiin, Taiwan
Taipei Riverside, Taiwan
Taipei Stone Bridge, Taiwan
Taipei Sun-Peace, Taiwan
The Elegance Taipei, Taiwan
The Harmony, New Taipei City, Taiwan
Ulsan Happy, Ulsan, Korea, Republic of
Ulsan Jasujeong, Ulsan, Korea, Republic of
Yangsan Tongdo, Gyeongsangnam, Korea, Republic of
Yuanlin South, Taiwan

Zone 11
Bandol Sainte-Baume Sud, Var, France
France D1780, France
La Baule - Cap Atlantique, Loire-Atlantique, France
Nancy Héré, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France
Perpignan Ruscino, Pyrénées-Orientales, France
Rennes Rives de l'Ile, Ille-et-Vilaine, France
Sainte-Adresse, Seine-Maritime, France
Zone 12
Campania-Napoli, Italy
Figline e Incisa Valdarno, Italy
Firenze "Amerigo Vespucci", Italy
Gudo Visconti - Navigli Viscontei, Italy
Montaperti - Castelnuovo Berardenga, Italy

Zone 13
Halderberge-Seppe, Netherland
Hamburg-Fontenay, Germany
Hanse D 1940, Germany
Mont-roig Costa Daurada, Spain
Sines, Portugal

Zone 16
Warszawa Fryderyk Chopin, Poland

Zone 17
Bradgate, Leicestershire, England
Rivelin Valley, Sheffield, England

Zone 18
Boutersem-Bierbeek, Belgium
Gerpinnes, Belgium

Zone 19 (continued)
Nyeri, Kenya
Old Mutare, Zimbabwe
Oropos Attiki, Hellas, Greece
Ostrava City, Hellas, Greece
Relizane Liberté, Algeria
Rishon LeZion, Israel
Saint-Denis Austral, Réunion
Takum City, Taraba State, Nigeria
Taveta, Kenya
Tel-Aviv/Afeke AvivTEK, Israel
Tétouan Tamouda, Morocco
Thika West, Kenya
Wau, South Sudan

Zone 20
Armenia Internacional, Quindio, Colombia
Campos Elíseos-México, D.F., Mexico
Jalapa, Tabasco, Mexico
Subachoque, Cundinamarca, Colombia

Zone 21
Conceição da Barra, Espírito Santo, Brazil
E-club of Distrito 4620-Tropeiros, Brazil
Iguatu-Planalto, Ceará, Brazil
Piraju, São Paulo, Brazil
Resende-Princesa do Vale, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
São Carlos-Clima, São Paulo, Brazil
São Paulo-Brasil-Taiwan, São Paulo, Brazil
São Paulo-Distrito São Luiz, São Paulo, Brazil

Zone 22
Correia Pinto, Santa Catarina, Brazil
E-club do Distrito 4730, Parana, Brazil
Foz do Iguacu-Harpia, Parana, Brazil
Perú sin fronteras – Lima, Lima, Perú
Pitanga-Avante, Parana, Brazil

Zone 23
E-club of District 5180, Sacramento, California, USA
E-club of Silicon Valley, California, USA

Zone 25
Chippewa Valley After Hours (Eau Claire County), Wisconsin, USA
Mequon-Milwaukee Afterhours, Wisconsin, USA
Twin Rivers After Hours, Moline, Illinois, USA

Zone 28
Shamokin Dam Sunrise, Pennsylvania, USA

Zone 29
Capital Area Sunset-Jackson, MS, USA
Downtown Rogers, AR, USA
Metro East Community, IL, USA
Metro Jackson Sunrise, MS, USA
Mid-City New Orleans, LA, USA
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 club’s name.

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:

From | To
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Amnyun, Chungcheongnam, Korea, Republic of | Anmyeondo, Chungcheongnam, Korea, Republic of
Anseoeg Hope, Gyeonggi, Korea, Republic of | Anseoeg Heemang, Gyeonggi, Korea, Republic of
Bee Cave, Texas, USA | Bee Cave – Spicewood, Texas, USA
Benissa, España | Benissa-Teulada, España
Bonheiden-Raembeek, Belgium | Bonheiden, Belgium
Bukit Komanwel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | Bukit Jalil Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Calvià, Catanzaro 1951, Italia | Calvià International, Catanzaro, Italy
Chalisaagun Milk City, Maharashtra, India | Milk City Chalisgaon, Maharashtra, India
Chennai Chepauck Centennial, Tamil Nadu, India | Maraimalai Nagar Industrial City, Tamil Nadu, India
Couzeix Ester Limoges, Haute-Vienne, France | Limoges-Couzeix, Haute-Vienne, France
Creil, Oise, France | Lamorlaye, Oise, France
Dearborn-Dearborn Hts.-Fairlane Sunrise, Michigan, USA | Fairlane Sunrise (Dearborn), Michigan, USA
Des Moines, Washington, USA | Des Moines and Normandy Park, Washington, USA
Deux Châteaux-Beaucaire-Tarascon, Gard, France | Beaucaire Tarascon, Gard, France
Ebingen, Germany | Ebingen-Zollernalb, Germany
Frankfurt a. Main, Germany | Frankfurt am Main, Germany
Gardendale Area, AL, USA | North Jefferson and Gardendale, AL, USA
Gennevilliers-Saint-Ouen-Saint Denis, S.-St.-Denis, France | Saint-Ouen Plaine Commune, S.-St.-Denis, France
Golden Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu, India | Nagercoil Elite, Tamil Nadu, India
Hartsdale, New York, USA | Hartsdale/Greenburgh, New York, USA
Hasbury & Cradley, West Midlands, England | Clent Hills, West Midlands, England
Hathai Rat, Bangkok, Thailand | Bangkok-Nawamin, Thailand
Jeju Sangrok, Jeju, Korea, Republic of | Jeju Gwangyang, Jeju, Korea, Republic of
Jonesboro Metro, AR, USA | Rotary E-Club Jonesboro Metro, AR, USA
Lambro Napoleon | Milano Lambro Napoleon
Lund-Dalby Laurentius Sweden | Lund City
Lunel-La Grande Motte, Hérault, France | La Grande Motte, Hérault, France
Lyonsvilleurbanne | Lyons-Tassin-Ecully
Marquise-Les Deux Caps, Pas-de-Calais, France | Winereux Baie Saint Jean, Pas-de-Calais, France
Myyrmäki-Myrbacka | Vantaa Myyrmäki
Nam-Changwon, Gyeongsangnam, Korea, Republic of | Namchangwon, Gyeongsangnam, Korea, Republic of
Nysted 2010, Denmark | Nysted, Denmark
Okawa East, Fukuoka, Japan | Kurume South, Fukuoka, Japan
Potenza-Ovest | Potenza Torre Guevara
Radeberg, Germany | Radeberg - Schönfelder Hochland, Germany
Reggio Calabria Sud, Italy | Reggio Calabria Sud - Parallelo 38, Italy
Rho Fiera Centenario, Italy | Milano Rho Fiera Centenario, Italy
Rotary E-Club of Sae East Seoul, Seoul, Korea, Republic of | Seoul WAKO, Seoul, Korea, Republic of
Sae-Gwangju, Gyeonggi, Korea, Republic of | Opo, Gyeonggi, Korea, Republic of
Saint Prix, Val d’Oise, France | Saint Prix Saint-Leu-La-Forêt, Val d’Oise, France
San Antonio Circle, Quezon, Philippines | Tiaong Circle, Quezon, Philippines
San Giuliano Milanese Sorsogon Metro, Sorsogon City, Bicol, Philippines | Milano Brivio Sforza Metro Sorsogon, Sorsogon City, Bicol, Philippines
Tampa West Latin, Florida, USA | Lutz, Florida, USA
The Jeffersons, North Carolina, USA | Ashe County, North Carolina, 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 III of the club constitution to revise the club’s 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:

