

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ROTARY DISTRICT 6000  
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019**

**PRESENT:**

Gov. 18-19	Tom Narak, Chair	Gov. 14-15	John Ockenfels
Gov. 17-18	Mike Ruby, Vice Chair	Gov. 19-20	Erna Morain, DGE
Gov. 16-17	Chris Knapp, Secretary	Gov. 20-21	Steve Dakin, DGN – By GoToMeeting
Gov. 15-16	Loring Miller	Gov. 21-22	Alka Khanolkar, DGND – By GoToMeeting
Gov. 04-05	Bill Tubbs, Ex-Officio		

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Cory Kelly	Vernette Knapp
Carol Narak	Carolyn Scharff, District Administrator
Steve Morain, By-Laws Sub-committee Member	

**Meeting Called to Order:**

Governor Narak called the meeting to order at 11:20 A.M.

**Quorum Verification:**

A quorum was present.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to approve Agenda.  
Loring Moved  
Erna Seconded  
Passed.

**Budget and Finance Committee Report:**

Chair Loring Miller reported that District Accountant Denny Skinner presented the financials for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Denny reported no unusual items. The district is in sound financial condition. Denny also introduced his replacement, Jon Augustus, of the Rotary Club of Nevada who will assume the duties on July 1. The board thanked Denny for his service as District Accountant since 2007!

Motion to accept the Finance Committee's report.  
Ockenfels Moved.  
Knapp Seconded.  
Passed.

The Budget and Finance Committee recommended that the district begin to accept credit card payments online for all district sponsored events. There is a realization that there is a cost for this convenience but that people are willing to pay for this convenience. The cost of online credit card payment processing will be passed on to those that use that method. The cost is a percentage of the amount of each transaction. These events will be involved: District Conference, Foundation Dinner and the District Breakfast at the R.I. Convention.

Motion to have Carolyn research and select an online vendor for board approval.  
Morain Moved.  
Ockenfels Seconded.  
Passed.

## **District Reports:**

### **Council on Legislation:**

See attached report submitted by D6000 Council on Legislation delegate Susan Herrick. Bill Tubbs made additional brief comments on the outcomes of the Council on Legislation meeting held in Evanston this spring. The biggest issue was the change of IRS status of RI from 501 (c) 4 to 501 (c) 3.

### **PolioPlus:**

See attached report submitted by D6000 PolioPlus chair Susan Herrick.

### **Rotary Youth Exchange:**

See attached report submitted by newly appointed D6000 RYE chair Greg Probst.

### **Foundation Report:**

Chair Chris Knapp reported that giving to the Annual Fund is down this year from previous years. He will be asking Susan Herrick to ask the Assistant Governors to remind their clubs that club members need to contribute by June 15<sup>th</sup> to make sure that TRF has adequate time to both receive the donation but also to have it recorded in this Rotary Year.

Chris also reported that there will be two Foundation Dinners. One will be held in the Quad Cities and one in Des Moines. Preparations for the Quad Cities event are progressing. He and Vernetta will be working with the Des Moines clubs in the same manner as the Quad Cities.

### **District Governor Report:**

#### **District Visioning:**

Tom reported that the district visioning process went very well. He said the next step is to attempt to implement the proposals. See attached report.

#### **District Conference:**

Tom gave a brief report on the outcomes of the district conference. The highlights were the keynote speaker at the Friday and Saturday lunches. The emphasis on literacy was received very positively by Rotarians that participated and Tom was pleased with the RIPR Peter Doragh and his wife Cyndi. Tom also briefly discussed the auction that was led by Loring. Totals from the auction are not yet in but it was successful.

#### **Banners:**

The new banners, just recently acquired, were very appealing. There have been inquiries by some of the clubs as to how a club might use them. After some very good discussion it was determined that it will be a club's responsibility to pick up the hanging banner(s) or pull-up banner(s) that they wish to use and return them. Additionally, the 2 new polio banners showing iron lungs being used, that Tom acquired for the conference are also available for clubs to borrow.

#### **PDG Social:**

Tom is looking forward to the PDG social that will be held prior to the Gavel Passing.

#### **Update on Literacy, Prevent Child Abuse Iowa and Polio:**

The conference did a great job of highlighting these topics. There was much interest in these topics during the conference.

#### **Rotary International Service Above Self Award:**

Jacque Andrew was the surprise recipient of this award. A maximum of 150 are awarded each year. This year only 75 were awarded by RI and she is the first woman to receive the award in our district.

