

**A-1. Minutes of the June and “July” 2009 Board Meetings**

**DECISION:** The Board approves the minutes of the June and “July” 2009 Board meetings as distributed.

**A-2. Ratification of Decisions Made by the President**

**DECISION:** The Board ratifies the decisions shown in Exhibit A-2 made on behalf of the Board by President Lee during the period 17 May through 30 June 2009, and President Kenny during the period 1 July through 9 October 2009.

**A-3. Ratification of Decisions Made by the General Secretary**

**DECISION:** The Board ratifies the decisions shown in Exhibit A-3 made by the general secretary on behalf of the Board during the period 17 May through 28 September 2009.

**A-4. Action Report on Board Decisions**

**DECISION:** The Board thanks the general secretary for his action report on the implementation of its decisions from the June and “July” 2009 meetings, as shown in Exhibit A-4, filed only with the official copy of these minutes.

**A-5. Tentative Future Agenda**

**DECISION:** The Board receives the tentative agenda for its January 2010 meeting.

**A-6. Decision by Communication**

**DECISION:** The Board notes that it made one decision by communication since its “July” 2009 meeting:

**Ballot 1:** The Board, in accordance with RI Bylaws section 5.040.3., agrees that the decisions taken at its 25 June 2009 meeting shall become effective 1 July 2009.

**B-1. Report of the President**

**DECISION:** The Board thanks President Kenny for his report.

**B-2. Report of the General Secretary to the Board**

**DECISION:** The Board thanks the general secretary for his report concerning the work at the Secretariat since the “July” 2009 Board meeting.

**B-3. Report of the Treasurer**

**DECISION:** The Board thanks Treasurer Colasurdo for his report.

**B-4. Communications from the Trustees**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. notes the following decisions from the June 2009 Trustees meeting:
  145. Communications from the RI Directors
  150. Report of the Joint Committee to Review Rotarian Action Groups
  151. 2010 Rotary Alumni Celebration
  152. Foundation Events at the 2011 RI (New Orleans) Convention
  153. Annual Programs Fund Goal
  161. Report of the Investment Advisory Committee
2. thanks the Trustees for their recommendation to continue the practice of assigning trustee liaisons to attend RI Board meetings and director liaisons to attend Trustee meetings, but reaffirms its decision 236 June 2009, allowing the president and chairman discretionary authority with regard to these assignments;
3. approves the addition of a half-day unofficial ancillary preconvention Rotary Alumni Celebration at the 2010 RI (Montreal) Convention, pending space availability;
4. looks with favor upon the Foundation's plans for activities to be held in conjunction with the 2011 RI (New Orleans) Convention;
5. concurs with the termination of the investment consulting agreement with Hewitt Investment Group, effective 1 January 2010;
6. notes the following decisions from the October 2009 Trustees meeting:
  - A-5. Communications from the RI Directors
  - A-8. Review of the Joint Committee Agenda
  - A-9. Election of Officers for 2010-11
  - A-11. 2010-11 Foundation Goals
  - A-13. Report of the Future Vision Committee
  - A-14. Selection of Trustee Non-Voting Member of the 2010 Council on Legislation
  - A-15. Report on Proposed Council Legislation Affecting The Rotary Foundation
  - B-1. Update on Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge
  - B-3. Arch C. Klumph Society and Major Donor Recognition Levels
  - C-5. Report of the Rotary Centers Committee
  - C-7. Report of Rotary Foundation Alumni Advisory Committee
  - C-10. Proposed Strategic Partnerships with Other Organizations
  - D-1. Report on Allegations and Litigation
  - D-4. Humanitarian Grants Cadre Training at 2011 (New Orleans) Convention
  - E-5. Report of the Investment Advisory Committee
  - E-7. Trustee Spouses' Role at Rotary Meetings

7. with regard to the Rotary Peace Centers,
  - a. encourages district governors to include the Rotary Peace Centers in all appropriate district events;
  - b. agrees to consider making the Rotary Peace Centers a topic for group discussion at the 2010 RI Institutes;
8. agrees to a US\$25 registration fee for the 2011 Rotary Alumni Celebration in New Orleans, LA, USA;
9. approves a Humanitarians Grants Cadre of Technical Advisors' training to take place before the 2011 (New Orleans) Convention;
10. concurs with the appointment of NEPC to provide investment consulting services for the five-year-period beginning 1 December 2009;
11. expresses thanks to Trustee vice-chairman John F. Germ for his report and for his service as liaison from the Trustees.

**B-5. Memorials to the Board**

**DECISION:** The Board, the Executive Committee acting on its behalf, requests the general secretary to follow-through on the memorials received at this meeting in accordance with discussion at this meeting.

**B-6. Updates to the *Rotary Code of Policies***

**DECISION:** The Board, to record the decisions that it has taken previously, amends the *Rotary Code of Policies* as found in Exhibits B-6-a and B-6-b, filed only with the official copy of these minutes.

**B-7. Status of Litigation**

**DECISION:** The Board thanks the general secretary for his report on litigation.

**B-8. Proposed RI Committee Structure for 2010-11**

**DECISION:** The Board thanks the president-elect for his review of the current committee structure for 2009-10, and his discussion about possible changes in the committee structure for 2010-11.

**B-9. Modification of the Dates for the Appointment of New Trustees in 2010-11**

**DECISION:** The Board agrees to suspend *Rotary Code of Policies* section 29.010.5. (Appointments to Rotary Foundation Trustees) until after the conclusion of the 2010 Council on Legislation.

