



## Highlights from the January 2018 Rotary International Board of Directors Meeting

The third 2017–18 RI Board of Directors meeting was held on 22–25 January 2018 in Del Mar, CA, USA. At this meeting, the Board reviewed 12 committee reports and recorded 60 decisions.

### Clubs and Districts

#### The Board

- recommended that district conferences and other major district meetings be held, when possible, within the district's boundaries so as to limit participants' travel costs;
- the Board continued its review of a global membership test project that is not club-based;
- reviewed 16 resolutions that were adopted by the 2017 Council on Resolutions;

### Programs and Meetings

#### The Board

- in an effort to make the International Assembly more family-friendly, amended its policy regarding the attendance of children at the assembly: minor children (under 18) of governors-elect are permitted to attend the assembly at no cost to Rotary, provided that the minor is supervised by another adult;
- noting that the contract for the International Assembly venue in San Diego is nearing its end, reviewed two finalist properties to hold the assembly in 2021–25 and requested the general secretary to further negotiate to select one of the venues by April 2018;
- approved 100 recipients for the 2017–18 Service Above Self Award.

### Administration and Finances

#### The Board

- approved President-elect Rassin's proposed 2018–19 committee appointments, including his selection of John Matthews (USA) as vice president, Peter Iblher (Germany) as treasurer, and Brian Stoyel (England) as Executive Committee chair;
- approved the criteria, process, and timeline if Rotary decides to undertake a new corporate project;
- to help attract more Rotaract and Interact participation at Rotary conventions, agreed to lower the convention registration fee for attendees aged 30 or younger;
- approved the 2018-19 budget assumptions.

The Board invited two members of the Young Past Governors Task Force to its meeting to provide a perspective from younger Rotarians to the Board's deliberations. The Board received the task force's recommendations and agreed to appoint a working group of directors to further study these recommendations for report at the April Board meeting.