Club
Atherton, Queensland, Australia
Bowen Island, British Columbia, Canada
Campbell River, British Columbia, Canada
City Central Hobart, Victoria, Australia
Colac West, Victoria, Australia
Glenorchy, Tasmania, Australia
Hamilton North, Victoria, Australia
Huon Valley, Victoria, Australia
Salamanca, Tasmania, Australia
Whitby Sunrise, Ontario, Canada

4. Extension of Time Limit for the Selection of District Governor

Statement: Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary in accordance Rotary Code of Policies section 31.030.3. may extend the time limit for the selection of a district governor in cases where the governor states that special circumstances warrant such action. The districts assured the Board that it will comply with RI Bylaws section 13.010. for nomination of all future governors.

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, extends the time limit to District 2225 (Russian Federation) for the selection of district governor serving in 2017–18.

5. Incorporation of Rotary Clubs

Statement: Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may approve all applications for incorporation that are in conformity with the general provisions for articles of incorporation.

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, offers no objection to the incorporation of the following Rotary clubs under the proposed articles of incorporation as submitted by those clubs:

Club Name
Atherton, Queensland, Australia
Bowen Island, British Columbia, Canada
Campbell River, British Columbia, Canada
City Central Hobart, Victoria, Australia
Colac West, Victoria, Australia
Glenorchy, Tasmania, Australia
Hamilton North, Victoria, Australia
Huon Valley, Victoria, Australia
Salamanca, Tasmania, Australia
Whitby Sunrise, Ontario, Canada

6. Incorporation of Rotary Club Activity or Fund

Statement: Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may authorize Rotary clubs to use the name “Rotary” in incorporating a club service or charitable foundation in accordance with Rotary Code of Policies section 33.020.

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, offers no objection to the incorporation of the following club activity or fund under the proposed articles of incorporation as submitted by those clubs:

Club Activity or Fund Name (Club)
Rotary Club of Lions Gate Foundation (British Columbia, Canada)
Rotary Club of Mount Morris Foundation (New York, USA)
Rotary Club of West Ottawa Charitable Foundation (West Ottawa, Ontario, Canada)
7. 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 in RI:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Clubs</th>
<th>New Club</th>
<th>New Charter Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Balneário Camboriú-Praia, Santa Catarina, Brazil and Balneário Camboriú-Atlântico, Santa Catarina, Brazil</td>
<td>Balneário Camboriú-Atlântico, Santa Catarina, Brazil</td>
<td>20 March 2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cottage Grove, Oregon, USA and Cottage Grove South Valley, Oregon, USA</td>
<td>Cottage Grove, Oregon, USA</td>
<td>3 October 1960</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kirra-Currumbin, Queensland, Australia and Coolangatta, Qld.-Tweed Heads N.S.W., Australia</td>
<td>Coolangatta-Tweed Heads, Queensland -New South Wales, Australia</td>
<td>27 June 1945</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mays Landing, New Jersey, USA and Egg Harbor City, New Jersey, USA</td>
<td>Mays Landing-Egg Harbor City, New Jersey, USA</td>
<td>13 June 1945</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Old Pueblo (Tucson), Arizona, USA and Saguaro (Tucson), Arizona, USA</td>
<td>Old Pueblo (Tucson), Arizona, USA</td>
<td>19 April 1958</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

8. Reinstatement of Membership in Rotary International

Statement: Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may reinstate the membership of a club that was terminated for non-payment of financial obligations to RI, if such obligations have been met.

DECISION: In accordance with Rotary Code of Policies section 31.030.7. and in view of the fact that the former Rotary clubs listed below have met the conditions of that policy, the Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, reinstates the following clubs.