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**B-10. Board Meetings in 2010-11**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. agrees that it shall meet during 2010-11 as follows:  
  
25-26 June 2010 (F-Sa) Montreal, Canada (directors and spouses)  
1-5 November 2010 (M-F), Evanston, IL, USA (directors)  
22-27 January 2011 (Sa-Th), San Diego, CA, USA (directors, directors-elect, and spouses)  
13-18 May 2011 (F-W), Evanston, IL, USA (directors, directors-elect, and spouses);
2. authorizes the 2010-11 president to adjust the above dates and sites, if circumstances require;
3. recommends to President-nominee Banerjee that he consider scheduling one Board meeting at the beginning of each calendar quarter, to be preceded by Trustee meetings where appropriate and with the chairman's consent, thus providing a better distribution of Board and Trustee meeting dates throughout the year.

**B-11. Annual Review of Rotary's International Offices**

**DECISION:** The Board thanks the general secretary for his report on Rotary's international offices.

**B-12. Operations Review Committee Report**

**DECISION:** The Board thanks Chairman Tempelaars for his report from the Operations Review Committee.

**B-13. Information Technology Status Report**

**DECISION:** The Board receives the general secretary's report on information technology projects and initiatives at the Secretariat.

**B-14-a. Report of the Joint Committee: Rotarian Action Groups Pilot Project**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. requests President Kenny to appoint an ad hoc committee of three directors and two trustees to meet with up to five representatives of the Rotarian Action Groups to develop the details of a new pilot project consistent with the principles discussed at this meeting. The pilot

project is to include a few Rotarian Action Groups as selected by the RI Board from the RAGs that apply for the pilot project and that agree to comply with the following guidelines:

- a. the revised RAGs will serve as available resources for RI, TRF, and the clubs and districts in one or more of the six areas of focus named in the Future Vision Plan;
  - b. each of the revised RAGs will be controlled and managed by a seven-member board of directors. Four members of the RAG board will be selected by RI, including the chairman, and the other three board members will be elected by members of the RAG at its annual meetings. The other officers and agents of the RAG will be selected by the RAG board;
  - c. the revised RAGs will continue to identify club and district projects that are supported by existing TRF programs;
  - d. the revised RAGs will be subject to RI circularization policies, which limit direct contacts with Rotarians, clubs, and districts;
  - e. each of the revised RAGs will establish a TRF donor advised fund, and all charitable funds received by the RAG will be placed in such fund;
2. agrees that if the pilot project is successful, the revised structure will be offered to the other Rotarian Action Groups. The ad hoc committee may consider the possibility of a new name to describe the revised RAGs in order to distinguish them from the RAGs that chose not to adopt the revised structure.

**B-14-b. Report of the Joint Committee: Moratorium on Rotarian Action Groups**

**DECISION:** The Board agrees to extend its moratorium on reviewing new Rotarian Action Group applications until its June 2010 meeting.

**B-15-a. Board Council on Legislation Advisory Committee Report: Review of Legislation**

**DECISION:** The Board endorses the legislative strategy presented by the Board Council on Legislation Advisory Committee.

**B-15-b. Board Council on Legislation Advisory Committee Report: Authority of the President to Act on Behalf of the Board in Legislative Matters**

**DECISION:** The Board authorizes the 2009-10 president, with the consent of the chair of the Board Council on Legislation Advisory Committee, to act on its behalf until its January 2010 meeting with respect to all matters relating to the Council on Legislation.

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**B-16. Council Operations Committee Report**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. thanks the Council Operations Committee for its report;
2. agrees that where statements of support or opposition are substantially similar, the general secretary shall only transmit to Council members the first received.

**B-17. RI Licensing System Amendment**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. amends *Rotary Code of Policies* section 33.020.3. and adds new section 34.040. as follows:

**33.020.3. Use of Rotary Marks by RI Officers in Publications**

Incoming, current, and past officers of RI and those Rotarians appointed by the president or the Board to serve in various capacities are authorized to use the Rotary Marks in publications, printed or electronic, in connection with their roles as RI leaders. In each such instance, the use shall include a clear indication of the capacities in which they have served and the years of such service to RI. Rotary senior leaders may publish and sell books about their Rotary experiences without being licensed by RI, provided that all proceeds from the book sales are donated to TRF and the book publisher is either licensed or released by RI to reproduce the Rotary marks, with the approval of the general secretary. Such publication shall include in a prominent location a statement that it is not an official publication of RI.

**34.040. Use of the Rotary Marks by Rotarians**

**34.040.6. Books by Rotary Senior Leaders**

Rotary senior leaders may publish and sell books about their Rotary experiences without being licensed by RI, provided that all proceeds from the book sales are donated to TRF and the book publisher is either licensed or released by RI to reproduce the Rotary marks, with the approval of the general secretary.

2. ratifies the general secretary's 28 July 2009 decision to allow Past RI President Cliff Dochterman to write, publish, and sell a book of his Rotary speeches in accordance with the above policy.

**B-18. Strategic Planning Committee Report**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. receives the report of the Strategic Planning Committee, including results of the recent Rotarian survey, focus group findings, and the SWOT analysis;

2. reaffirms its decision 228, June 2007, adopting the “core values” recommended by the RI Strategic Planning Committee as part of the strategic plan of Rotary International;
3. adopts the revised mission, vision, priorities, and goals of the RI Strategic Plan as shown in Exhibit B-18-e, effective 1 July 2010;
4. requests the general secretary to provide a detailed implementation plan to the Board at its June 2010 meeting.

**B-19. Proposed Changes to the Rules for Rotary Institutes**

**DECISION:** The Board expresses its interest in the ideas for Rotary institutes as discussed at this meeting, and requests the general secretary to convey these ideas to the Meetings Review Committee.