**District Governor Elect Report:**

Erna introduced Cory Kelly, a member of the Rotary Club of Des Moines who is interested in serving on a District Team next year.

DGE Erna Morain presented her proposal (previously emailed to all board members) to appoint three board members for her year. This is permitted by the D6000 By-Laws. This action prompted some very positive discussion as to making the service on the board worthwhile for the appointments. There is some vagueness as to what is the term of an appointment, what is the voting status of the appointment and how are the appointments vetted so as to provide the best outcome for the district, the appointee and the Board of Directors. A By Law and Policy and Procedure Committee was appointed by the Board to address the above-mentioned vagueness. Steve Morain, John Ockenfels, Tom Narak and Carolyn Scharff were named to this committee.

Erna supports the district's efforts to have each DGE, DGN and DGND to visit clubs prior to their year as District Governor. She encourages them, as she did, to briefly introduce themselves and to address their remarks in support of the current DG and to avoid discussions of what they hope to accomplish during their year unless it is in support of the current DGs programs and message to the district's Rotarians. All agreed. Each DG has but one year to accomplish her or his goals and it is important to help the clubs focus on our DG's goals.

Erna also led the discussion as to the dates of next year's Budget and Finance Committee and Board of Directors meetings. These dates will be in the 2019-20 District Directory and on the District Calendar on our website.

**District Governor Nominee Report:**

DGN Steve Dakin reported that the breakfast to be held in Hamburg has been arranged and reservations have been received. He has had a few reservations just recently canceled for health reasons. He encouraged the board members planning to attend if they wanted to invite guests, he could accommodate a few.

**District Governor Nominee Designee Report:**

DGND Alka Khanolkar reported that she has started researching locations for her District Conference and that she is making a few visits and introducing herself to Rotarians across the district. She is engaged in her major committee assignments of Rotaract, Interact and Youth Exchange.

**District Project Report:****Polio Statue Update:**

The pad for the statue has been poured. The installation and dedication of the statue is set for July 27, 2019. The branding of the statue – Four (4) plaques describing and or recognizing 1. Rotary International recognition 2. District 6000 recognition for its effort to eradicate polio 3. Blank Children's hospital recognition for the care it provided for polio victims 4. Plaque that names the sculpture and the artist.

The plaques are being made and approximately ½ of the cost of the plaques needs to be paid to the foundry at this time \$6,500 to: Art Castings of Colorado, 511 8<sup>th</sup> St SE, Loveland, CO 80537.

Motion:

To make partial payment of \$6,500 to Art Casting of Colorado for the branding plaques to be installed on the Polio Statute at Blank Children's Hospital from the district reserve account.

Knapp moved.

Ockenfels Seconded.

Passed.

**District Administrators Report:****Policies and Procedures Manual:**

Previously addressed above. Carolyn will be an active member by helping the committee on revisions with tracking proposed changes.

**District Banners Usage:**

Previously addressed above. The banners are stored at the district office. Some banners can be appropriately used at club events and there has been requests to have them made available. Carolyn asked for guidance as to how to handle the cost of making them available. The decision was that a club must pay the cost in the appropriate manner of mailing/transportation to and from the office. Damage or loss of a banner is the club's financial responsibility. Carolyn was most concerned about the cost and logistics of mailing the heavier pull-up banners such as the End Polio Now.

**Data on PDG and Team Chair Computers:**

Tabled.

**New Business:****Iowa RYLA Board Nominations:**

It is the responsibility of the Iowa RYLA Board to identify qualified board replacements from each district when a member's term expires (can serve two terms). Those names are reported to the Board of Directors of their respective districts for approval. The following two names have been submitted: Chris Knapp – 2<sup>nd</sup> term and Pat Englander, Rotary Club of Davenport – 1<sup>st</sup> term. Pat replaces Mary Ellen Stanley.

**Motion:**

To approve the nominations to the Iowa RYLA board of Chris Knapp and Pat Englander for terms beginning July 1, 2019.

Mike Ruby Moved

Loring Miller Seconded.

Passed.

**Newsletter:**

Bill Tubbs gave a brief update on the newsletter. The biggest challenge of the newsletter is to have accurate mailing information. It is a challenge working with RI who is quite inflexible. Bill and Carolyn will do a work around. Bill is also creating a schedule for advertising rates so future issues can contain 3 or 4 advertisements to help with some of the newsletter production costs. Bill asked Carolyn to handle invoicing future advertisers.

**John Ockenfels:**

John briefly described his forthcoming around the world single engine flight with fellow Rotarian Peter Teahen, District 5970. The purpose of the flight is to raise money for The Rotary Foundation. No money raised by the flight will be used to defer the cost of the trip. John and Peter are funding the cost themselves.

