



## Highlights from the April 2019 Rotary International Board of Directors Meeting

The fourth 2018–19 RI Board of Directors meeting was held on 8–11 April 2019 in Evanston, IL, USA. At this meeting, the Board reviewed 11 committee reports and recorded 44 decisions.

### Clubs and Districts

#### The Board

- agreed to implement to all districts, beginning 1 July 2021, a new district governor funding model (in pilot now through 2021), whereby RI funds governors via district accounts and governors are required to document full use of their funds, returning any unused portion to Rotary;
- amended its qualifications for serving on a district committee to allow for the selection of Rotaractors;
- agreed to continue conducting its non-club-based participant model test, which aims to create new channels into Rotary, build awareness of the Rotary brand, diversify participation in Rotary, and to increase Rotary's openness and appeal;
- approved the formation of Rotary clubs in Iraq.

### Administration and Finances

#### The Board

- took several decisions regarding the power of the RI president, including
  - requesting the president-elect to nominate no fewer than twice the number of candidates for election as Foundation trustees as there will be open positions for (not including the position to be held by an RI past president);
  - agreeing that effective 1 July 2020, Rotary will not fund the expenses of a president's representative to district conferences that do not meet certain attendance requirements;
  - agreeing that effective 1 July 2020, president's representatives shall not be appointed to more than one conference per Rotary year;
- regarding Rotary committees
  - agreed that all Board decisions creating a new committee or task force that is to last beyond the current Rotary year must identify:
    - a. a defined trial and evaluation period of not more than four years;
    - b. anticipated impact on Rotary's resources for the duration of the trial and evaluation period;
    - c. criteria by which the success or failure of the committee or task force will be measured;
    - d. dates for interim evaluations and reports to the Board;
    - e. a date of the final evaluation, following which the Board may adopt it as an on-going committee or task force, terminate the committee or task force, or extend the trial and evaluation period as needed;
- in reviewing the Rotary brand
  - requested all users of the Rotary Marks to come into visual brand compliance as soon as possible;
  - agreed not to publish in official Rotary media, after 31 July 2019, any advertisements or other information that are not in brand compliance;



- agreed not to permit any exhibitions at all official Rotary events that are not in brand compliance;
- approved a five-year roadmap through 2024 as a guide for implementing the new strategic plan with specific activities and target completion dates for each of the four strategic priorities;
- extended the strategic partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace through 2022 and the project partnership with ShelterBox through 2022;
- agreed to add the African Development Bank and the Asian Development Bank to the list of organizations to which Rotary has representation.