**B-20. Extension of Deadlines for Director Nominating Committees**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. with authority granted under RI Bylaws section 12.030.10., agrees that the 2010-11 director nominating committee for Zone 24 may delay its meeting to 14 November 2010, and establishes subsequent deadlines for any possible challenges to the choice of the nominating committee as shown in Exhibit B-20;
2. confirms that, notwithstanding RI Bylaws section 12.020.5., the RI Bylaws deadline of 1 June for submission of names for membership on the director nominating committee is firm, and that any individual submitted by a governor after that deadline (except as provided in RI Bylaws section 12.020.7.) may not serve as a member of the director nominating committee.

**B-21. Report of the Nominating Committee for RI President in 2011-12**

**DECISION:** The Board thanks the Committee for its report.

**B-22. Role of Directors’ Spouses at Rotary Institutes**

**DECISION:** The Board, to clarify the role of directors’ and trustees’ spouses at Rotary institutes, amends *Rotary Code of Policies* section 6.020. and adds new *Code* section 60.050.9. as shown below:

6.020. Involvement of Spouses and Other Family Members of Rotarians

[text omitted]

4. To serve as a model for the broad participation of the spouses and other family members of Rotarians in such Rotary projects, programs, and events,

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- a. the spouses of directors are encouraged to participate in club and district service projects, to attend and participate in educational, service, and fellowship programs and events, and to serve as advocates of Rotary service;
- b. the spouses of directors are requested to attend and participate in RI meetings, including the convention, the International Assembly, International Institutes, Rotary Institutes, presidential conferences, and meetings of the Board of Directors, as appropriate.

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60.050.9. Responsibilities of Spouses of RI Directors, and Incoming Directors, and Trustees and Incoming Trustees of The Rotary Foundation

The roles of spouses of directors and incoming directors, and trustees and incoming trustees of The Rotary Foundation shall be to:

- a. represent RI or its Foundation in their official capacity at assigned events;
- b. attend and participate in plenary sessions, workshop, forums, and meetings;
- c. attend and participate in all spouse program events such as plenary sessions or discussions, possibly as speakers, moderators, panelists, presenters or facilitators, at the discretion of the convener;
- d. serve as hosts to other spouses of official participants;
- e. attend and participate in official luncheons and dinners;
- f. attend official social events as representatives of RI or its Foundation.

**B-23. Purchase of Office Space for the International Offices**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. authorizes the general secretary to purchase office space for the Parramatta, Australia, international office if such purchase can be accomplished with favorable economic consequences to Rotary International;
2. requests the general secretary to provide an in-depth review of the international offices and their purpose in supporting Rotary's mission, for review by the Board at its January 2010 meeting.

**B-24. Proposed Enactment Concerning Election Disputes**

**DECISION:** The Board, to reduce the growing number of election complaints

1. determines that the proposed enactment shown in Exhibit B-24 is of an urgent nature;
2. as permitted by RI Bylaws section 7.035., agrees to submit the proposed enactment to the 2010 Council on Legislation.

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## B-25. Election Review Committee Report

**DECISION:** The Board

1. receives the complaint of the Rotary Club of Shirolu M.I.D.C. concerning the election of the 2011-12 governor from District 3170 and
  - a. finds that there is insufficient evidence to support the allegation that ballots were tampered with or that the governor or balloting committee failed to follow the proper procedures;
  - b. finds that there is insufficient evidence to support the allegation of improper campaigning or electioneering;
  - c. notes that allegations against the 2008-09 governor relating to the misuse or TRF grant funds have been investigated by the RRFC and have no bearing on the election complaint;
  - d. dismisses the complaint of the Rotary Club of Shirolu M.I.D.C. and confirms the selection of Rotarian Avinash Potdar as the 2011-12 governor of District 3170;
2. receives the complaint of the Rotary Club of Madras Northwest concerning the election of members to the nominating committee to select the 2012-13 governor of District 3230 and
  - a. finds that one of the five required concurrences to the complaint was signed only by the secretary of the club, who was himself a candidate for the nominating committee, without the support of the club or club president, and cannot be considered valid;
  - b. finds therefore that the complaint does not have the necessary number of valid concurrences required by RI Bylaws section 10.060.2.;
  - c. dismisses the complaint of the Rotary Club of Madras Northwest;
3. notes that the general secretary has received complaints concerning the election of the 2010-11 governor of District 3710 (Korea) and the 2010 Council on Legislation representative from District 4440 (Brazil), and, to expedite the resolution of these complaints, authorizes its Executive Committee to act on its behalf to take any action on these complaints permitted by RI Bylaws section 10.060.3. before its January 2010 meeting.

**Comment [HELP5]:** When writing decisions, use the following number format for decisions that have more than one point:  
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## C-1. Review of Existing and Proposed Cooperative Relationships with Other Organizations

**DECISION:** The Board

1. receives the general secretary's report on the status of current cooperative relationships with the Dollywood Foundation, Goodwill Industries International, the International Reading Association, and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA);

2. requests the general secretary to provide a report on the process for selecting cooperative relationships with other organizations, both with RI and its Foundation, for review by the Board at its January 2010 meeting.

**C-2. Service Above Self Award Recipients**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. approves the 144 recipients of the 2009-10 RI Service Above Self Award, as shown in Exhibit C-2, filed only with the official copy of these minutes;
2. agrees to make all past RI presidents, all past RI directors, and all past Foundation trustees ineligible for the RI Service Above Self Award, and amends *Rotary Code of Policies* section 44.030. as follows:

**44.030. Service Above Self Award**

The purpose of this award is to recognize exemplary humanitarian service in any form and at any level by those who might otherwise go unrecognized. Candidates shall be considered based solely on the humanitarian Rotary services they have rendered. Personal financial contributions to Rotary, its Foundation or any individual project are not relevant considerations for this award. Names of the winners of the award shall be included on the RI Web site.