John is looking for individuals in D-6000 to help promote and design the fund-raising campaign.

This was John's last meeting as a member of the board. He expressed appreciation for the support he received from the board during his tenure as DG and Budget and Finance Chair. John received kudos from current board members for his leadership and time and talents that he has shared on behalf of Rotary District 6000 for its advancement.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 1:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

*Christopher W Knapp*

Secretary

## Council on Legislation 2019

There will be a report released by the Council's proceedings from RI but I will report to this body regarding my participation in the COL deliberations.

Prior to the 2019 COL I received a binder with all 116 Enactments submitted to the COL plus an app for my phone with all of the proceedings and information regarding this meeting. Subsequently we received an additional 6 page Proposed Position Statement on 19-117 from the RI Board and TRF Trustees.

Having had ample time to read and study the 116 Enactments and having submitted those to D6000 Rotarians for their comments, I arrived in Chicago for the most interesting experience of being a part of the COL voting body. 45 Enactments were adopted with one of those enactments later being withdrawn. The balance of the enactments were either rejected or withdrawn.

There are two enactments that I will draw to your attention. The first of which is 19-72 To admit Rotaract clubs to RI Membership. This enactment was defeated by a large margin twice before being brought back for a third recall vote. The third recall vote was pushed through by RI President Barry Rassin after he had contacted Rotaract clubs worldwide asking them if they wanted to be Rotarians and then stating to the body that we 'cannot disappoint those willing members of Rotaract clubs.' I voted against this Enactment all three times - not because I believe this is necessarily a wrong move for RI but because the Enactment was so badly formulated. Many of those who continued to have questions around the Enactment also voted in the negative for the same reason. We continued to ask questions like 'Will those Rotaractors pay dues?' and "Will those Rotaractors have access to the RI grants?" while the answers that we continued to get were that those questions would be answered after they had been researched more fully. I did not feel that voting for this badly written Enactment was Fair to All Concerned nor would it be Beneficial to All Concerned. Nonetheless this Enactment passed but I believe that if the answers to our questions do not find adequate answers there will be a revisiting of this Enactment in three years.

The second enactment that I will bring to your attention is 19-117 that would change RI's income tax exempt status from 501(c)(4) to 501(c)(3). Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International brought in piles of paper and their Boards to speak loudly in support of this enactment on the last half day of the Council. There were many questions and objections raised from the 537 delegates present. In 2017 the IRS granted RI its charitable standing. These were the questions brought forth primarily by United States delegates:

501(c)(3) is classified as a public charity - but doesn't RI have a separate mission from TRF? (TRF was already a 501(c)(3) designation.)

You say you have been working on this for 15 months - why is it we are only hearing about this now? Where is the transparency?

Other RI programs like RYLA and ROTARACT cannot be classified as charitable organizations.

I am a tax lawyer and I can't figure out how we became 501(c)(3).

Motion to Postpone at this time but was defeated 156 to 340 after members of both Boards spoke. (My feeling at this point was that 'the world' at large was voting based on the Board's promises of HUGE savings for RI promised by PRIP John Germ if this passed) One delegate made the plea that the clubs have had no chance to react and he was concerned that possible savings are overstated.

PRIP Ron Burton then spoke (currently the TRF President) and said that RI is not a charity and does not meet the requirements of 501(c)(3). Subsequently Ron was removed as President of the TRF Board and replaced by its Vice President.

A Chinese delegate questioned whether or not this body has the authority to make this change. The Board of Trustees representative reassured him that it does. However, another delegate stated that this could all be a moot point if the IRS re-examines this status based on a full disclosure of RI's activities.

When asked if dues would then become tax deductible the Trustees answered yes.

Another vote was taken asking that a Committee of past presidents from outside the US be formed to examine the question. That vote failed 109 to 363.

The final vote passed 374 to 120.

I voted against this Enactment.

I will be willing to speak with any of the D6000 Board about any of the COL proceedings.

PolioPlus Report  
May 11, 2019

Currently we are at approximately 102% giving on our 2018-2019 goal.

D6000 has given \$138,54, including the \$45,279 DDF contribution. The goal for this year is \$83,085 and club giving is at \$93,262.44. Given that some clubs wait until the last minute to turn in their totals for the year it is reasonable to estimate that we will be well above our goal giving for this year.

The Wild Polio Virus case count worldwide is currently at 18 cases - 11 cases in Pakistan and 7 cases in Afghanistan.

