



Highlights from the May and “July” 2017 Rotary International Board of Directors Meetings

The 2016–17 RI Board of directors held its fourth and final meeting on 5–8 June 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. The 2017–18 RI Board held its first meeting on 16 June 2016 in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. At these meetings the Board reviewed reports from 16 committees and recorded 76 decisions.

June 2017 Board Meeting Highlights

RI ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCES

The Board

- adopted the following new vision statement:

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change—across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

- created a new Board Governance Committee that shall review issues related to the governance of Rotary International, including governance procedures used by the Board, and provide advice and recommendations to the Board as it deems appropriate or at the request of the Board;
- designated conveners and meeting places for RI director nominating committees that will meet in September 2017 to select directors for election at the 2018 RI (Toronto) Convention. Directors will be selected from Zones 4, 6A, 10A, 13A, 22A, 26, 29, and 30;
- agreed that it shall use electronic voting on all substantive items on its agenda and that any director can demand an electronic vote on any item;
- clarified its policy pertaining to clubs, districts, and other Rotary Entities’ activities involving guns and other weapons;
- to promote committee continuity, encouraged the president to consider appointing as committee chairs individuals who have previously served as vice chair or as a member of the committee;
- adopted the 2017–18 RI budget, reflecting revenues of US\$102,561,000, operating expenses of \$104,182,000, use of general surplus funds of \$1,418,000, use of convention reserves of \$1,108,000 resulting in an excess of revenues, general surplus funds and convention reserve over expenditures of \$905,000.

CLUB AND DISTRICT

The Board

- made further adjustments to the new zone structure that it had approved at its January 2017 meeting, including sections, zone numbers, and the director nomination schedule. This new zone structure will be posted to rotary.org;



- amended the district leadership plan by
 - a) combining the District Membership Attraction and Engagement Committee and the District New Club Development Committee into the District Membership Committee;
 - b) eliminating the Member Benefit Committee;
 - c) combining responsibilities of Vocational Service and Youth (New Generations) Service Committees into the Community Service Committee;
 - d) combining responsibilities of Rotary Community Corps and Rotary Fellowships Committees into the Community Service Committee;
 - e) eliminating the District Club Service Committee;
- requested governors of districts with US-based clubs to appoint a district insurance representative to help communicate to clubs about the Club and District Insurance program;
- agreed that as of 1 July 2020 governor-nominee training should cover:
 - governor-nominee responsibilities;
 - assessing your district;
 - creating a calendar;
 - financial management;
 - convening training events and district conference;governors-nominee and governors-elect should meet jointly to learn about
 - succession planning;
 - district leadership plan;
 - strategic planning;
 - communication;and that governor-elect training will not include district organization.

RI PROGRAMS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND MEETINGS

The Board selected Geeta Manak to serve as one of two lead facilitator on the 2018 Regional Leaders Training Institute planning team with the moderator and another lead facilitator appointed by the Trustees

“July” 2017 Board Meeting Highlights

RI ADMINISTRATION

The Board

- welcomed the 2017–18 appointments of Dean Rohrs as RI vice president and Mikael Ahlberg as RI treasurer;
- recognized the proposed Rotary Action Group for Family Safety: Breaking the Family Violence;
- approved a 2017–18 Rotary Foundation budget for program award expenditures of US\$99,335,000 from unrestricted contributions



- adopted the 2018–19 annual goals for Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation as follows:

Goals for Priority 1—SUPPORT AND STRENGTHEN CLUBS

1. Retain current members.
2. Increase current club membership.
3. Start new clubs.
4. Increase the number of female members, members under 40, and Rotaractors joining Rotary.

Goals for Priority 2—FOCUS AND INCREASE HUMANITARIAN SERVICE

5. Increase cash and district DDF contributions to End Polio Now.
6. Increase local and international, district and global grants funded with DDF.
7. Encourage Interact and Rotaract clubs to engage in service projects - including projects for the environment - with their local Rotary club and community.
8. Increase contributions to the Annual Fund and build the Endowment Fund to US\$2.025 billion by 2025.

Goals for Priority 3—ENHANCE PUBLIC IMAGE AND AWARENESS

9. Publicize the role of Rotary and Rotarians in polio eradication.
10. Build awareness of Rotary, and promote the People of Action campaign.
11. Increase awareness of Rotary club projects by using Showcase, Ideas and creating a club history.