Eligibility

Any active Rotarian in good standing may be nominated, except the following:

District Governor  
District Governor-elect  
Immediate Past District Governor  
RI Director  
RI Director-elect  
Past RI Director (~~within two years of having held that position~~)  
RI President  
RI President-elect  
Past RI President (~~within two years of having held that position~~)  
Foundation Trustee  
Incoming Foundation Trustee  
Past Foundation Trustee (~~within two years of having held that position~~)

3. requests the general secretary to make improvements to the nomination form as discussed in the committee meeting;
4. reconfirms that the selection results shall be
  - a. kept confidential until they are published on the RI Web site (1 July 2010), or after presentations of the awards have been made;

- b. printed in the August 2010 issue of The Rotarian.

**C-3. Proposed New Rotary Fellowships**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. thanks the Rotary Fellowships Committee for its report;
2. agrees to recognize the proposed Fellowship of Rotarian Magicians;
3. does not agree to recognize the proposed Rotarians on Social Networks Fellowship.

**C-4. PolioPlus Update**

**DECISION:** The Board thanks International PolioPlus Committee Chair Bob Scott for his update on the status of the global polio eradication initiative.

**C-5. Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge Committee Report**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. receives the report on Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge and the status of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Challenge Grant;
2. requests the general secretary to provide an update on the Challenge at its January 2010 meeting.

**C-6. Report of Interact/Rotaract/RYLA/Youth Exchange Committees Chairmen**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. affirms that New Generations month highlights Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, and Youth Exchange, in addition to focusing upon all Rotary activities that support the development of young people up to the age of 30;
2. requests the 2010 Montreal Convention Committee to consider dedicating a 2010 convention plenary session to promote youth programs under the theme "Youth: the Future of Rotary" using former youth programs participants as speakers;
3. requests the Learning Development and Training Committee to consider including specific content on Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, and Youth Exchange in the training curriculum for governors-elect and governors-nominee.

**C-7. Vocational Service Committee Report**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. thanks the Vocational Service Committee for its report;
2. due to the significance of the recommendations and the impact on the organization, agrees to consider this report in its future discussions on RI's overall strategic direction.

**C-8. Youth Exchange Program District Finances**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. requests the general secretary to review district Youth Exchange administrative costs charged to parents or guardians of outbound students and provide a report to the Board at its January 2010 meeting, recommending a maximum amount;
2. agrees that in order to ensure transparency in the administrative costs charged to the parents or guardians of outbound students, district Youth Exchange committees shall provide itemized invoices to natural parents or guardians;
3. agrees that the district Youth Exchange Committee shall provide a financial report on a semiannual basis to the district governor, all clubs, and the District Finance Committee;
4. amends *Rotary Code of Policies* sections 17.060. and 41.080.11. as follows:

**17.060. District Finances**

[text omitted]

**2. Operation of District Fund**

[text omitted]

Where funds are raised for a specific purpose such as a joint district youth exchange, a budget of expenditure shall be prepared and submitted to the governor and the finance committee for approval, and this shall then be included as a separate item in the financial report submitted to the district assembly or conference by the finance committee. It is essential to maintain a separate bank account for such funds and to have the chair of the joint youth exchange committee or such other committee as may be involved as one of the signatories.

The district Youth Exchange Committee shall prepare and distribute a report to the district governor, the District Finance Committee and all clubs on a semi-annual basis.

[text omitted]

41.080.11. Preparation

The parents or legal guardians of the student are responsible for providing appropriate clothing and round-trip transportation to and from the host district.

Parents or guardians of outbound students shall be provided itemized invoices outlining how funds paid to participate in Youth Exchange are used. Copies of these invoices should also be provided to the sending Rotary club.

**C-9. Report of the 2008-09 Rotaract Committee**

**DECISION:** The Board thanks the 2008-09 Rotaract Committee for its report.

**D-1. 2009 RI (Birmingham) Convention Final Report**

**DECISION:** The Board thanks 2009 Birmingham Convention Committee Chair Sakuji Tanaka for his final report on the Birmingham convention.

**D-2-a. 2011 RI (New Orleans) Convention Committee Report: Management Team**

**DECISION:** The Board agrees that the 2010-11 president, the 2011 convention committee chair, and the general secretary shall constitute a Convention Management Team for the 2011 RI (New Orleans) convention.

**D-2-b. 2011 RI (New Orleans) Convention Committee Report: Dates and Times**

**DECISION:** The Board agrees that the 2011 convention will officially start at 12:00 noon on Saturday, 21 May, and end on Wednesday evening, 25 May, and that the times and places for all events and activities, including pre-convention meetings, will be established by the Convention Management Team with regular reports to the Board on the planned program for the pre-convention meetings and the convention.

**D-2-c. 2011 RI (New Orleans) Convention Committee Report: Pre-convention Meetings**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. agrees that all pre-convention meetings shall end by the official starting time for the convention on Saturday at noon, unless an exception is approved by the Convention Management Team;
2. agrees to allow a waiver of the current requirement for pre-convention meeting participants to register for the 2011 convention, and authorizes the Convention Management Team to establish appropriate registration fees for the various pre-convention meetings, including Rotaract, Youth Exchange Officers, International Institute, Rotary Alumni Celebration, World Peace Symposium, and RYLA, with regular reports to the Board about such fees, and with regular reports to the Trustees about such fees for Foundation events;

3. requests the general secretary to study the issue of requiring preconvention meeting participants to pay the convention registration fees for 2012 and future conventions, including the funding of such preconvention meetings, for report to the Board at its June 2010 meeting;
4. requests the general secretary to notify the appropriate 2011 preconvention meeting chairs of this decision.