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<th>Clubs</th>
<th>New Club</th>
<th>New Charter Date</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Princess Anne at Town Center (Virginia Beach), Virginia, USA and Norfolk, Virginia, USA</td>
<td>Town Center Virginia Beach, Virginia, USA</td>
<td>17 May 1967</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>São João de Meriti, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and São João de Meriti-Vilar dos Teles, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil</td>
<td>São João de Meriti e Vila dos Teles, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil</td>
<td>8 January 2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SeaTac, Washington, USA and Tukwila, Washington, USA</td>
<td>Tukwila, Washington, USA</td>
<td>19 February 1990</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Soka Central, Saitama, Japan and Soka South, Saitama, Japan</td>
<td>Soka Central, Saitama, Japan</td>
<td>01 January 2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stockholm-Vasa, Sverige and Stockholm-Vasaborgen, Sverige</td>
<td>Stockholm-Vasaborgen</td>
<td>4 May 1973</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Voula-Panorama and Voula</td>
<td>Voula-Panorama and Voula</td>
<td>17 February 1997</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### 9. 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:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>District</th>
<th>Club</th>
<th>Country</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2980</td>
<td>Papanasam River City, Tamil Nadu</td>
<td>India</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3070</td>
<td>Anantnag, Jammu &amp; Kashmir</td>
<td>India</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3170</td>
<td>Navalgund, Karnataka</td>
<td>India</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3201</td>
<td>Kodungallur central, Kerala</td>
<td>India</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3220</td>
<td>E-Club of Infinity, RI D-3220</td>
<td>Sri Lanka</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3272</td>
<td>Rawalpindi Rawal, Punjab</td>
<td>Pakistan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3281</td>
<td>Sirajganj</td>
<td>Bangladesh</td>
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<tr>
<td>3281</td>
<td>Dhaka East</td>
<td>Bangladesh</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3281</td>
<td>Agargaon Dhaka</td>
<td>Bangladesh</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3670</td>
<td>Yeosan, Jeonrubug</td>
<td>Korea, Republic of</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3810</td>
<td>Pasay North, Metro Manila</td>
<td>Philippines</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3820</td>
<td>Pili Centro, Camarines Sur</td>
<td>Philippines</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4110</td>
<td>Ciudad Juárez Sur, Chihuahua</td>
<td>Mexico</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4390</td>
<td>Senhor do Bonfim-Centro, Bahia</td>
<td>Brazil</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4590</td>
<td>Limeira-Morro Azul, São Paulo</td>
<td>Brazil</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4640</td>
<td>Clevelândia, Paraná</td>
<td>Brazil</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4710</td>
<td>Cambé, Paraná</td>
<td>Brazil</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 10. Termination of Membership in RI – 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:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>District</th>
<th>Club</th>
<th>Admitted</th>
<th>Terminated</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2041</td>
<td>Cusago Visconteo, Italy</td>
<td>30 June 2008</td>
<td>27 March 2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3140</td>
<td>Vasai, Maharashtra, India</td>
<td>15 May 2002</td>
<td>22 December 2014</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3661</td>
<td>Busan Sejong, Busan, Korea, Republic of</td>
<td>5 January 2012</td>
<td>13 February 2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4400</td>
<td>Salina, Guayas, Ecuador</td>
<td>13 January 1944</td>
<td>8 January 2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4760</td>
<td>Belo Horizonte-Coração Eucarístico, Minas Gerais, Brazil</td>
<td>1 July 1998</td>
<td>9 January 2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4770</td>
<td>Nova Ponte, Minas Gerais, Brazil</td>
<td>30 June 1992</td>
<td>5 January 2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4945</td>
<td>Sancti Spiritu, S.F., Argentina</td>
<td>9 May 2014</td>
<td>29 December 2014</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6710</td>
<td>Auburn, KY, USA</td>
<td>6 June 1928</td>
<td>19 January 2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7950</td>
<td>Mashpee, Massachusetts, USA</td>
<td>3 Dec. 1997</td>
<td>31 December 2014</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
11. Termination of Membership in RI – 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 3.030.2., terminates the membership in RI of the following Rotary clubs:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>District</th>
<th>Club</th>
<th>Admitted</th>
<th>Terminated</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>3110</td>
<td>Kanpur Shree</td>
<td>8 Feb. 2010</td>
<td>24 Feb. 2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4410</td>
<td>Boa Esperança, Espírito Santo, Brazil</td>
<td>27 Dec. 2011</td>
<td>13 Jan. 2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4540</td>
<td>Franca-Norte, São Paulo, Brazil</td>
<td>23 May 1972</td>
<td>5 Jan. 2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7020</td>
<td>Port de Paix, Haiti</td>
<td>30 May 1996</td>
<td>9 Apr. 2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7020</td>
<td>St. Mary, Jamaica</td>
<td>11 June 2010</td>
<td>22 Jan. 2015</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

12. Modification of District Boundaries – Transfer of Clubs, Districts 3480, 3520

Statement: When District 3520 was split from District 3480 in 1997, four clubs stayed in District 3480 while their sponsor club, the Rotary Club of Taipei South, was assigned to District 3520. The four clubs now wish to rejoin District 3520. In response to their request, ballots by-mails were conducted in the two districts and a majority of clubs in both districts approved the move. This transfer does not result in a change to the district boundary descriptions for either districts as the localities of all four clubs are within metropolitan Taipei.

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, in accordance with Rotary Code of Policies section 17.010.4., approves the transfer of the Rotary Club of Taipei Fumen, Taiwan, the Rotary Club of Taipei Chung Chu, Taipei, Taiwan, the Rotary Club of Taipei Nanyang, Taiwan, and the Rotary Club of Taipei Star, Taiwan from District 3480 to District 3520, effective 1 July 2015.


Statement: On 1 July 2013 previous District 1840 was split and the Rotary Club of Erding and the Rotary Club of Freising were assigned to District 1841. As they are situated next to the border to District 1842 and as they have closer links to clubs in this neighbouring district, they requested to change from District 1841 to 1842. The new boundary descriptions reflect this transfer as well as necessary clarifications to reflect the correct counties and communities of both districts.