## **RYE Committee Report for 5/16/2019 D6000 Rotary Board Meeting**

### 1) Change in RYE Committee Leadership

Doug Peterson's has passed the role of RYE Chair to Greg Probst at DC and Chris Knapp is Co-Chair of RYE. We are in the process of assigning members on the committee to existing or newly defined roles. Below is the current list of committee members and should be final pending an update from Terry and Peggy Geiger. However, I do not expect any immediate feedback from the Geigers or a response that will result in a change to the list.

Greg Probst (Chair)  
Gary Anderson  
Steve & Lesley Dakin  
Bob and Susan Herrick  
Amber Hoffman (Co-Outbound Coordinator)  
Paul Kalainoff (Co-Outbound Coordinator)  
Alka Khanolkar  
Chris Knapp (Co-Chair)  
Vernette Knapp (Events Coordinator)  
Loring & Phyllis Miller  
Erna Morain  
Liz & Paul Nichols  
Doug Peterson (CBC Coordinator)  
Sean & Beth Saxton (Co-Inbound Coordinators)  
Wayne Steen  
Gary Welch  
Amanda McFadden  
Karen Wertheim

Non-Rotarians: Mary Anderson, Edna Probst, Joe Schacherer, Colleen Welch

2) We held a working session for the RYE committee on the Sunday after DC and I want to personally thank the committee for a very energetic and productive session.

3) For a variety of reasons, our RYE team is experiencing difficulty enforcing the following D6000 RYE rule for a few of our students which was agreed to by our inbound students prior to their ARRIVAL in our district:

"At the end of the exchange, student will leave IOWA **approximately ONE week after classes end for the academic year and return directly back home**. The exception to this is for those attending a SCRYE approved USA Tour in June/July, in which case he/she should fly home immediately after the tour is completed. He/she will finalize his/her flight home date in March at the latest."

Next year's return dates will be specific and will be repeated numerous times to the students, counselors, YEO's and host families to remove any subjectiveness of this policy's interpretation. While this aspect is certainly important to RYE, it is among the many rules and policies created over the decades by D6000 RYE former and current committee members that allows RYE to be an ongoing successful program. This particular issue highlights the importance that Rotary leadership and those involved in RYE throughout the entire district supports the policies set forth by the D6000 RYE committee.

4) Greg Probst is tentatively planning on attending RYE Europe - Eastern Mediterranean - Africa / EEMA conference in Valencia, Spain in late August.

Greg Probst,  
D6000 RYE Chair



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Vision	Our Rotary Clubs are well-known within the community (9 dots)	One-stop I.T. (7 dots)	tie (6 dots): a) We identify young leaders and we find opportunities where they can find their passion b) D6000 clubs and members feel a connection to each other	
Members	4000 (13 dots)	4262 (9 dots)	4877 (4 dots)	
Clubs	72 (8 dots)	70 (5 dots)	75 (3 dots)	
Attributes	People having fun (10 dots)	Satellite clubs are abundant (7 dots)	Businesses see and understand the value of having their employees be members of Rotary (6 dots)	Women are 50% of membership (4 dots)
Membership	Wide variety of meeting days, times and places (numbered as #2, but has 10 dots)	Fun to belong (numbered as #1, but has 9 dots)	Standardized education program about Rotary for all new members (9 dots)	More quick projects for member engagement (7 dots)
Leadership & Dev Training	tie (6 dots): a) Changed ways of becoming leaders in the district b) Clubs identify and recommend members for district committees and leadership	tie (5 dots): a) Follow up and customize training based on clubs' needs b) We have found a way to take RLI to clubs and to reduce the costs c) Nurturing people into leadership roles (as in RYLA) d) Model more leadership development after PETS example		
Technology	Significant financial investment in district-level technology in collaboration with current (14 dots)	Digital archive for integrated I.T. platform - including person (8 dots)	Members have and use Rotary-related apps (4 dots)	
Catch-all	Everything we do is branded (9 dots)	Every member has an individual (actual or virtual) connection (8 dots)	Every district member is able to participate in some part [of the District Conference] because of its format or delivery (7 dots)	

## Rotary Friendship Exchange Report

I don't really have a report. Our committee met a total of one time to review requests from potentially two different visits with India in districts 3040 and 3170. I have not received either official request as they were informal. We also had a potential informal request for South Africa. Again, neither of these have moved forward as of yet but discussion at the meeting we held back on 8/6 was that it would be focused possibly on trips next year.

Thanks!

**Amy Feters**