**D-2-d. 2011 RI (New Orleans) Convention Committee Report: Community Service Projects**

**DECISION:** The Board agrees that the Convention Management Team should explore options for Rotarians to engage in community service projects in New Orleans as preconvention events, with regular reports to the Board on its plans for such projects.

**D-2-e. 2011 New Orleans Convention Committee Report: Logo and Promotional Slogan**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. approves the logo as shown in Exhibit D-2-c as the official logo for the 2011 convention, and authorizes the Convention Management Team to approve variations of the logo as permitted by Board policy;
2. approves the use of the promotional slogan: "Let the Good Times Roll...Again!";
3. authorizes the New Orleans HOC to use the official logo or portions thereof, but without the Rotary emblem, in conjunction with the sale or promotion of alcoholic beverages as approved on a case by case basis by the Convention Management Team;
4. agrees that HOC sponsorships from gambling entities may be approved by the Convention Management Team as exceptions to *Rotary Code of Policies* section 11.040.6., provided that recognition of such sponsors would be solely the responsibility of the HOC on site and would require prior approval of the convention management team;
5. reaffirms its decision 164, January 2009, that provided the general secretary primary authority to develop the proposed convention logo each year, in collaboration with the HOC for such convention, beginning with the 2015 RI Convention;
6. authorizes the president-elect (who will serve as president in the year of the applicable convention), the convention chair (who will serve as chair in the year of the applicable convention), and the general secretary to approve the convention logos for each of the conventions from 2012 through 2014, based upon the recommendation and approval of the respective convention committees.

**D-2-f. 2011 RI (New Orleans) Convention Committee Report: Exhibitor Registration**

**DECISION:** The Board agrees that the current exhibitor registration policies for complimentary RI exhibitor booths (Global Networking Groups and RI project exhibitors) and paid exhibitor booths (HOC exhibitors and RI licensed vendors), which provide for registration of non-Rotarian exhibitors, shall be applied to Rotarian exhibitors for all booth categories beginning with the 2010 RI (Montreal) Convention and requests the general secretary to amend accordingly the *Manual for Conventions*.

**D-2-g. 2011 RI (New Orleans) Convention Committee Report: Host Area for HOC**

**DECISION:** The Board agrees to add districts 6150 and 6800 to the existing 2011 convention host area, resulting in a host area consisting of the following six districts: 6150, 6190, 6200, 6800, 6820, and 6840.

**D-2-h. 2011 RI (New Orleans) Convention Committee Report: Budget and Registration Fees**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. agrees that the budget for the 2011 convention shall be based on an attendance of 17,000 registrants and an early discount registration fee of US\$300 per Rotarian or guest, with an alternate early discount registration fee of US\$100 per Rotarian or guest if proposed enactment 10-136 (To establish additional per capita dues for RI Conventions) is approved by the 2010 Council on Legislation,
2. requests the Convention Management Team to prepare a full schedule of registration fees and a comprehensive convention budget for consideration by the Board at its January 2010 meeting.

**D-2-i. 2011 RI (New Orleans) Convention Committee Report: Convention Program**

**DECISION:** The Board receives the preliminary draft of the program events and activities for the 2011 convention as shown as an exhibit to the convention committee minutes, and authorizes the Convention Management Team to continue to develop the program with regular reports to the Board.

**D-2-j. 2011 RI (New Orleans) Convention Committee Report: Promotion of Conventions at International Assemblies**

**DECISION:** The Board notes its earlier decision to alter the order of importance for promotion of the next two conventions at the International Assembly, and agrees that the convention to be held in the same calendar year as the assembly should be promoted more prominently than the convention to be held in the subsequent year.

**D-3. Status Report on the 2013 RI (Lisbon) Convention**

**DECISION:** The Board receives the status report on the 2013 RI (Lisbon) Convention and requests the general secretary to report on the status of this convention at its November 2010 meeting.

**D-4. 2014 RI (Sydney) Convention Status Report**

**DECISION:** The Board receives the status report on the 2014 RI (Sydney) Convention and requests the general secretary to report on the status of this convention at its November 2010 meeting.

**D-5. 2015 RI (São Paulo) Convention Status Report**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. receives the 2015 RI (São Paulo) Convention report;
2. requests the general secretary and the HOC to continue to work to obtain a favorable housing package and to provide a report at the Board's November 2011 meeting, acknowledging that
  - a. it is not current business practice in São Paulo to confirm approximate hotel rates and other considerations as has been historically provided by other selected convention cities;
  - b. the São Paulo hotel community's ability to confirm such details only two to three years before the 2015 RI Convention could negatively affect RI's negotiating position with the hotels;
3. agrees that because of São Paulo's size and traffic intensity, convention transportation will include a combination of free public transportation and shuttle buses, and generally will not include door-to-door shuttle service;
4. acknowledges that pre-convention meetings can be held at other venues to be contracted or offered at no cost to Rotary;
5. requests the general secretary to determine the location of the preconvention venues no later than two years before the 2015 convention;
6. agrees that the outdoor space immediately adjacent to the Anhembi venue (between Anhembi and the Sambodrome) will be used for the HOC House of Friendship, with appropriate sale items, food, and entertainment made available to convention registrants;
7. agrees that RI's portion of the 2015 House of Friendship booths, such as projects official licensees, fellowship and secretariat services, can be accommodated inside the Anhembi venue;



8. notes that a catering system must be contracted for 2,000-plus plated meals, if they are to take place at the Anhembi venue;
9. noting that the Anhembi venue has no walls between the registration, luncheon, and plenary areas, and that the plenary area is beneath a translucent ceiling, which will require installation of an additional black-out shades, agrees that all necessary walls and black-out shades shall be built according to RI specifications at no cost to RI, and that details of this work and financial agreement shall be confirmed before the November 2011 Board meeting;
10. requests the general secretary to research the tax and other financial aspects related to holding an RI convention in Brazil, for report to the Board at its November 2011 meeting;
11. requests the general secretary to proceed with the tentative selection of São Paulo, Brazil, as host for the 2015 RI Convention.