AUSTRIA—Region of Kleinwalsertal and the county of Reutte. GERMANY—Part including the Regierungsbezirk Schwaben (excluding county Neu-Ulm except the town of Weissenhorn, cities of Lindau, Illertissen and Wending in the former county of Donauwörth). Part of Regierungsbezirk Oberbayern with county Pfaffenhofen, Ingolstadt, Neuburg-Schrobenhausen, Dachau, Fürstenfeldbruck, Landsberg, Weilheim-Schongau, Starnberg (excluding the town of Gauting), Bad Tölz-Wolfratshausen, Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Miesbach.

GERMANY—Regierungsbezirke Niederbayern, Oberbayern (without former county Eichstätt and the community of Kiefersfelden and without county Pfaffenhofen, Ingolstadt, Neuburg-Schrobenhausen, Dachau, Fürstenfeldbruck, Landsberg, Weilheim-Schongau, Starnberg (except the town of Gauting), Bad Tölz-Wolfratshausen, Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Miesbach), Munich and Munich county.

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, in accordance with the proposed articles of incorporation as submitted by the group: Alzheimer’s/Dementia Rotarian Action Group


Statement: Under the terms of the delegation of authority by the Board, the general secretary may approve all applications for incorporation of Global Networking Groups, in conformity with Rotary Code of Policies section 42.030.

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, offers no objection to the incorporation of the following Global Networking Group under the proposed articles of incorporation as submitted by the group: Alzheimer’s/Dementia Rotarian Action Group
15. Recognition of New Rotary Fellowship

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 Rotary Fellowships Committee.

DECISION: The Board, the general secretary acting on its behalf, recognizes the Rotary Fellowship for Cruising Rotarians.

16. Request to Form a Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organization—Formation of Big West Rotaract MDIO

Statement: In accordance with the policy established by the Board with respect to multidistrict activities, the governors and Rotaract representatives of Districts 5130, 5220, 5340, and 5510 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 5130, 5220, 5340, and 5510 to participate in the Big West Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organization Representing Districts 5130, 5220, 5340, and 5510, subject to the activities being organized and conducted in accordance with RI policy.

17. Request to Join Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organization—Districts 3000, 3010, 3090, 3211, 3272, and 3282

Statement: In accordance with the policy established by the Board with respect to multidistrict activities, the governors and Rotaract representatives of Districts 3000, 3010, 3090, 3211, 3272, and 3282 requested 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 3000, 3010, 3090, 3211, 3272, and 3282 to participate in the South East Asia Rotaract Information Center (SEARIC) MDIO Representing Districts 2980, 3000, 3010, 3020, 3030, 3051, 3060, 3070, 3080, 3090, 3110, 3120, 3131, 3132, 3140, 3170, 3250, 3271, 3272, 3281, 3291, and 3292, subject to the activities being organized and conducted in accordance with RI policy.

18. Request to Join Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organization—Districts 3051 and 3272

Statement: In accordance with the policy established by the Board with respect to multidistrict activities, the governors and Rotaract representatives of Districts 3051 and 3272 requested 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 3051 and 3272 to participate in the South East Asia Rotaract Information Center (SEARIC) MDIO Representing Districts 3030, 3051, 3070, 3090, 3110, 3120, 3131, 3132, 3140, 3170, 3250, 3271, 3272, 3281, 3291, and 3292, subject to the activities being organized and conducted in accordance with RI policy.
APPENDIX F

AMENDMENTS TO THE ROTARY CODE OF POLICIES REGARDING PROCEDURES FOR THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR RI PRESIDENT
(Decision 170)

27.010.2. Procedures for the Functioning of the Nominating Committee for President

The RI board has adopted procedures for the functioning of the Nominating Committee for RI president as follows:

Confidentiality

Members of the nominating committee, prior to and following the meeting of the committee, shall not discuss with other members of the committee or any other person the work of the committee, and shall at no time discuss or divulge any of the deliberations or discussions of the committee, except as they may participate in the deliberations of the committee at the time of its meeting. This confidentiality may be waived solely by the Board, or the RI Election Review Committee acting on its behalf, in order to investigate any duly filed election complaint.

Preparation for the Committee Meeting

1. The general secretary will assign a member of the Secretariat staff to work with and for the committee with instructions that all aspects of the work of the committee are to be kept in strict confidence.

2. The assigned staff person shall open all communications addressed to the committee and will tabulate submissions and assemble background information.

3. If for any reason a communication addressed to the nominating committee is not received in a sealed envelope— or should such communication be inadvertently opened because it was not properly addressed to the nominating committee or otherwise, such communication shall be sealed immediately and be placed with other mail for the committee.

4. Candidates for RI president shall be asked to submit a statement not to exceed 300 words outlining their vision and goals for Rotary.

5. In accordance with RI bylaws section 11.050.2., which provides for candidates for RI president to be given an opportunity to be interviewed by the committee, the RI Board will develop three to five questions annually that candidates will be asked to answer in writing. There shall be a 150 word limit on a candidate’s answers to each of the three to five questions.

6. The general secretary shall send the interview questions to those Rotarians who submit their names for consideration by the nominating committee. Answers to the interview questions must be returned no later than 10 July.

7. Written statements submitted by candidates that exceed the applicable word limits in the language submitted shall not be transmitted to the Nominating Committee for RI President.

8. The Nominating Committee shall also conduct a virtual interview with each candidate to be facilitated in a manner determined by the general secretary. A candidate who declines the opportunity to be interviewed shall not be disqualified or disregarded.

9. In accordance with RI bylaws section 11.040.3., no later than 15 July at least one week prior to the committee meeting the general secretary shall forward to committee members an alphabetical list of the past directors who have notified the general secretary that they wish to have their names listed as being willing and able to serve as president with the name of the Rotary club in which each holds membership indicated in capital letters. If there are more than six candidates, committee members will be asked to vote on their top six candidates within the following five days. The top six vote getters shall be considered the “finalists” and invited by the general secretary to be interviewed in person by the committee. The finalists’ travel and related expenses shall be paid by RI. Candidates who are not invited to be interviewed shall not be considered further by the committee. If there are six or fewer candidates, all candidates shall be considered finalists and invited to be interviewed.

