



Highlights from the April 2018 Rotary International Board of Directors Meetings

The 2017–18 RI Board of directors held its fourth meeting on 9–13 April 2018 in Evanston, Illinois, USA and reviewed reports from 11 committees and recorded 45 decisions.

RI ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCES

The Board

- agreed that upon the certification of polio eradication, Rotary will advocate in pre-selected countries for the implementation of the polio post-certification strategy as developed by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative;
- agreed to continue the Rotary Global Rewards program beyond its pilot period of June 2018;
- in reviewing the Young Past Governors Task Force report, requested the general secretary to research:
 - a) using a mobile app for participant evaluation of Rotary events, including club meetings;
 - b) creating a Rotary database of qualified speakers, presenters, trainers, and facilitators for use by Rotarians in developing high quality events;
 - c) developing an annual “seal of excellence” to highlight clubs that meet certain criteria;
- approved new procedures for the selection and evaluation of Rotary committee members;
- approved The Rotary Foundation’s contributions budget totaling US\$314,671,000, a total program awards expenditures budget of \$274,026,000, and net investment returns budget of \$43,269,000;
- delegated authority to the president after 1 June 2018 and upon recommendation of the current director from the zone, to designate conveners for RI director nominating committees that will meet in September 2018 to select directors for election at the 2019 RI (Hamburg) Convention. Directors will be selected from Zones 2, 9, 13A, 17B, 21B, 25B, 28, and 33.

RI PROGRAMS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND MEETINGS

The Board

- received the general secretary’s report on the International Assembly location changing in 2021 and thereafter to Orlando, Florida, USA;
- approved a one-time exception to its policy to permit select Rotaractors as official participants at the 2019 International Assembly;
- amended its guidelines for attendance at the International Assembly to provide for more family participation, particularly to allow for supervised children under the age of 18 to attend;
- approved a new convention city bidding process whereby every seven years, cities that do not meet Rotary’s critical criteria for hosting a Rotary convention can bid to host the convention;
- agreed to hold a Rotary Peace Symposium on 31 May–1 June 2019 at the Hamburg convention;
- extended Rotary’s service partnership agreement with Peace Corps and Habitat for Humanity International both for an additional three-year period;
- selected Sambasiva Rao Patibandla to serve as one of two lead facilitators on the 2019 Regional Leaders Training Institute planning team with the moderator and another lead facilitator appointed by the Trustees.