**D-6. 2017 RI Convention Site Selection**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. receives the general secretary's report on the potential sites for the 2017 RI Convention;
2. agrees to pursue the proposal from Atlanta, Georgia, USA and requests the general secretary to confirm that the city has the facilities and services required to hold a successful RI Convention, for report to the Board at its June 2010 meeting;
3. requests the general secretary to thank the convention bureaus and local Rotarians from Detroit, Michigan, USA; Toronto, Ontario, Canada; and Edmonton, Alberta, Canada for submitting their proposals.

**~~D-7. 2018 RI Convention Site Selection~~ WITHDRAWN**

**D-8. 2016 RI (Seoul) Convention Status Report**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. receives the 2016 RI (Seoul) Convention report;
2. requests the general secretary to work with Seoul HOC Chair Yun to resolve the potential meeting and exhibit hall space issues at the proposed venues without the use of hologram technology;
3. requests the general secretary to report to the Board regarding the 2016 RI (Seoul) Convention at its January 2010 meeting as outlined above.

**E-1. Membership Trends**

**DECISION:** The Board thanks the general secretary for his report on club membership trends.

**E-2. Annual Evaluation of the Regional Rotary International Membership Coordinator Program**

**DECISION:** The Board receives the general secretary's report on the regional Rotary International membership coordinator program for 2008-09.

**E-3. Meeting Frequency Pilot Program Update**

**DECISION:** The Board thanks the general secretary for the Meeting Frequency Pilot program report and requests a program update at its November 2010 meeting.

**E-4-a. Membership Development and Retention Committee Report: Membership Strategies and Benchmarks**

**DECISION:** The Board defers consideration of membership strategies and benchmarks to its January 2010 meeting.

**E-4-b. Membership Development and Retention Committee Report: Rotary and Rotaract Clubs**

**DECISION:** The Board recommends to the 2010-11 president, should he call both the Rotaract and the Membership Development and Retention committees to meet during 2010-11, that they have an opportunity to personally meet and discuss how to improve the relationship between Rotaract and Rotary clubs and how to motivate young people to join Rotary.

**E-4-c. Membership Development and Retention Committee Report: Regional Rotary International Membership Coordinator Program**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. thanks President-elect Klingensmith for his proposal to replace the RRIMC program with a new Rotary Coordinators program;
2. adopts new *Rotary Code of Policies* section 26.070. (Rotary Coordinators) shown in Exhibit E-4-c, and rescinds current *Code* section 26.070. (Regional Rotary International Membership Coordinators);
3. pursuant to new *Rotary Code of Policies* section 26.070.3., authorizes the president-elect to appoint 41 new Rotary Coordinators (RCs) to serve in the same geographical regions as the 41 regional Rotary Foundation coordinators, beginning in 2010-11;

4. agrees that the new RCs will serve three-year terms, but further agrees that it will be necessary to stagger the terms of the initial group with approximately one-third of the initial RCs serving one-year terms, one-third serving two-year terms, and one-third serving three-year terms in order to establish an annual rotation of RCs;
5. requests the president-elect and the general secretary to plan and conduct an orientation session for the new RCs, and note that the cost of such training will probably not exceed that which was budgeted for RRIMC training in 2009-10.

**E-4-d. Membership Development and Retention Committee Report: Satellite Clubs**

**DECISION:** The Board defers consideration of a satellite club pilot program to its June 2010 meeting.

**E-5. Report on Membership Focus Group Results**

**DECISION:** The Board receives the general secretary's report of findings from RI focus groups to determine public awareness and public image of RI in North America.

**E-6. Progress Report on District 4190 (Mexico)**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. acknowledges the membership growth in District 4190, and encourages its leadership to continue their efforts;
2. requests the general secretary to annually report on membership growth in District 4190 until it reaches 1,500 members.

**E-7. Report on Rotary India Water Conservation Trust**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. receives the report on Rotary India Water Conservation Trust and encourages its board of directors to ensure full representation on the trust and complete financial disclosure of its accounts with all districts in India;
2. requests the leadership of this group to fulfill the obligations outlined in *Rotary Code of Policies* section 16.010., "Guidelines for Multidistrict Service Activities and Projects" no later than 30 June 2010.

**E-8. Multidistrict Administrative Groups – Triennial Policy Compliance**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. approves continuation of the following multidistrict administrative groups:

- Deutscher Governerrat
  - Member Services for Rotary Districts 2320-2410
  - The Rotary Centre in Thailand;
2. grants an extension to 15 November 2009 for the submission of information from the following multidistrict administrative groups:
- Consultative Committee of Governors of French and French-speaking Districts of Rotary International (CODIFAM)
  - Governors' Council of Districts 1910 and 1920
  - Governors' Council of Switzerland and Liechtenstein
  - Rotary Danmarks
  - Norsk Rotary Forum
  - New Zealand Corporate Alliance Program (NZCAP)

**E-9-a. Leadership Development and Training Committee Report: Term Limits for Assistant Governors**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. thanks District 1070 for its suggestion to review the term limit for assistant governors;
2. reaffirms its policy that assistant governors are to be appointed on an annual basis, with no assistant governor serving more than three one-year terms, to provide continuity in the district leadership.