10. With regard to the six finalists identified by the committee, the assigned staff person shall prepare the following materials for each committee member. These materials shall be delivered to members of the
committee electronically five days before the meeting. A hard copy of these materials will be distributed to each member the day before the committee meeting.

a) an informational letter from the general secretary pertaining to procedures of the committee meeting
b) a copy of the “Procedures for the Functioning of the Nominating Committee for President”
c) a copy of RI bylaws Article 11
d) an alphabetical list of candidates for the office of president
e) a copy of the DVDs submitted by candidates explaining their vision and goals
f) one set of each of the following for each candidate
   1) a copy of a current photograph submitted by the candidate
   2) a copy of the submission form from the candidate containing a one-page background statement
   3) a copy of written answers to interview questions developed by the RI Board
   4) a copy of the written statement of vision and goals for Rotary
   5) a chronological list of RI committees on which the candidate has served
   6) a copy of the general biographical data on record in the secretariat

11. The assigned staff person shall prepare a packet for use by the committee chairman containing a draft copy of the Report of the Committee, a draft letter of transmittal to the general secretary, copies of a ballot containing an alphabetical list of candidates, and the DVDs submitted by candidates explaining their vision and goals.

12. All original submission forms and correspondence shall be placed in a single sealed container, to be delivered to the committee chairman for disposition.

13. The general secretary should schedule an optional and informal fellowship dinner for members of the committee to dine as a group on Sunday evening preceding the committee meeting.

At the Committee Meeting

14. The members of the nominating committee shall be seated in alphabetical order.

15. The general secretary shall inform the committee that RI bylaws (section 11.050.1.) provide that “The committee shall meet and nominate from among the list of past directors who have indicated they are willing to serve as president the best qualified Rotarian available to perform the functions of the office.”

16. The committee shall elect a member of the committee as its chairman. Another member shall be elected as secretary. The election of the chairman and secretary shall be conducted under the direction of the general secretary, who shall prepare and distribute a ballot listing each member of the nominating committee. Each member of the committee shall cast one vote for the chairman. The general secretary, or a member of his staff, shall count the votes and announce the results. If nine (9) votes are not received by any member of the committee, a second ballot shall be held. Voting shall continue on successive ballots until nine (9) votes are received. After the election of the chairman, the procedure outlined above shall be used to select a committee secretary.

17. Following the election of the chairman and secretary, no one is to be in attendance during the meeting of the committee other than the duly elected members of the nominating committee and any interpreters needed for members of the committee, except that the general secretary or his assigned staff member may be called into the meeting upon the request of the chairman or other member of the committee. This staff person shall assist the committee during the course of its meeting, should any assistance be required, and shall work under the direct supervision of the chairman of the committee.

18. Before the committee begins its deliberations, the chairman shall inquire whether any member of the committee has been contacted by or on behalf of any candidate, or is aware of any effort to influence members of the nominating committee, either directly or indirectly, and, if so, to bring these to the attention of committee at this time.

19. The committee shall conduct interviews of no more than 30 minutes with each of the six finalists previously identified by the committee. The finalists shall be interviewed in alphabetical order.

20. Following the interviews, but before conducting a ballot for president, the nominating committee shall discuss the qualifications of each candidate. Following the discussion of all of the candidates, the chairman shall distribute ballots prepared by the general secretary containing an alphabetical list of candidates and instruct each member of the committee to vote for six (6) candidates. All voting conducted under this paragraph shall be conducted by secret ballot. The secretary shall
tabulate the results and announce the six highest vote-getters. Each of these candidates shall be discussed further by the committee, and the secretary shall distribute another set of ballots with the names of all but the remaining candidates crossed out. Each member of the committee shall be instructed to vote for four candidates. After the secretary announces the results of this ballot, similar steps shall be followed to reduce the number of candidates to two and, finally, to one. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a candidate eliminated during a previous round of balloting may be reconsidered at any point if requested by at least six members of the committee. Voting must continue until there are two candidates remaining and one of the final two candidates receives at least ten votes, regardless of whether any candidate received ten or more votes in a previous round of voting. The committee shall not select an alternate, and the candidate who finishes second in the final vote shall not be considered to be an alternate.

20. The RI bylaws (section 11.050.3.) provide that “Twelve members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. The transaction of all business of the committee shall be by majority vote, except that in the selection of the committee’s nominee for president, the votes of at least ten members of the committee shall be cast in favor of such nominee.”

21. The report of the committee naming its nominee shall be signed by the chairman on behalf of the committee and be delivered and certified to the general secretary. (In the past, this has been done before the committee adjourned.) This report is to be the only formal record of the committee. The general secretary will notify each club of the contents of the report and the names of the nominating committee in accordance with the RI bylaws.

22. The RI bylaws (section 11.050.4. and subsections 1. through 4.) further provide that

11.050.4.1. Procedures for Committee.
At its meeting, the committee shall authorize the chairman to act on its behalf to initiate promptly the procedures for meeting such contingency.

11.050.4.2. Committee Voting Procedure.
Such procedures could include a ballot-by-mail or other rapid means of communication, or an emergency meeting of the committee to be held as determined by the president on behalf of the board.

11.050.4.3. Challenging Candidates.
Where the committee must select another nominee as hereinbefore provided, the clubs shall to the extent possible be given a reasonable period as determined by the board to submit challenging candidates. Such challenges shall be in accordance with section 11.070., except with reference to specified filing dates.

11.050.4.4. Contingency Not Provided in Bylaws.
Where a contingency arises that has not been provided for by the committee, the board shall determine the procedure to be followed by the committee.

