



Highlights from the October 2018 Rotary International Board of Directors Meeting

The second 2018–19 RI Board of Directors meeting was held on 22–25 October at the Rotary International World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA. At this meeting, the Board reviewed 17 committee reports and recorded 52 decisions.

Club and District

The Board

- received a report on membership trends that included, as of 1 July 2018, a membership total of 1,195,107 Rotarians (down 7,829 members from 2017) and a total of 35,681 clubs (up 25 clubs from 2017);
- agreed to pursue registration as an overseas NGO in the People’s Republic of China;
- amended the role, selection criteria, and term of assistant governors;
- encouraged regional leaders to appoint current or former Rotaract members as assistant Rotary coordinators and Rotary public image coordinators to support member development in Rotaract and to strengthen the relationship between Rotary clubs and Rotaract clubs;
- agreed that the following district committees and subcommittees should be mandatory, effective 1 July 2019:

Committees

Finance
Membership
Public Image
Rotary Foundation Training

Subcommittees

Grants
Fundraising
PolioPlus
Rotary Peace Fellowships Stewardship

- agreed that the following district committees are optional, effective 1 July 2019:

Alumni

Community Service

Conference

Convention Promotion

Interact

International Service (DISC)

Programs

Rotaract

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Youth Exchange

Programs and Awards

The Board

- extended Rotary’s agreement with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation through 2023;
- extended its service partnership agreement with Ashoka and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness through the end of June 2019;
- adopted the following initiatives for the first year of the new Rotary strategic plan:
 - **Rotaract**—the Secretariat will research Rotaract as a channel into the Rotary experience and investigate what Rotary products and services Rotaractors are most interested in.
 - **Area of Focus Modifications**—for the first time since the 2010 Future Vision rollout, the Foundation will evaluate whether changes to the Areas of Focus are needed.
 - **Governance**—the Board will investigate streamlining governance throughout Rotary.
 - **Business Process Review**—the Secretariat will undertake a system-wide review of all major business processes within Rotary to ensure efficient allocation of resources and their alignment with the new strategic plan.
 - **Global Membership**—the Secretariat will thoroughly investigate all components of a new avenue into Rotary membership with the global membership model for possible adoption as a pilot program.
 - **Programs of Scale**—the Rotary Foundation Trustees will investigate the further development of a new grant model that features large-scale projects.
- requested the general secretary to investigate the impact of collecting annual per capital dues from Rotaractors.

Meetings

The Board

- accepted the proposal of District 5000 (USA—Hawaii), to host the 2020 Rotary International Convention on 6–10 June 2020 in Honolulu, Hawaii;
- updated the leadership development and training cycle to combine the District Rotary Foundation Seminar, the District Membership Seminar, and the District Public Image Seminar into a new seminar called the Vibrant Club Workshop.

Administration and Finances

The Board

- elected Jorge Aufranc, Hipolito S. Ferreira, Jennifer E. Jones, and Ian H.S. Riseley to be Rotary Foundation trustees, beginning 1 July 2019;
- adopted a new privacy statement for personal data as follows:

Rotary's Privacy Statement for Personal Data

In the course of fulfilling its mission, Rotary International ("Rotary") collects personal data regarding Rotarians, Rotary clubs and others. Rotary is committed to protecting the privacy of these individuals. Personal data is defined as any information that relates to an individual who is or can be identified from the data, either alone or in conjunction with other information. Rotary will adhere to the following principles:

1. Rotary will only collect and use personal data for Core Business Purposes.
2. Rotary will strive for personal data accuracy and relevance.
3. Rotary will be transparent about how it uses personal data.
4. Rotary will act with urgency on potential breaches.
5. Rotary will adopt "privacy by design and by default."
6. Rotary will keep personal data secure.

Rotary's Core Business Purposes are purposes that are critical or closely related to Rotary's essential activities or legitimate interests. Such purposes include, but are not limited to:

- fulfilling Rotary's obligations to Rotarians and other individuals
 - financial processing
 - supporting The Rotary Foundation, including fundraising efforts
 - facilitating convention and special event planning
 - communicating key organizational messages through Rotary publications and other materials
 - supporting the programs and membership of Rotary
 - complying with the law or acting in good faith belief that such an action is necessary to conform with the requirements of the law.
- requested the general secretary to study and recommend a formal policy statement on gender equity for report at its January 2019 meeting.