**E-9-b. Leadership Development and Training Committee Report: Suggested Topic for Governor-Nominee Curriculum**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. agrees that Rotary's public image is adequately covered in the district governor-nominee training materials;
2. amends *Rotary Code of Policies* section 19.040. as follows:

19.040. Responsibilities of the Governor-nominee

As an incoming officer of RI, the governor-nominee should:

1. begin to prepare for the role of governor;
2. foster continuity by working with past, current, and incoming district leaders to support effective clubs;
3. begin analyzing the district's strengths and weaknesses, including Rotary's public image, membership, The Rotary Foundation, district events, and RI programs, with background material provided by the immediate past governor, governor, and governor-elect, and using RI resources;

4. review the district organization (District Leadership Plan) and club administrative framework (Club Leadership Plan);
5. attend district meetings when possible, at the invitation of the district governor or district governor-elect;
6. participate in district committees or other activities, as may be suggested by the district governor or district governor-elect;
7. attend district governor-nominee training if offered, or seek other training if available;
8. attend training in leadership skills;
9. select a site for the district conference held during the year of the governor-nominee's service, with the agreement of the majority of the current club presidents or majority of the club presidents serving in the governor-nominee's year.

**E-9-c. E-learning for Microcredit**

**DECISION:** The Board does not agree to develop an e-learning module on microcredit at this time.

**E-10. Non-Functioning Rotary Clubs**

**DECISION:** The Board, to clarify that the criteria for non-functioning Rotary clubs, includes adherence to Rotary policies, procedures, and best practices, amends *Rotary Code of Policies* section 2.010.1. as follows:

2.010.1. Failure to Function

In accordance with the RI Bylaws, the RI Board is responsible for ensuring that all member clubs of the association are functioning, and defines a functioning club as

1. having paid its per capita dues to Rotary International;
2. meeting ~~weekly~~ regularly consistent with RI constitutional documents;
3. ensuring that its members subscribe to a Rotary World Magazine Press magazine;
4. implementing service projects that address needs in the local community and/or in communities in other countries;
5. receiving the visit of the governor, assistant governor, or an officer of Rotary International;
6. maintaining appropriate general liability insurance as provided in section 71.080. of this Code;
7. acting in a manner consistent with the RI constitution, bylaws, and the *Rotary Code of Policies*;
8. paying its RI membership and district dues without outside assistance;
9. providing accurate membership lists on a timely basis to the general secretary;
10. resolving club disputes in an amicable manner;
11. maintaining cooperative relations with the district;
12. cooperating with RI by not initiating or maintaining litigation against Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, the associate foundations and the international offices of the RI Secretariat.

## E-11. Club Voting Strength in District Level Elections

**DECISION:** The Board amends *Rotary Code of Policies* section 17.040 as follows:

### 17.040. District Level Elections

[text omitted]

17.040.3. A club's voting strength is determined by using the paid membership as of 1 January or 1 July, the date that the most recent semiannual payment was due. Members inducted after this date are not counted when calculating the number of votes a club is entitled to cast in all district level elections referred to in the RI Bylaws, including but not limited to the elections of governor, representative to the Council on Legislation, nominating committee for director, and nominating committee for RI president. For example, in an election conducted in March, members who joined the club by 1 January and who prior to the election have paid RI semiannual and prorated dues for the period up to 31 December are counted when calculating the number of votes allocated to the club.

## G-1-a. RI Finance Committee Report: International Convention Financial Results

**DECISION:** The Board

1. receives the report on the Birmingham convention financial results as shown in the Finance Committee minutes;
2. receives the staff report on RI convention budgeting as shown in the Finance Committee minutes, and requests its Programs Committee to consider this report along with the RI Finance Committee's suggestions regarding the methodology for establishing the budget attendance for the RI convention, and to recommend changes to the methodology as deemed appropriate for consideration by the Board at its January 2010 meeting.

**Comment [HELP6]:** When writing decisions, use the following number format for decisions that have more than one point:  
The Board  
1. agrees that ...  
(each decision point should be tabbed a ¼ of an inch from the number; a blank line should separate each point of the decision)

## G-1-b. RI Finance Committee Report: Revised Five-Year Financial Forecast

**DECISION:** The Board receives the revised five-year financial forecast.

**Comment [HELP7]:** When writing decisions, use the following number format for decisions that have more than one point:  
The Board  
1. agrees that ...  
(each decision point should be tabbed a ¼ of an inch from the number; a blank line should separate each point of the decision)

## G-1-c. RI Finance Committee Report: Review of Investment Results and the General Fund's Investment Policy Statement

**DECISION:** The Board

1. amends the "Delegation of Responsibilities" section of the Investment Policy Statement for the RI General Fund as shown in Exhibit G-1, page 43;
2. maintains the broadened asset allocation ranges for the RI General Fund as approved by the Board in its decision 271, June 2009, until such time as a comprehensive investment policy review is conducted with RI's new investment consultant.

**Comment [HELP8]:** When writing decisions, use the following number format for decisions that have more than one point:  
The Board  
1. agrees that ...  
(each decision point should be tabbed a ¼ of an inch from the number; a blank line should separate each point of the decision)

**G-1-d. RI Finance Committee Report: U.S. Rotary Club and District Directors and Officers/Employment Practices Liability Insurance**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. receives the general secretary's report on adding directors and officers/employment practices liability insurance to the U.S. Rotary Club and District Liability Program and approves adding this coverage to the program effective 1 January 2010;
2. amends accordingly *Rotary Code of Policies* sections 2.010.1. and 71.080.2., as shown in Exhibit G-1, page 44.