23. Should the selection of another nominee for president be necessary, the general secretary shall contact those past directors who previously indicated to the general secretary that they wished to be considered by the nominating committee. The names of the candidates who still wish to be considered shall be considered by the committee. The procedures to be used at any emergency meeting of the committee shall follow these procedures as closely as possible.

24. The committee shall assemble all materials, place them in a sealed container, and transmit them by letter to the general secretary for safe keeping until 1 July, at which time they may be destroyed by him within ten days unless there are circumstances which require that the materials be retained.
APPENDIX G

POLICY STATEMENT ON RI COMMITTEE SELECTION AND EVALUATION
(Decision 176)

RI Committees Selection Task Force
Rotary shall have a committee selection task force that shall recruit and suggest candidates for RI committees per RI Bylaws Article 16 (communications, constitution and bylaws, conventions, districting, election review, finance, Rotaract/Interact, strategic planning, audit, and operations review committees) to the president-elect for selection and appointment. The task force shall provide a list of no less than three candidates for each open committee position to the president-elect for consideration.

Committee Member Recruitment
The goal is to provide a diverse pool of candidates for selection that includes highly qualified individuals with expertise in the purview of the committee for which members are being actively recruited. The general secretary, under the direction of the committee selection task force, shall utilize Rotary’s communication outlets to advertise open committee positions. The advertisement shall identify key responsibilities and experiences required for the position. The application process shall require a short biography, resume or curriculum vitae for individual Rotarians to complete as a self-nominating process, or individuals may nominate others. This process fosters the engagement of a wide range of Rotary’s membership and allows for a pool of candidates diverse in age, gender, and geographical location. An open application process—both self-nominating and by recommendation—provides transparency into the process and available opportunities to serve at the international level. Those who submit recommendations shall remain confidential to the committee selection task force. Current and incoming RI officers are encouraged to promote this application process to Rotarians in their respective regions. This recruitment process is not intended to solicit preferred committee appointments for incoming or current RI directors and TRF trustees.

Committee Member Selection
Consistency and continuity from year to year are crucial to the success of a committee over the long term. The committee selection task force is encouraged to consider this when making committee member recommendations. For appointments that become effective in one Rotary year and continue into one or more subsequent years, the committee selection task force should consult with the successor(s) president during the process.

Statement on Diversity
Rotary recognizes the value of representation on committees of the diverse range of perspectives in Rotary membership. The committee selection task force is encouraged to identify candidates for suggestion to the president-elect that reflect the internationality of Rotary, considering age, gender, ethnicity, expertise, geographic area, and other criteria.

Consideration of Expertise or Skills
To ensure that the most qualified candidates are presented to the president-elect for the decision of appointment, the committee selection task force is requested to consider candidates with specialty or technical skills to ensure that the pool of candidates takes into account the professional expertise or skills that are needed for each of the assignments.

Committee Evaluation
To set clear expectations and promote engagement and participation by all committee members, a standard evaluation tool shall be applied to each of the RI committees noted in this policy and to committee members. The committees shall deliver on clear goals that are consistent with the RI strategic plan and presidential goals.

Understanding that the overall aim of the evaluation is to help the committee improve its effectiveness and impact, the evaluation tool shall include assessments by the Board, committee members, and the general secretary. The assessments shall address the following criteria for all committees: member interaction and productivity, collaboration, attendance, progress on tasks, achievement of annual goals and other metrics as determined necessary. In addition, the assessments shall address specialized performance expectations specific to each committee’s terms of reference and stated purpose. The committee shall provide a subsequent report to the Board outlining successes, challenges and opportunities for improvement. In addition to committee performance, the Board and the general secretary are encouraged to review this report to evaluate training and orientation efforts, liaison support, and staff support of committees. This report may also be used to inform the reappointment or removal of committee members.
Committee Member Reappointment and Removal
The committee evaluation process should inform the committee and the Board on opportunities for improving committee results along with information for future decisions related to removal or reappointment of members. This process also serves to: 1) increase awareness among committee members of the performance expectations; 2) understand and agree to the potential consequences of not meeting expectations; 3) increase the credibility in the appointment process. To lend clarity to this process, a clear set of criteria will be developed for the committee outlining expectations and responsibilities.

The appointment letter shall include an explanation of these expectations. If the Board votes to remove a committee member, the president shall choose a replacement from the list originally provided by the committee selection task force.
APPENDIX H

AMENDMENTS TO THE ROTARY CODE OF POLICIES REGARDING INTERCOUNTRY COMMITTEES
(Decision 178)

37.030.3. National Sections
An intercountry committee is comprised of the national sections that represent the districts in each participating country. National sections coordinate the activities and projects of the intercountry committee within one country. National sections are autonomous and Representatives from each national section shall should meet during a general assembly to be held once a year, alternating from country to country. Leadership of the intercountry committee should rotate among the national section chairs on an annual basis. National sections must abide by the rules governing organizations in their country and should have officers including a chair, secretary, and treasurer. The chair of national sections should serve for three years.

While only districts may form and join intercountry committees, individual Rotarians, their spouses, Rotaractors, and Rotary clubs may participate in their activities.

37.030.4. National Section Chair
The national section chair must be a Rotarian, preferably a past district governor, and should shall be selected by the governor or group of governors representing the districts located in that country. In an advisory role to participating districts, the national section chair should assist the governor(s) in supervising and promoting the activity and projects of the committee, including the arrangement of contacts between clubs and districts in the partner countries. The national section chair appointment term should be three years to ensure continuity in the work of the intercountry committees.

37.030.5. National Coordinator
In countries that participate in more than one intercountry committee, a national coordinator should be appointed to oversee these activities and the individual national section chairs. The national coordinator collects reports from each national section chair in the country to forward the executive council each year. The national coordinator must be a Rotarian, preferably a past district governor, and should shall be selected by the governor or group of governors representing the districts located in that country. The national coordinator appointment term should be three years to ensure continuity in the work of the intercountry committees.