**Comment [HELP9]:** When writing decisions, use the following number format for decisions that have more than one point:  
The Board  
1. agrees that ...  
(each decision point should be tabbed a ¼ of an inch from the number; a blank line should separate each point of the decision)

**G-2-a. RI Audit Committee Report: Review of Audited Financial Statements**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. accepts the audited statements and report on Rotary International's financial results for 2008-09 as presented to the RI Audit Committee;
2. requests the general secretary to publish an annual report in accordance with the RI Bylaws.

**G-2-b. RI Audit Committee Report: Auditing Services Division Charter**

**DECISION:** The Board amends *Rotary Code of Policies*, section 67.010., regarding the Auditing Services Division Charter, as shown in Exhibit G-2-c.

**G-2-c. RI Audit Committee Report: Reimbursement of Spouse Expenses**

**DECISION:** The Board postpones consideration of reimbursement of spouses' expenses to its January 2010 meeting.

**G-2-d. RI Audit Committee Report: Financial Reporting Format and Process for Convention Host Organization Committees**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. amends *Rotary Code of Policies* section 57.020.8. as shown in Exhibit G-2-e;
2. approves the revisions to the Rotary International *Manual for Conventions* at the relevant sections, as shown in Exhibit G-2-e, to show the corresponding changes in policy.

**G-3. Annual Report on RITS**

**DECISION:** The Board thanks the general secretary for his annual report on the RI Travel Service.

**X-1. RI Training Leaders Term of Service**

**DECISION:** The Board amends *Rotary Code of Policies* section 58.040.15. as follows:

58.040.15. Responsibilities of Rotary International Training Leaders  
RI training leaders serve from ~~1 January to 31 December~~ 1 July to 30 June.

**X-2. Director for PPH National Insurance Co.**

**DECISION:** The Board acknowledges the resignation of Past RI Director Carl Rosenbaum as a director of PPH National Insurance Co. and expresses its appreciation for his eight years of dedicated service to RI in helping to ensure the success of this valuable program.

**X-3-a. Districting Committee Recommendation: On-going Small District Issues**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. requests the RI director and regional Rotary International membership coordinator (RRIMC) to work with the governor and governor-elect of District 2220 to determine what is needed to help the district reach 1,000 members by October 2010, and to submit a status report regarding this issue to the general secretary by April 2010;
2. requests the governors of districts 4180 and 4200 to submit consolidation plans to the general secretary by 30 November 2009, and requests the RI director and RRIMC to contact the appropriate governors to assess their willingness to receive clubs from these two districts;
3. requests the governor of District 4290 to submit a redistricting plan to the general secretary by 30 November 2009, and requests the RI director, the director-elect, and the RRIMC to work with the district and neighboring districts to develop a regional district reorganization plan;
4. postpones any action with regard to District 4360 to the Board's June 2010 meeting;
5. requests the governor of District 9270 to submit a consolidation plan to the general secretary by 1 January 2010, and requests the RI director, the director-elect, and the RRIMC to work with the district and neighboring districts to develop a regional district reorganization plan;
6. requests the RI director and the RRIMC to contact the governors of districts 7250, 7230, and 7260 to assist in the development of a regional district reorganization plan;
7. requests the general secretary to inform the governors as noted above that clubs must update their membership records before 1 December 2009 in order to provide the most accurate membership report to the Board's January 2010 meeting.



**X-3-b. Districting Committee Recommendation: Newly Identified Small Districts**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. requests the RI director and regional Rotary International membership coordinator (RRIMC) to contact the governors in districts 4450, 4460, 4520, 4651 and appropriate neighboring districts to assist in the development of a regional district reorganization plan, for submission to the general secretary by 30 June 2010;
2. requests the RI director and RRIMC to contact the governors in districts 4835, 4890, 4930 and appropriate neighboring districts to assist in the development of a regional district reorganization plan, for submission to the general secretary by 30 June 2010;
3. requests the RI director and RRIMC to contact the governors in District 5260 and neighboring districts 5300, 5240, 5230, and 5220 to assist in the development of a regional district reorganization plan, for submission to the general secretary by 30 June 2010;
4. requests the RI directors and RRIMCs to contact the governors in District 7370 and neighboring District 7410 and District 7530 and neighboring District 7350 to assist in the development of a regional district reorganization plan, for submission to the general secretary by 30 June 2010.

**X-3-c. Districting Committee Recommendation: Request from Rotary Clubs in the Åland Islands (District 1410)**

**DECISION:** The Board requests the president to appoint a Rotary senior leader who is not from either Finland or Sweden to investigate the request of the Rotary clubs in the Åland Islands to be transferred to another district, for report to the Board at its January 2010 meeting.

**X-4. Incorporation of District 2220**

**DECISION:** The Board authorizes the general secretary to approve the incorporation of District 2220 under *Rotary Code of Policies* section 17.020.2., notwithstanding the district's inability, under applicable law, to comply with various subsections of that section, provided that District 2220

1. includes in its corporate documents a provision that its membership shall include all clubs in the district that are legal entities and one Rotarian from each club in the district that is not a legal entity;
2. enters into a licensing agreement with RI that provides that the district corporation shall cease utilizing the Rotary Marks upon the request of the RI Board.

**G-last Modifications to the Budget in 2009-10**

**DECISION:** The Board

1. notes no modifications to the 2009 10 budget as approved through November 2009:

2009-10 Budget	
Revenues	US\$87,902,000
Expenses	<u>87,375,000</u>
Change in net assets	<u>US\$527,000</u>

2. notes budget variances for 2009-10 as indicated below:

**Expenses:**

Budget variances approved at the June 2009 meeting. 46,000

**Total variances in 2009-10** US\$46,000