37.030.9. Relationship with Rotary International
The organization and functioning of intercountry committees is the independent activity of individual districts and is not a part of the program of RI. Clubs and districts are encouraged to use established intercountry committee relationships to enhance their participation in Rotary Foundation programs, especially in the development of Matching Grants.
APPENDIX I

AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED LEGISLATION
(Decision 180)

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 16-

To provide for a standing committee of RI for membership

Proposed by the RI Board of Directors

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows:

Article 16 Committees

16.100. Membership Committee.
The board shall appoint a membership committee to be composed of at least eight members, appointed for at least three-year terms, on a staggered basis, with the ability for reappointment, four of whom shall serve a four-year term with one of these members appointed every year; two members shall be members of the board appointed for a two-year staggered term, one from each class of directors, and two members shall be members of the trustees of The Rotary Foundation appointed for two-year staggered terms in collaboration with the Trustee chair. No member of the committee shall be a past president. Membership shall be selected so that qualifications provide a balance in membership with Rotarians experienced in membership activity, RI Regional Membership Plans and Rotary Coordinators. The committee shall meet at such times and places and upon such notice as may be determined by the president or the board. The membership committee shall develop, recommend and update a membership strategy and plans for consideration by the board, including new membership concepts to review and make recommendations to the board. Members may be reappointed.

Interim Provision Relating to Section 16.100.
Amendments to section 16.100, adopted at the 2016 Council on Legislation pursuant to council enactment 16- shall be implemented by the board in a manner it deems appropriate.
APPENDIX J

RI STATEMENT ON MEMBERSHIP STRATEGY
(Decision 181)

**President & Board**
Each year the president and the Board will establish membership goals. The Board has overall responsibility for implementing and overseeing strategy and plans to assist Rotary clubs in their membership efforts.

The Rotary coordinators have specific responsibility, under direction and supervision of the Board, for implementing the Board's membership strategy and plans at the regional level. The RCs will serve as the primary resource for assistance to districts in their membership efforts.

**District**
The district governor has general responsibility for promulgating, implementing, and overseeing strategy and plans to assist the clubs in his/her district in their membership efforts. The District Membership Committee consists of the district governor, the District Membership Committee chair, the assistant governors (or those assistant governors responsible for membership and retention), and any other persons appointed by the governor.

Assistant governors have specific responsibility, under direction and supervision of the governor and the District Membership Committee chair, for implementing the district's membership strategy and plans at the club level. The assistant governors will serve as the primary recourse for assistance to their assigned clubs in their membership efforts. The assistant governors will promote membership growth and retention through building strong, innovative, and vibrant clubs.

**Club**
The club president has general responsibility for promulgating, implementing, and overseeing the club's strategy and plans for membership. The Club Membership Committee consists of the president, the Club Membership Committee Chair, and any other persons appointed by the president.
APPENDIX K

AMENDMENTS TO THE ROTARY CODE OF POLICIES REGARDING
DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP AND DISTRICT NEW CLUB
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES
(Decision 181)

Article 17.030.3 – Membership Committee
[text omitted]

A. Membership Development Committee

To be effective, the District Membership Committee must have continuity of leadership; therefore, the District Membership Committee chair shall be appointed for a three-year term, subject to review, with documented agreement of the governor, governor-elect and governor-nominee for their term of service.

The district governor (if selected) scheduled for each of the years of the three-year term for the District Membership Committee chair will participate in the selection of the District Membership Committee chair. This selection should take place and be reported to Rotary International no later than 31 December before taking office on 1 July of the same calendar year.

Any removal for cause must have the prior approval of all district governors (if selected) scheduled for each of the remaining years of the three-year term.

B. District Extension Committee

To be effective, the District Extension Committee must have continuity of leadership; therefore, the District Extension Committee chair shall be appointed for a three-year term, subject to review, with documented agreement of the governor, governor-elect and governor-nominee for their term of service.

The district governor (if selected) scheduled for each of the years of the three-year term for the District Membership Committee chair will participate in the selection of the District Extension Committee chair. This selection should take place and be reported to Rotary International no later than 31 December before taking office on 1 July of the same calendar year.

Any removal for cause must have the prior approval of all district governors (if selected) scheduled for each of the remaining years of the three-year term.
11.020.6. Guidelines for Use of Rotary Marks by Rotary Clubs, Rotary Districts and Other Rotary Entities for Sponsorship and Cooperative Relationship Purposes

[Text omitted]

13. Current RI policy mandates that, without altering the provisions set out in paragraph 12 above, the Rotary Marks may not be altered, modified or obstructed in any way but must be reproduced in their entirety. To accommodate digital media and enhance an accurate reproduction of the Rotary emblem, a specially modified emblem may be used for replications smaller than 0.5 inches (1.27 cm), such modified emblem to be used only together with “Rotary” as part of the “digital and small space signature lock-up,” or with “Interact” or “Rotaract” as part of the digital and small space simplified signatures for the Programs logos. To accommodate the embroidery medium, the modified Rotary emblem may be used on licensed and other RI authorized articles of clothing in replications greater than 0.5 inches (1.27 cm) but only in sizes too small to accommodate accurate reproduction of the Rotary emblem, provided the modified Rotary emblem is always used together with “Rotary,” “Interact,” or “Rotaract” in the simplified signature format.

[Text omitted]

33.030.6. Use of the Rotary Emblem or other Rotary Marks by Rotary Entities

[Text omitted]

The Rotary Marks must always be reproduced in their entirety. No alterations, obstructions or modifications of the Rotary Marks are permitted. To accommodate digital media and enhance an accurate reproduction of the Rotary emblem, a specially modified emblem may be used for replications smaller than 0.5 inches (1.27 cm), such modified emblem to be used only together with “Rotary” as part of the “digital and small space signature lock-up,” or with “Interact” or “Rotaract” as part of the digital and small space simplified signatures for the Programs logos. To accommodate the embroidery medium, the modified Rotary emblem may be used on licensed and other RI authorized articles of clothing in replications greater than 0.5 inches (1.27 cm) but only in sizes too small to accommodate accurate reproduction of the Rotary emblem, provided the modified Rotary emblem is always used together with “Rotary,” “Interact,” or “Rotaract” in the simplified signature format.

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33.030.14. RI and TRF Guidelines for Use of the Rotary Marks by Sponsors and Cooperating Organizations

7. Sponsor recognizes that, without altering the provisions set out in paragraph 6 above, the Rotary Marks may not be altered, modified or obstructed but must be reproduced in their entirety. To accommodate digital media and enhance an accurate reproduction of the Rotary emblem, a specially modified emblem may be used for replications smaller than 0.5 inches (1.27 cm), such modified emblem to be used only together with “Rotary” as part of the “digital and small space signature lock-up,” or with “Interact” or “Rotaract” as part of the digital and small space simplified signatures for the Programs logos. To accommodate the embroidery medium, the modified Rotary emblem may be used on licensed and other RI authorized articles of clothing in replications greater than 0.5 inches (1.27 cm) but only in sizes too small to accommodate accurate reproduction of the Rotary emblem, provided the modified Rotary emblem is always used together with “Rotary,” “Interact,” or “Rotaract” in the simplified signature format.

34.050.1. Accurate Reproduction of the Rotary Marks on Merchandise

Merchandise bearing the Rotary emblem and other Rotary Marks may be licensed or otherwise authorized regardless of size and in any medium, provided the Rotary emblem or other of the Rotary Marks can be accurately reproduced including, but not limited to, silk screening, embroidery, engraving, laser engraving, casting, printing, stamping, etc. To accommodate digital media and enhance an accurate reproduction of the Rotary emblem, a specially modified emblem may be used for replications smaller than 0.5 inches (1.27 cm), such modified emblem to be used only together with “Rotary” as part of the “digital and small space signature lock-up,” or with “Interact” or “Rotaract” as part of the digital and small space simplified signatures for the Programs logos. To accommodate the embroidery medium, the modified Rotary emblem may be used on licensed and other RI authorized articles of clothing in replications greater than 0.5 inches (1.27 cm) but only in sizes too small to accommodate accurate reproduction of the Rotary emblem, provided the modified Rotary emblem is always used together with “Rotary,” “Interact,” or “Rotaract” in the simplified signature format.
APPENDIX M

AMENDMENTS TO THE ROTARY CODE OF POLICIES REGARDING
THE ROTARY WORLD MAGAZINE PRESS
(Decision 195)

51.020.1. Rotary Regional Magazine Criteria
A Rotary regional magazine exists to advance the
Object of Rotary in all its aspects. A Rotary publication
that meets the following criteria may be recognized as a
Rotary regional magazine (including both the print and
any electronic versions):

1. A Rotary regional magazine exists to advance the
Object of Rotary in all its aspects.

2. All aspects of the publication of the magazine are
under the direct supervision of 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 (see section 51.020.4. Guidelines for Ro-
tary Regional Magazine Licensing).

3. A Rotary regional magazine may be recognized as a
Rotary regional magazine (including both the print and
any electronic versions):

   a) A Rotary publication that meets the following
criteria may be recognized as a Rotary regional
magazine (including both the print and any
electronic versions):

   i) A report of advertising policy and rates;

   ii) A financial stability letter, signed by the chair of
the regional magazine publisher, president, or
equivalent and approved by the advisory board. The
statement will verify that the regional magazine is
financially viable and in a position to maintain
publication.

   iii) Regional magazines shall also submit profit and loss
statements and other financial documents that illustrate
financial solvency and revenues and expenses, as set
forth in the license agreement with RI. Regional World
Magazine Publications shall provide their
audited financial statements accounts to their
subscribers and to RI on an annual basis and publish
same to their subscribers annually.

51.020.4. Guidelines for Rotary Regional Magazine
Licensing
The Board has approved the following guidelines for
Rotary regional magazine licensing:

b) Procedures

3. Regional magazines must comply with the royalty
reporting and payment obligations, as set forth in the
license agreement with RI.

5. Regional magazines must submit the following
information to RI:

vi) a current magazine editorial calendar and a
projection of any major changes or planned
improvements for the next four years (licensed period);

five clubs and endorsed by at least three of the district’s
current DG, DGE, DGN and IPDG. Such resolution should:
1. State the reasons why the board’s approved and prescribed magazine for that country/region does not meet the needs of that district.

2. State what steps have been taken by the district to resolve the issue directly with the prescribed regional magazine.

3. State the response and outcome of each step cited in point 2, above.

4. Indicate an alternate choice of licensed magazine.

5. State why the desired alternate choice of licensed magazine would better suit its needs.

6. State the circulation/number of subscribers that would be affected.

Upon receipt of such resolution, the general secretary will forward a copy to the potentially impacted magazine (to both the publisher and the advisory board chair) and solicit its response within sixty (60) days. Thereafter, the resolution will be researched and considered by the general secretary. At the general secretary’s discretion, once sufficient information has been gathered and if a meritorious case exists, the general secretary will bring the matter to the board for its consideration. The board, in deciding the issue, will consider the information included in the resolution and supporting materials, the response (if timely received) from the impacted magazine, the impact such a change would have on the existing approved and prescribed magazine, the ability and willingness of the proposed new licensed magazine to handle the increased subscription, the political climate in the region and any other facts or circumstances that may be relevant.

51.020.6. Provisional Status for Rotary Related Magazines

If a Rotary related magazine serves a specific language community located within only one district but shows potential for growth to additional districts, it may apply for a two-year provisional status with full benefits of licensing, upon entering into an agreement with RI.
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